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The physics prospects and current status of JUNO

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On behalf of JUNO colaboration

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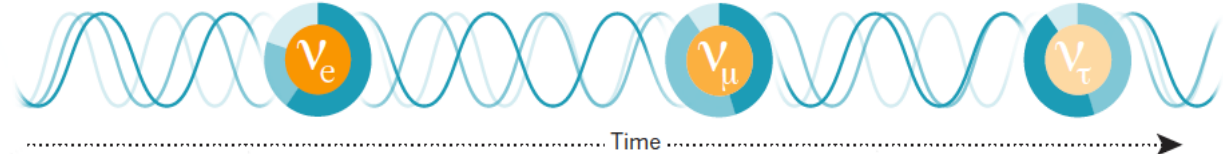
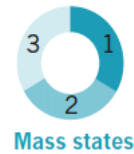
Neutrino Oscillation



Бруно Понтекорво

Pontecorvo

1957



- A neutrino with flavor α can be expressed as a combination of mass states:

$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{\alpha i} |\nu_i\rangle$$

- PMNS matrix:

$$U = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Atmospheric}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Reactor}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Solar}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\alpha_1/2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\alpha_2/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Majorana}}$$

$c_{ij} \equiv \cos \theta_{ij}$
 $s_{ij} \equiv \sin \theta_{ij}$

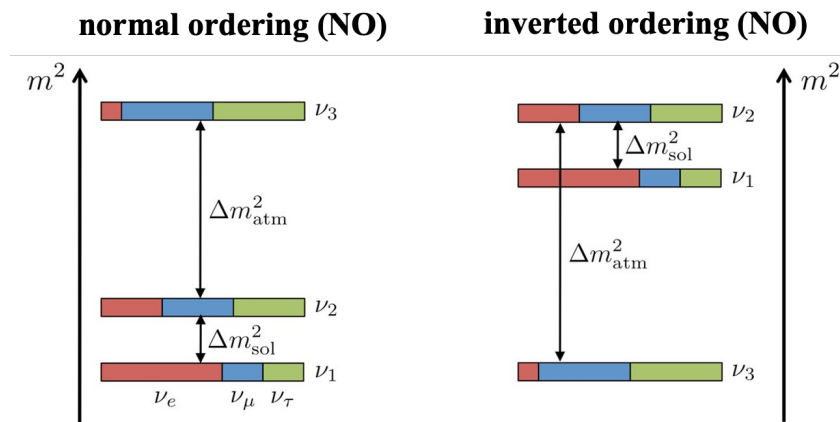
[PDG 2020]

Parameter	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	Δm_{21}^2	$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$ \Delta m_{31}^2 $	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	δ_{CP}
Precision (%)	4.2	2.4	3.2	1.3	3.7	15

Open Questions

- Solving the Mass Hierarchy problem is a key for the open questions in neutrino physics:
 - Roadmap for $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiments
 - Understanding the mass origin and neutrino mixing in theory
 - Nucleosynthesis in supernova, neutrino mass scale, δ_{CP} ,

Mass Hierarchy



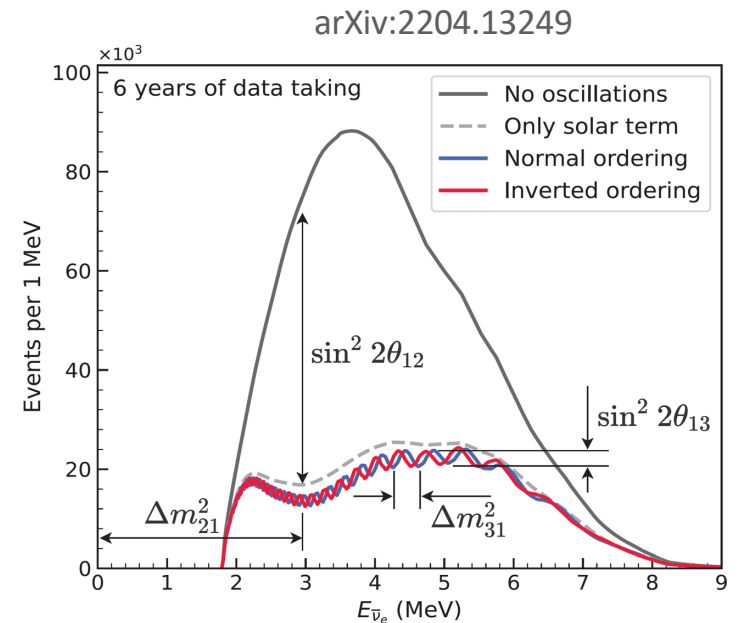
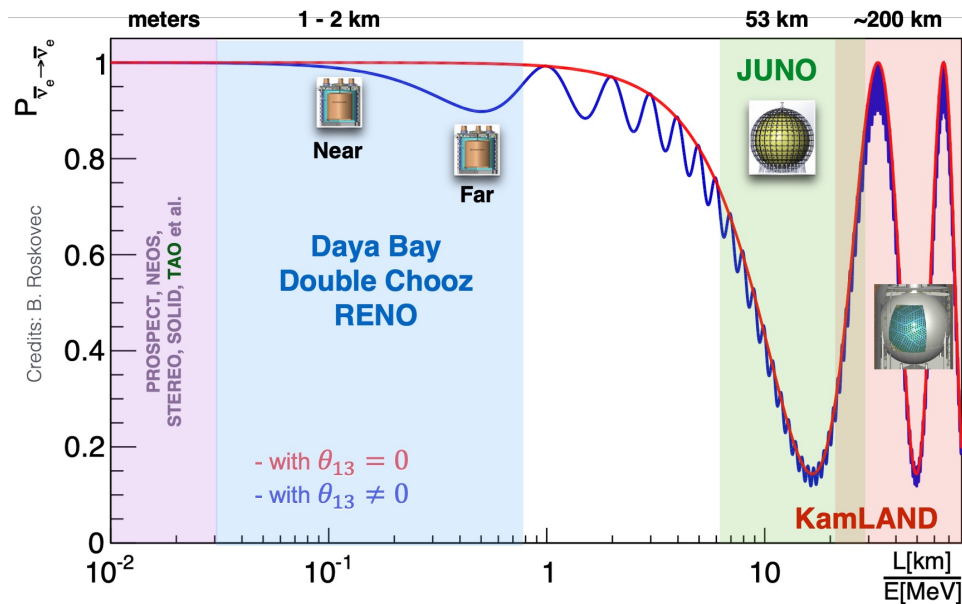
NO: $|\Delta m_{31}^2| = |\Delta m_{32}^2| + |\Delta m_{21}^2|$

IO: $|\Delta m_{31}^2| = |\Delta m_{32}^2| - |\Delta m_{21}^2|$

Neutrino Oscillation

$\bar{\nu}_e$ survival probability:

$$P_{\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e} = 1 - \boxed{\cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{21}} - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} (\cos^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{31} + \sin^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{32})$$

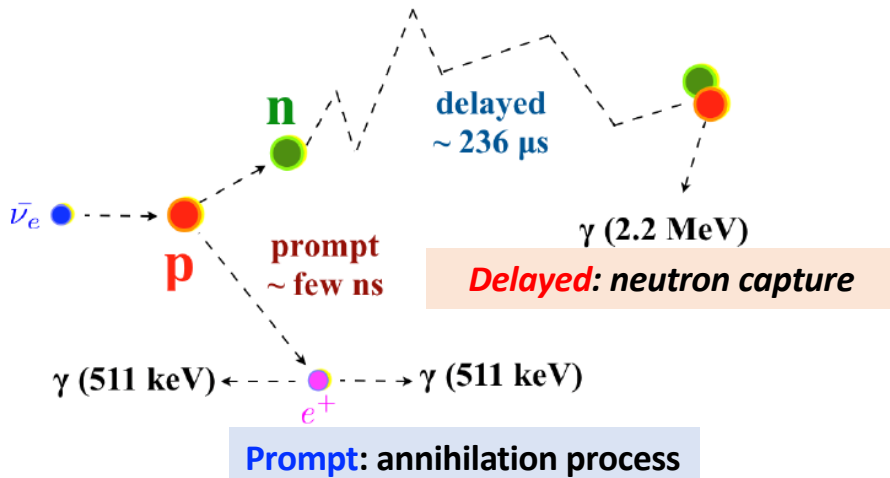


(matter effect contributes maximal ~4% correction at around 3 MeV, arXiv:1605.00900, arXiv:1910.12900)

- ❖ **Neutrino Mass ordering** determined by the fine oscillation pattern in reactor neutrino spectrum
- ❖ First experiment to observe solar and atmospheric neutrino oscillation modes simultaneously

JUNO Reactor antineutrino detection

Inverse Beta Decay (IBD) reaction

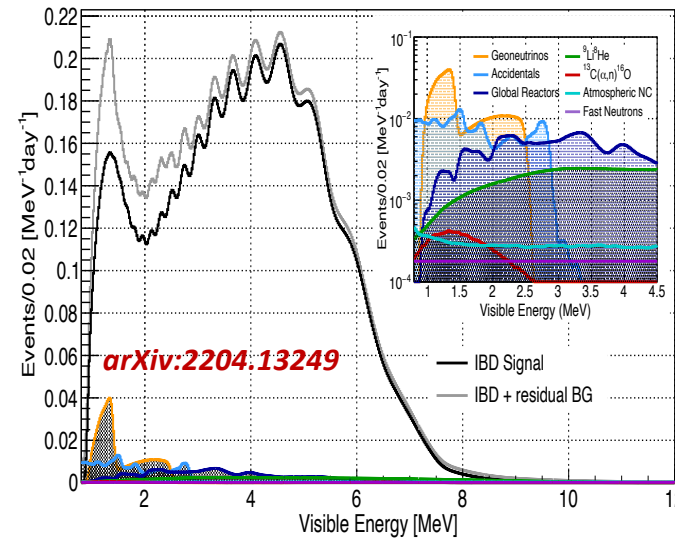


Major IBD event cuts:

- Energy threshold: $E_{vis} > 0.7 \text{ MeV}$
- Fiducial volume cut: $R_{LS} < 17.2 \text{ m}$
- Timing cut: $\Delta T_{p-d} < 1 \text{ ms}$
- Spatial cut: $R_{p-d} < 1.5 \text{ m}$
- Cosmic muon veto cuts

JUNO expected spectrum:

Visible energy spectrum of the survival reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$



Background contribution from 7 types of sources

Background	Rate (day ⁻¹)
Geoneutrinos	1.2
World reactors	1.0
Accidentals	0.8
⁹ Li/ ⁸ He	0.8
Atmospheric neutrinos	0.16
Fast neutrons	0.1
¹³ C(α ,n) ¹⁶ O	0.05

- Accidentals are mainly coming from radiogenic elements such as ²³⁸U/²³²Th/⁴⁰K → material screening strategy achieved
for details, see JHEP 11 (2021) 102

- ~47 $\bar{\nu}_e$ evt/day (assuming ~82% efficiency) and ~4.1 bckg evt/day

Reactor antineutrino detection

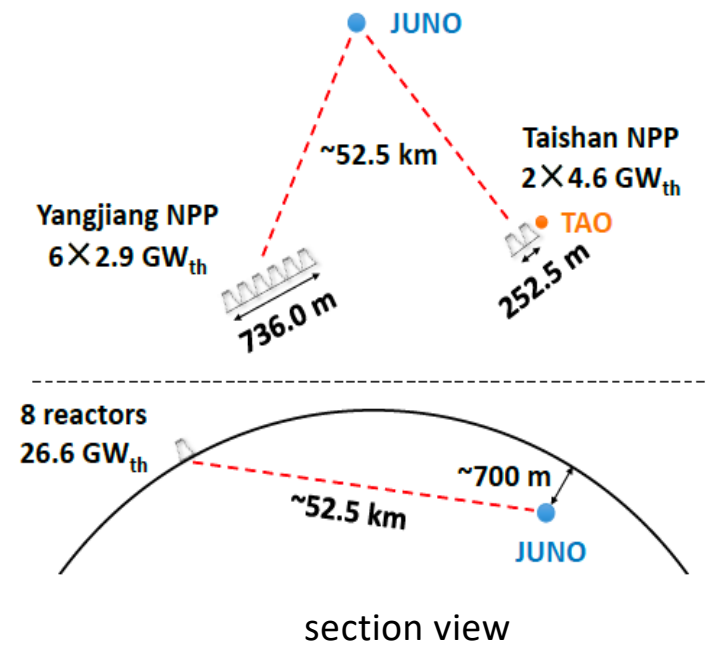
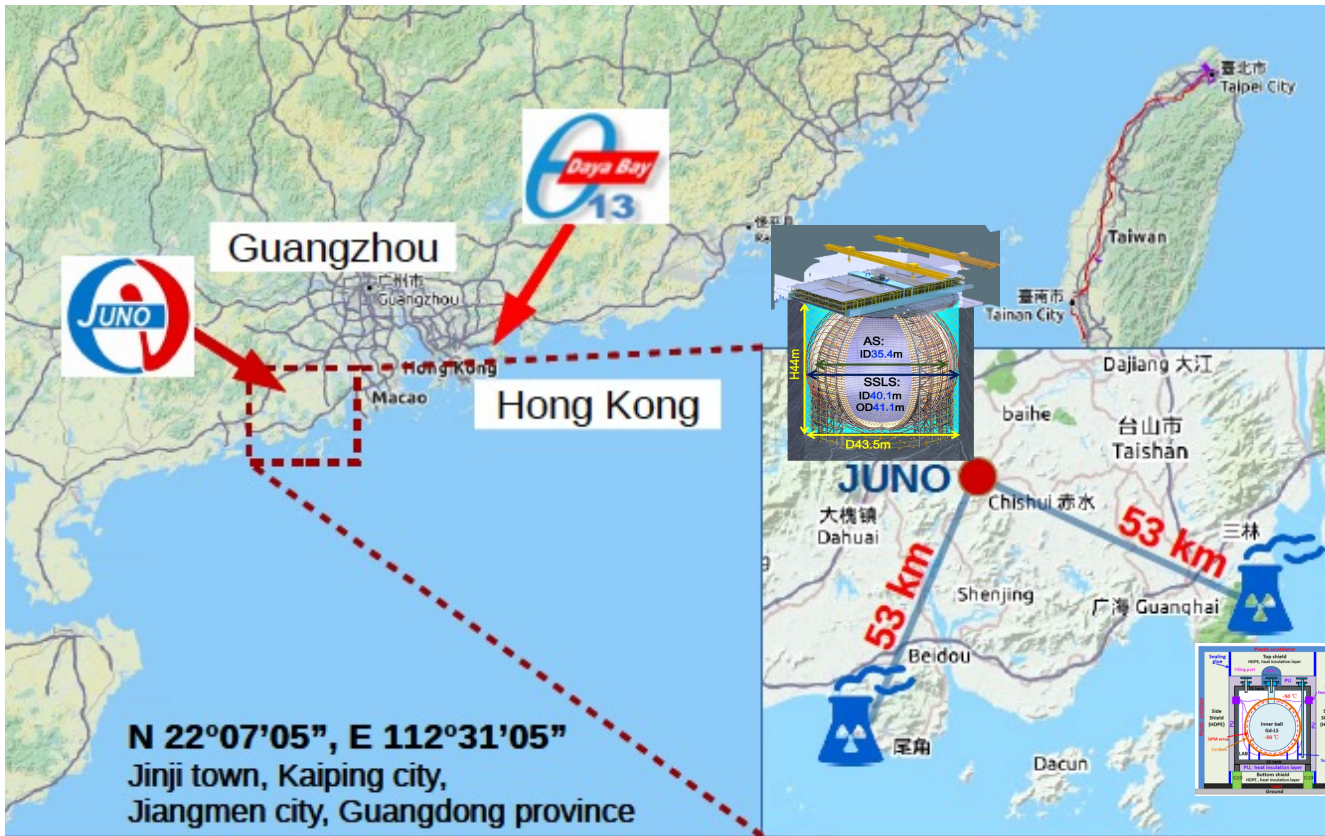
Requirements for precision

- ▶ **Large statistics**
 - ✓ Large target mass (20 kton LS)
 - ✓ Powerful reactor source (26.6 GW_{th})
- ▶ **High energy resolution**
 - ✓ Large PMT coverage (78%)
 - ✓ Highly efficient PMTs (PDE ~30%)
 - ✓ High photon yield, highly transparent LS
- ▶ **Small shape/scale uncertainties**
 - ✓ TAO satellite detector
 - ✓ Redundant calibration system
- ▶ **Low background**
 - ✓ Good overburden (~650 m)
 - ✓ Highly efficient veto system (>99.5%)
 - ✓ High sensitivity material screening
 - ✓ Careful control of installation cleanliness

	KamLAND [2]	Borexino [3]	SNO+ [4]	JUNO
JUNO: Energy Resolution 3% @ 1MeV				
Target Mass [kilotons]	1	0.3	0.78	20
Number of PMTs	1900	2200	10,000	18,000 + 26,000
PMT Coverage	~34%	~30%	~50%	~80%
Light Collection [photoelectrons/MeV]	~250	~450	~520	>1300



Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory



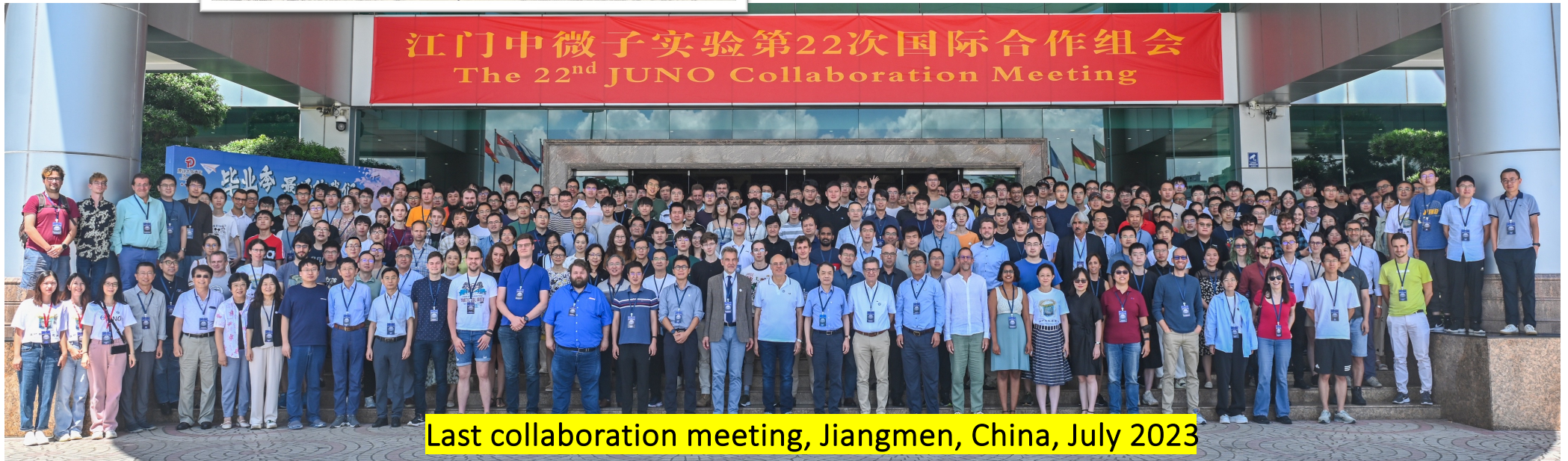


The JUNO Collaboration

= 74 institutes > 700 collaborators



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Brazil	PUC	China	UCAS	Italy	INFN Catania
Brazil	UEL	China	USTC	Italy	INFN di Frascati
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Last collaboration meeting, Jiangmen, China, July 2023



The tunnel to reveal mystery

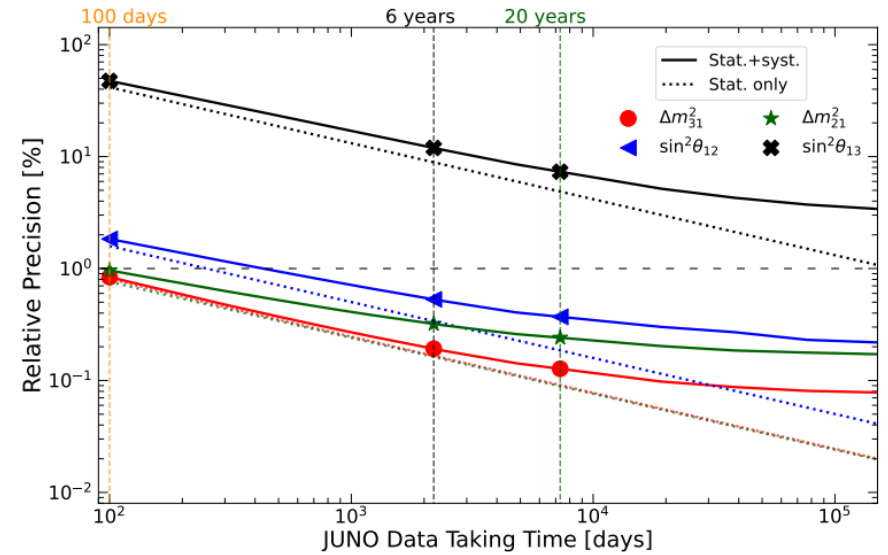
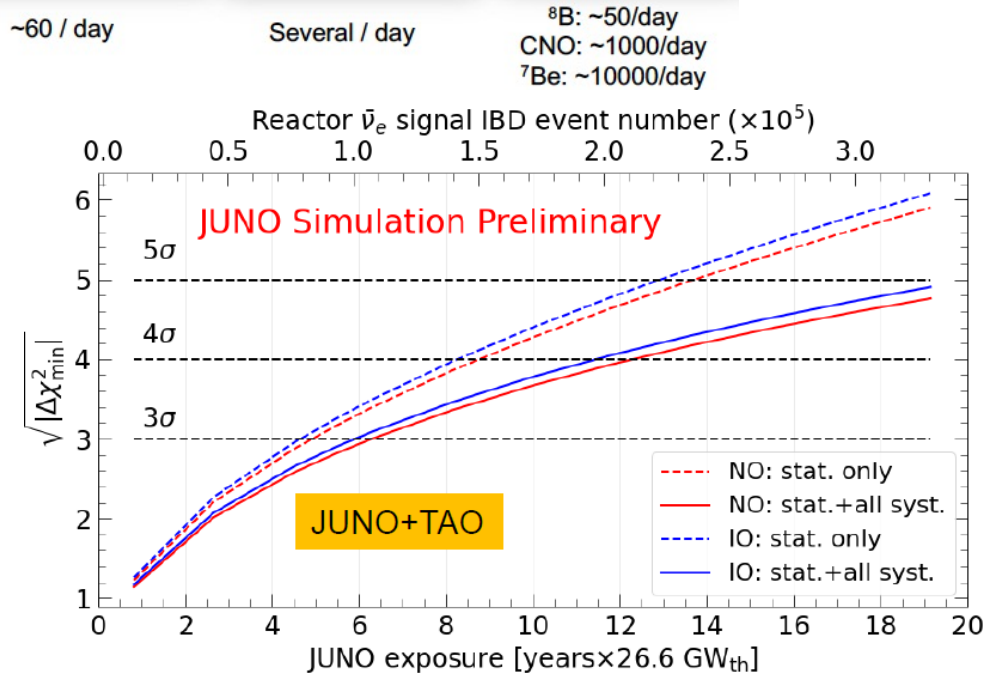


JUNO: a neutrino observatory

Reactor neutrino oscillation [Chin.Phys.C 46 \(2022\) 12, 123001](#)
 Solar neutrino oscillation [Chin.Phys.C 45 \(2021\) 2, 023004](#)
 Atmospheric neutrino flux [Eur.Phys.J.C 81 \(2021\) 10](#)
 Diffuse supernova neutrinos [JCAP 10 \(2022\) 033](#)
 Proton Decay [arXiv: 2212.08502](#) and others



- In 6 years:
 - Determine neutrino mass ordering at 3σ
 - Precision of $\sin^2\vartheta_{12}$, Δm^2_{31} , $\Delta m^2_{21} < 0.5\%$

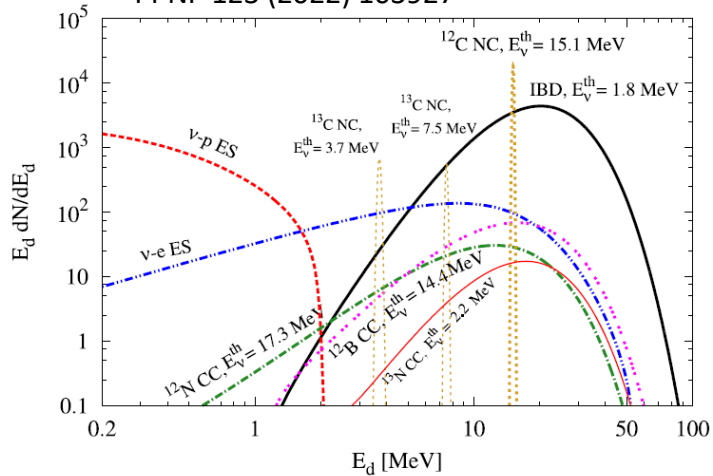


Precision of $\sin^2\theta_{12}$, Δm^2_{21} , $|\Delta m^2_{32}| < 0.5\%$ in 6 yrs



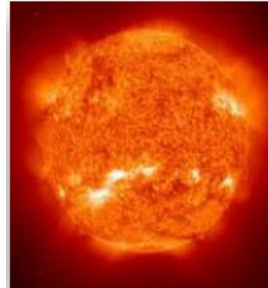
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10kpc Supernova: ~5000 IBD, ~300 eES, ~2000 pES, ~200 ¹²C CC, ~300 ¹²C NC

Solar ν



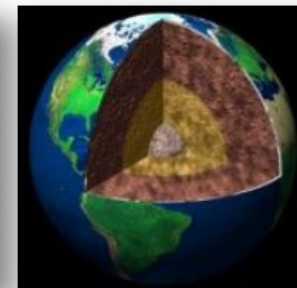
⁸B: ~50/day
CNO: ~1000/day
⁷Be: ~10000/day

Supernovae (SN) ν



Core Collapse SN
@ 10 kpc:
thousands in few sec.
Diffuse SN signal:
few / year

Geoneutrinos



~400 / year

+



Proton decay
Neutrino magnetic moment
Sterile neutrinos
Non standard interactions
Lorentz invariance

Physics	Sensitivity
Supernova Burst (10 kpc)	~5000 IBD, ~300 eES and ~2000 pES of all-flavor
DSNB	3 σ in 3 yrs
Solar neutrino	Measure Be7, pep, CNO simultaneously, B8 flux
Atmospheric neutrino	0.7-1.4 σ for NMO in 6 yrs. Boost the reactor result
Nucleon decays ($p \rightarrow \bar{\nu} K^+$)	8.3 $\times 10^{33}$ years (90% C.L.) in 10 yrs
Geo-neutrino	~400 per year, 5% measurement in 10 yrs

See Cristobal's talk

JUNO Detector

VETO System

Top tracker

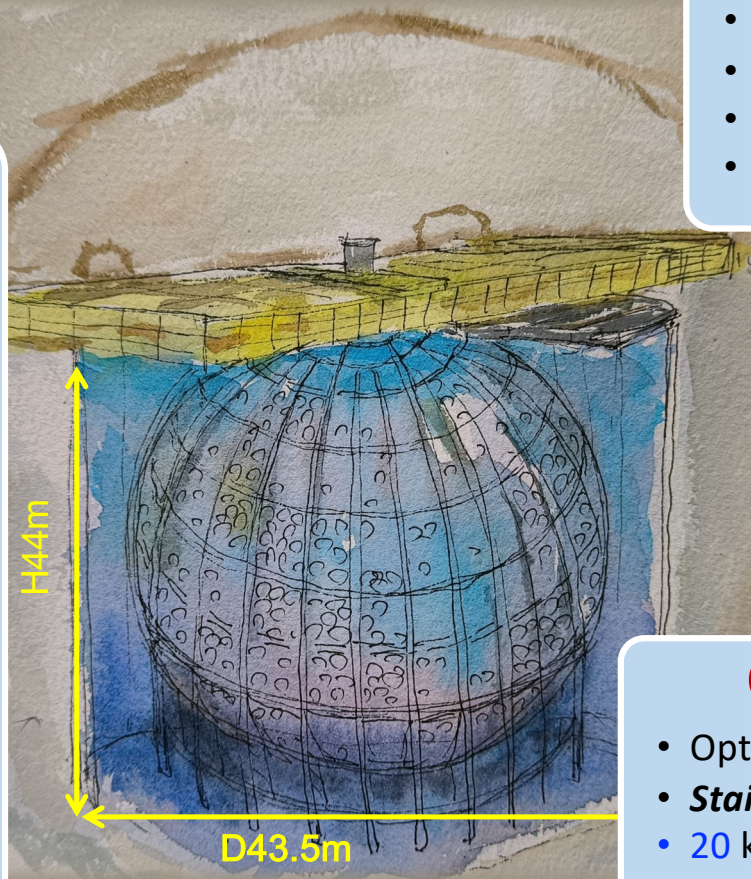
- Precision muon tracking
- 3 plastic scintillator layers
- Covering half of the top of the water pool

Water Cherenkov veto pool

- 2400 20" PMTs
- 35 kton ultra-pure water
- Efficiency >99.5%
- Radon control $\rightarrow < 0.2 \text{ mBq/m}^3$

Compensation coils

- Earth magnetic field <10%
- Necessary for 20" PMTs



Calibration System

- Automatic Calibration Unit (ACU)
- Cable Loop System (CLS)
- Guide Tube Calibration System (GTCS)
- Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROV)

Central detector (CD)

- Optical separation: **Acrylic sphere** ($\emptyset 35.4 \text{ m}$)
- **Stainless Steel Latticed Shell** ($\emptyset 41.1 \text{ m}$)
- 20 kton **Liquid Scintillator**
- **PMTs**: 17612 20" PMTs + 25600 3" PMTs



Central Detector (CD)



❖ Acrylic sphere + Stainless Steel Truss support

- Acrylic Sphere ID 35.4 m, thickness 120 mm, weight: ~600 tons
- 265 acrylic panels
- SS truss ID 40.1 m, OD 41.1 m
- Buoyancy ~ 3000 ton. 590 supporting bars to hold the acrylic.
Stress of acrylic <3.5 MPa
- Acrylic transparency >96%, Radiopurity U/Th/K <1 ppt



Installation of equator layer



Status

About half acrylic sphere was finished!





Central Detector (CD) - Liquid Scintillator

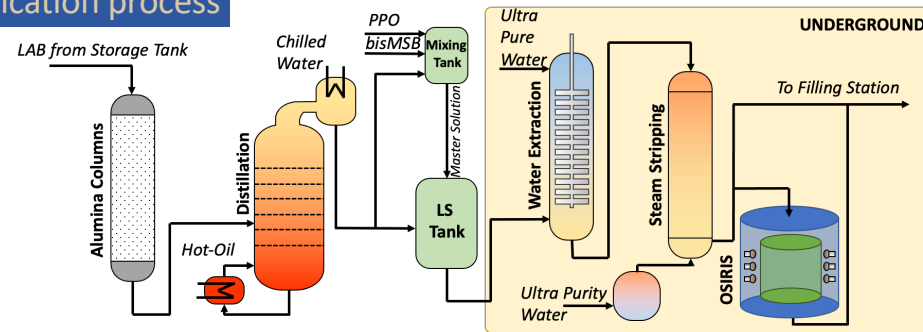
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❖ **20 kt liquid scintillator: LAB based, PPO as fluorescence, bis-MSB as wavelength shifter**

- High light yield: $>1345^*$ p.e./MeV
- Long attenuation length: > 20 m @430m
- Extremely high radiopurity

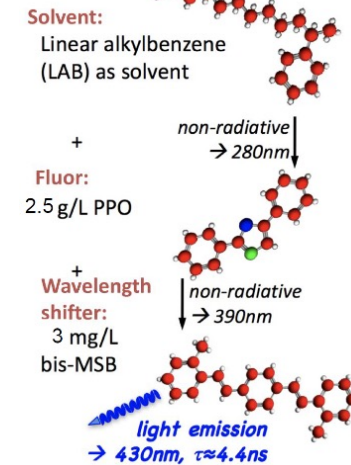
➤ Full system commissioning will start soon

an industrial scale purification process



Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB) + 2.5 g/L PPO + 3 mg/L bis-MSB

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1) Al₂O₃ for optical



2) Distillation for radiopurity



Mixing PPO and bis-MSB



3) Water extraction to remove radioactive impurities



4) Gas stripping to remove Rn and O₂



OSIRIS to monitor the LS quality

Online Scintillator Internal Radioactivity Investigation System (OSIRIS)

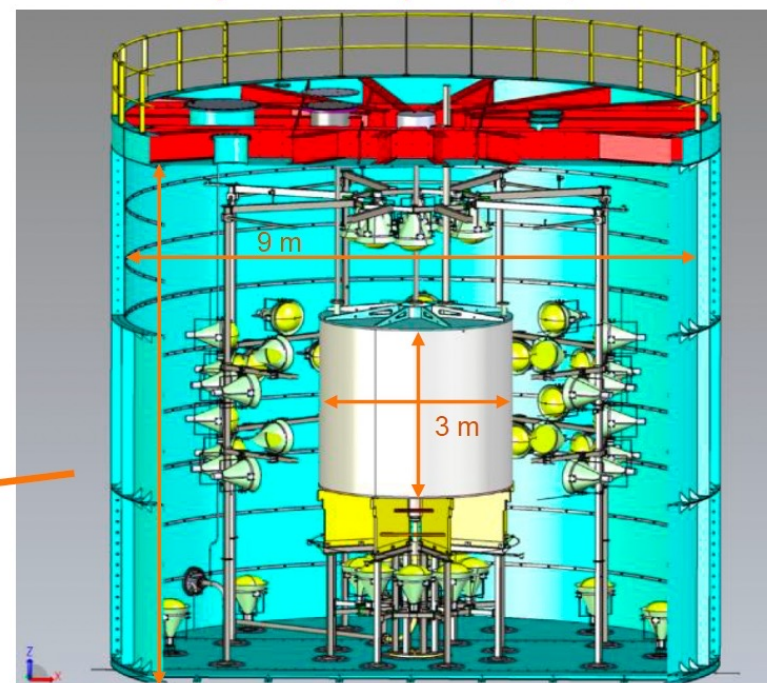
A 20-t detector to monitor radiopurity of LS before and during filling to the central detector

- ✓ Few days: U/Th (Bi-Po) $\sim 1 \times 10^{-15}$ g/g (reactor baseline case)
- ✓ 2~3 weeks: U/Th (Bi-Po) $\sim 1 \times 10^{-17}$ g/g (solar ideal case)
- ✓ Other radiopurity can also be measured: ^{14}C , ^{210}Po and ^{85}Kr



Under commissioning now.

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Central Detector (CD) - Photomultiplier Tubes

- All has been produced, tested, and potted.
- 20,012 20-inch PMTs: 15,012 MCP (2,400 for veto) and 5,000 dynode
 → 17612 20" PMTs Looking inside → installed ~6000 (~34%)
- 25,600 3-inch PMTs → installed ~9293 (~36.3%)



		LPMT (20-inch)		SPMT (3-inch)
		Hamamatsu	NNVT	HZC
Quantity		5000	15012	25600
Charge Collection		Dynode	MCP	Dynode
Photon Detection Efficiency		28.5%	30.1%	25%
Mean Dark Count Rate [kHz]	Bare	15.3	49.3	0.5
	Potted	17.0	31.2	
Transit Time Spread (σ) [ns]		1.3	7.0	1.6
Dynamic range for [0-10] MeV		[0, 100] PEs		[0, 2] PEs
Coverage		75%		3%
Reference		arXiv: 2205.08629		NIM.A 1005 (2021) 165347

MCP: micro-channel plate¹⁶

~6000 20" PMTs and 9293 3" PMTs are installed

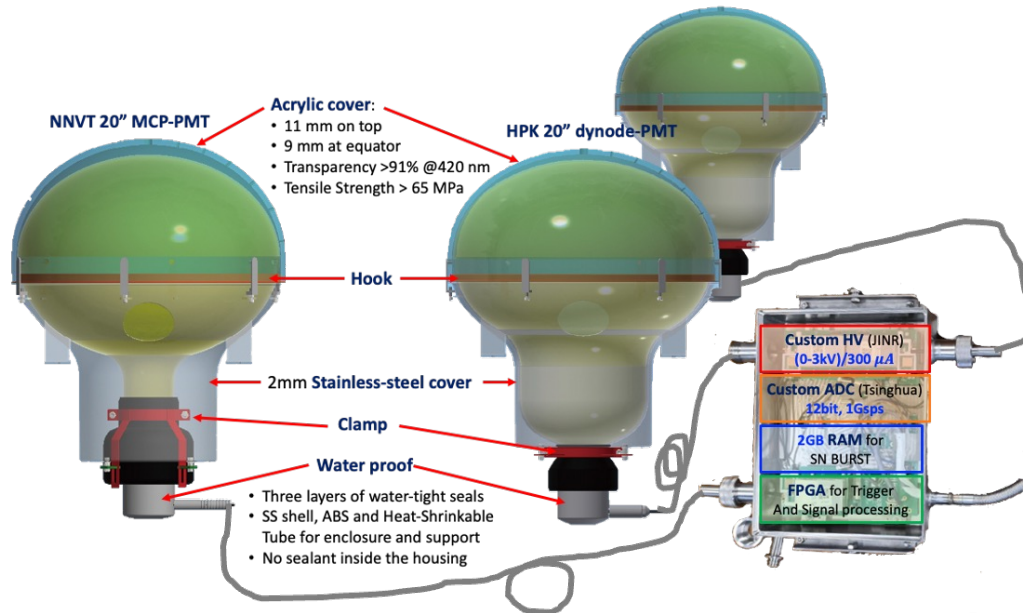




Central Detector (CD) – PMT Instrumentation

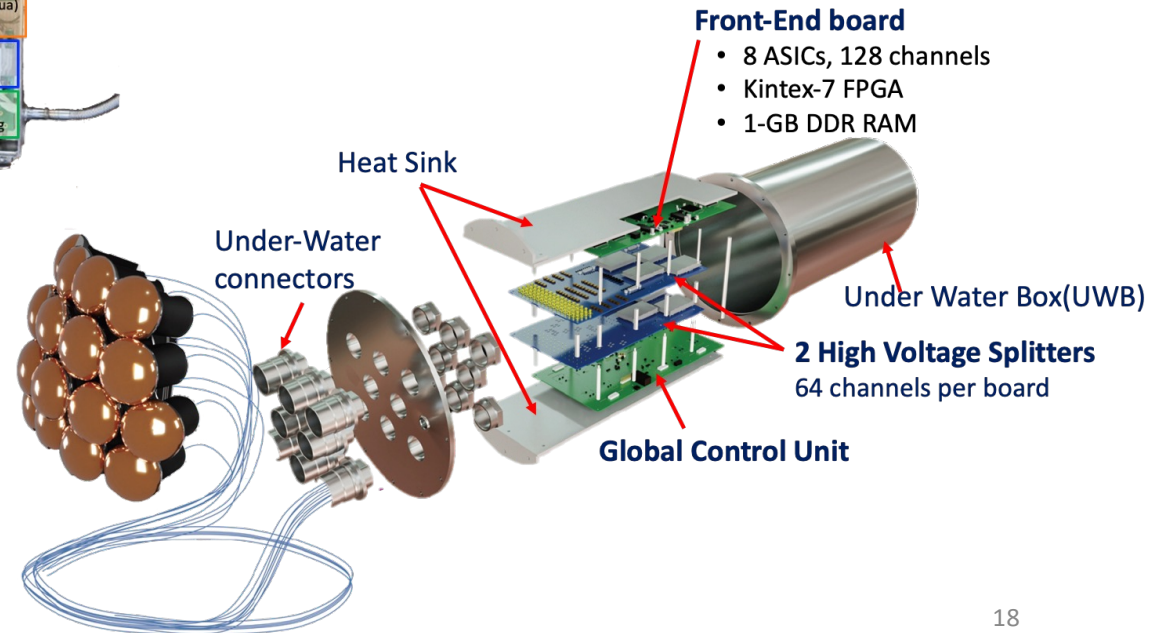
SPMT System

- Always in *photon counting mode* in 1~10 MeV range
- 200 underwater electronics box in total
- 128 3-inch PMTs are connected to a UWB:
 - An UWB holds 8 receptacles
 - 16 PMTs coupled to one connector
- Same HV will be set for 16 PMTs



LPMT System

- 6886 underwater electronics box in total
- 3 20-inch PMTs are connected to a UWB
- **1F3 system:** splitter, HV FEC, ADC, GCU&FPGA
- Dry electronics:
 - 48 GCUs are connected to 1 BEC through the synchronous link and to 1 switch through the asynchronous link.

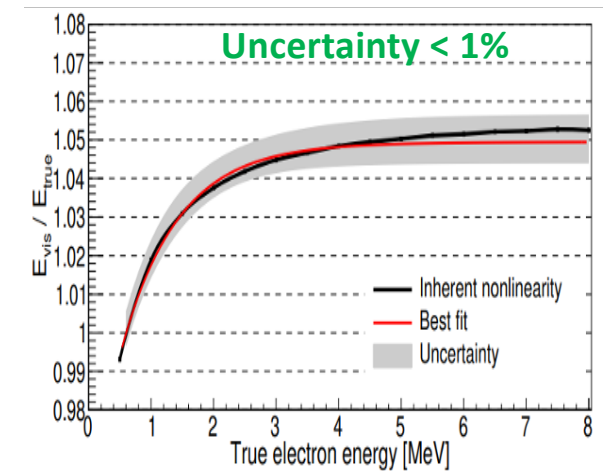
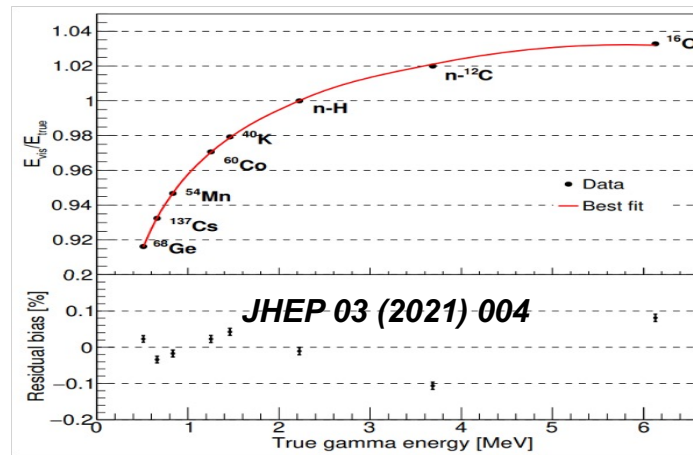
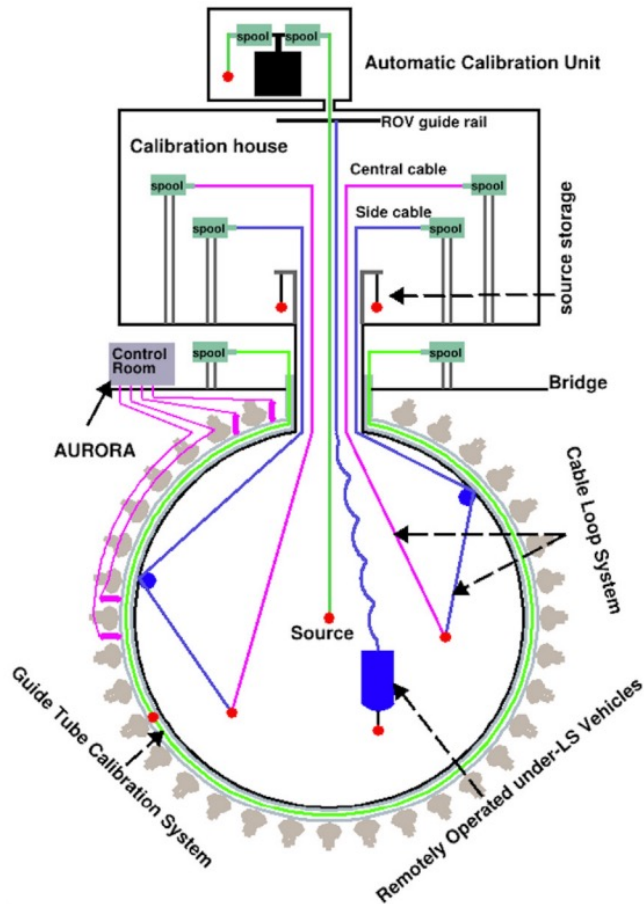




Calibration System

□ Full-volume position coverage inside JUNO central detector

□ Complementary for covering entire energy range of reactor neutrinos



■ Different tools deployed for detector calibration:

- 1D: [Automatic Calibration Unit \(ACU\)](#) → central axis scan
- 2D: [Cable Loop System \(CLS\)](#) → scan vertical planes
[Guide Tube Calibration System \(GTCS\)](#) → CD outer surface scan
- 3D: [Remotely Operated under-LS Vehicle \(ROV\)](#) → whole detector scan
- **Auxiliary system:** Calibration House, Ultrasonic Sensor System (USS) CCD and a unit for researching Online LSc tRANsparency (AURORA)



Veto System

Tasks

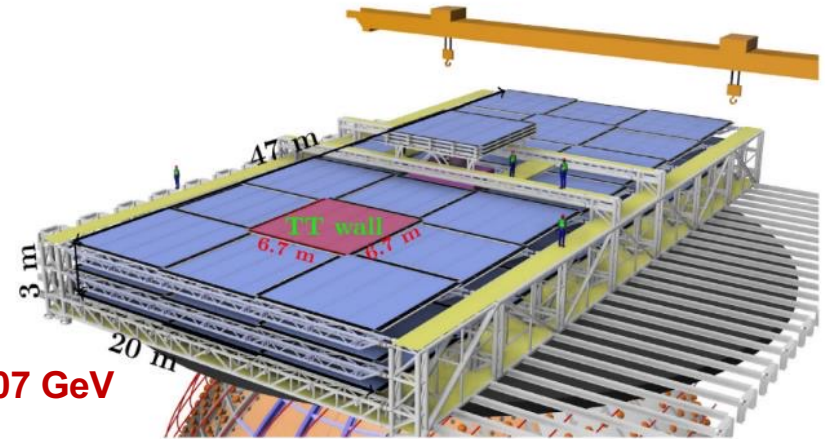
Shield rock-related backgrounds

Tag & reconstruct cosmic-rays tracks

~650 m rock overburden (1800 m.w.e.) $\rightarrow R_\mu = 4$ Hz in LS, $\langle E_\mu \rangle = 207$ GeV

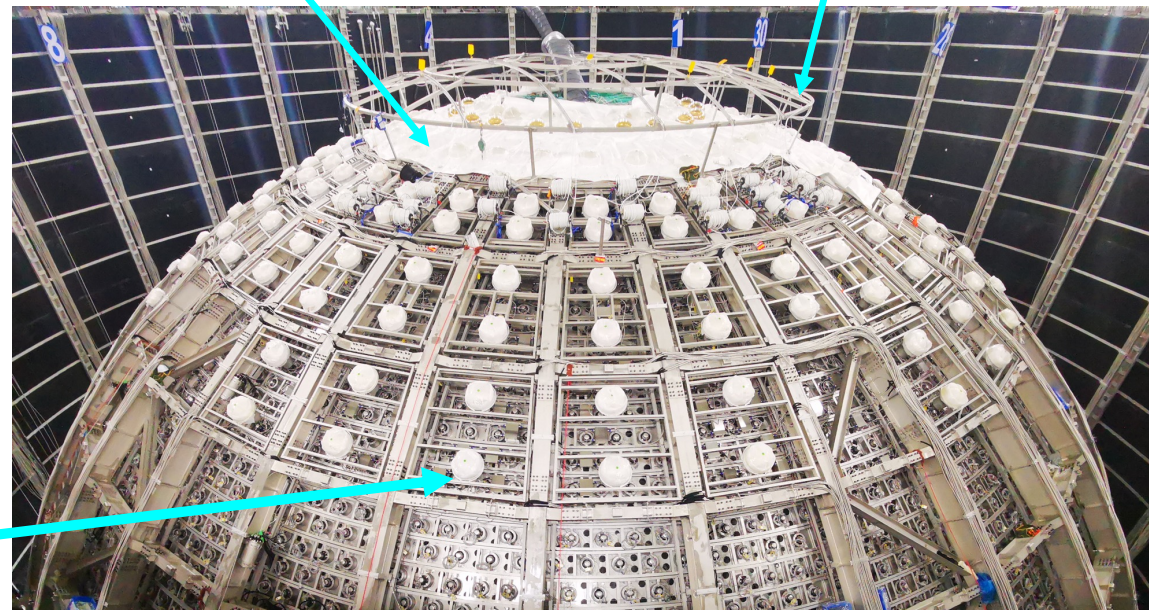
- **Top tracker: OPERA scintillators**
 - 3 layers, ~50% coverage on the top
- **Water Cerenkov detector**
 - 35 kton water, 2400 20-inch PMTs, detection efficiency >99.5%
 - Keep uniform temp $21^\circ\text{C} \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$
 - $^{222}\text{Rn} < 10$ mBq/m³ (w/ micro-bubble system)
- **Pool lining: HDPE**
- **Earth magnetic field compensation coil**

~500 veto PMTs installed



Tyvek reflective film installation started

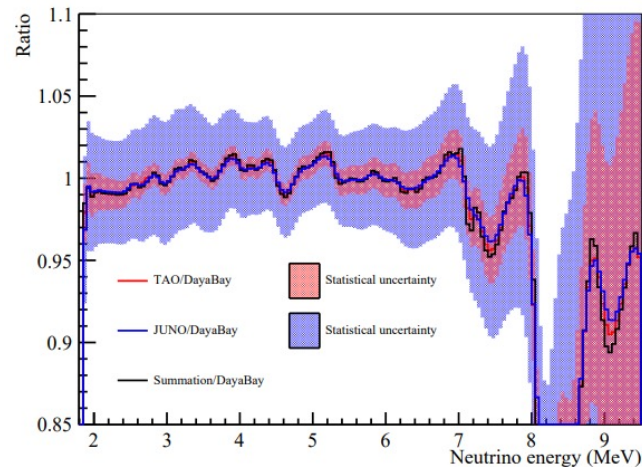
Earth magnetic shielding coils installation: 6 coils installed (32 coils in total)



JUNO-TAO Taishan Antineutrino Observatory (TAO)

- A satellite detector of JUNO
 - at 30 m from the core(4.6 GW), in a hall at -10 m underground
- Measure reactor neutrino spectrum
 - model-independent **reference spectrum** for JUNO
 - a benchmark for investigation of the **nuclear database**

TAO CDR: arXiv: 2005.08745



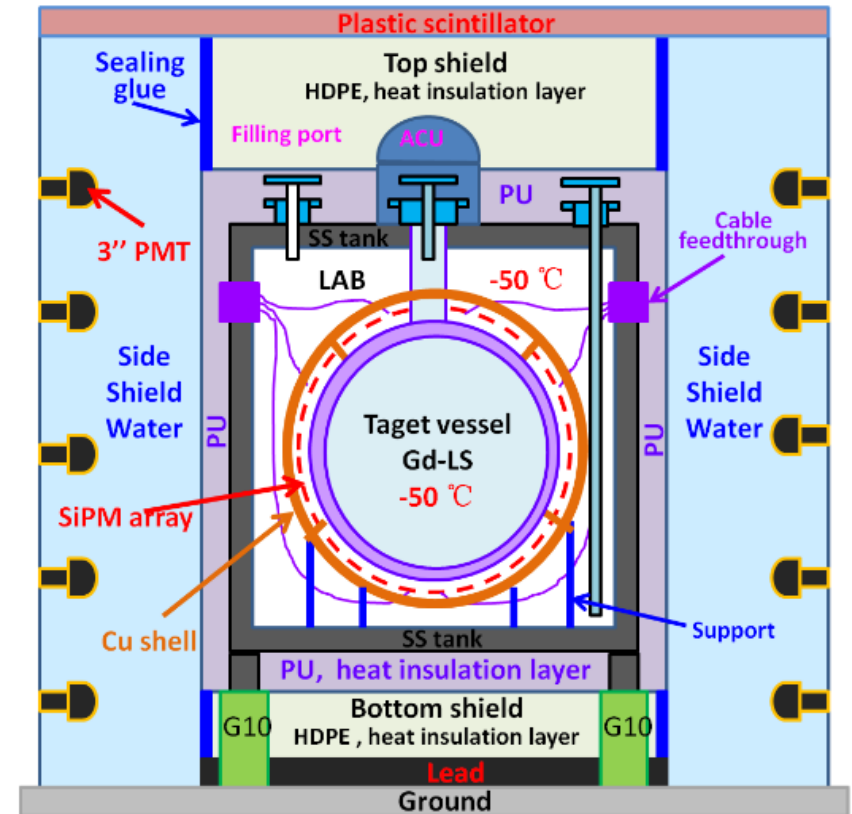
Constrain the fine structure in [2.5,6] MeV to < 1%





JUNO-TAO

- ◆ 2.8 ton Gd-LS (1 ton fiducial mass), **produced**
- ◆ 94% coverage of SiPM w/ PDE > 50%, 1st batch received, under testing
- ◆ 1.8-m ID acrylic vessel, **ready**
- ◆ SS tank, **ready**
- ◆ Electronics, **in production**
- ◆ Operate at -50 °C (SiPM dark noise)
- ◆ To be tested at IHEP, w/ SiPM samples.
- ◆ 4500 p.e./MeV → < 2% resolution
- ◆ Neutron back-to-signal ratio ~2% (*JINST* 17 (2022) 09, P09024)





Summary

- **JUNO** is motivated to measure the **Neutrino Mass Ordering**
 - 20 kton liquid scintillator
 - 3%/sqrt(E) energy resolution
 - Advance detector technology
- Rich physics program. World-leading studies on
 - Precision measurement of oscillation parameters, Supernova ν , DSNB, Geo- ν , solar ν , proton decay, ...
 - Future **JUNO-0 $\nu\beta\beta$**
- **JUNO construction has entered its final stage. Data taking is expected in 2024!**
- Short-baseline experiment **TAO**
 - High energy solution measurement of reactor neutrino spectrum
 - JUNO reference spectrum and benchmark for nuclear database



Thanks!

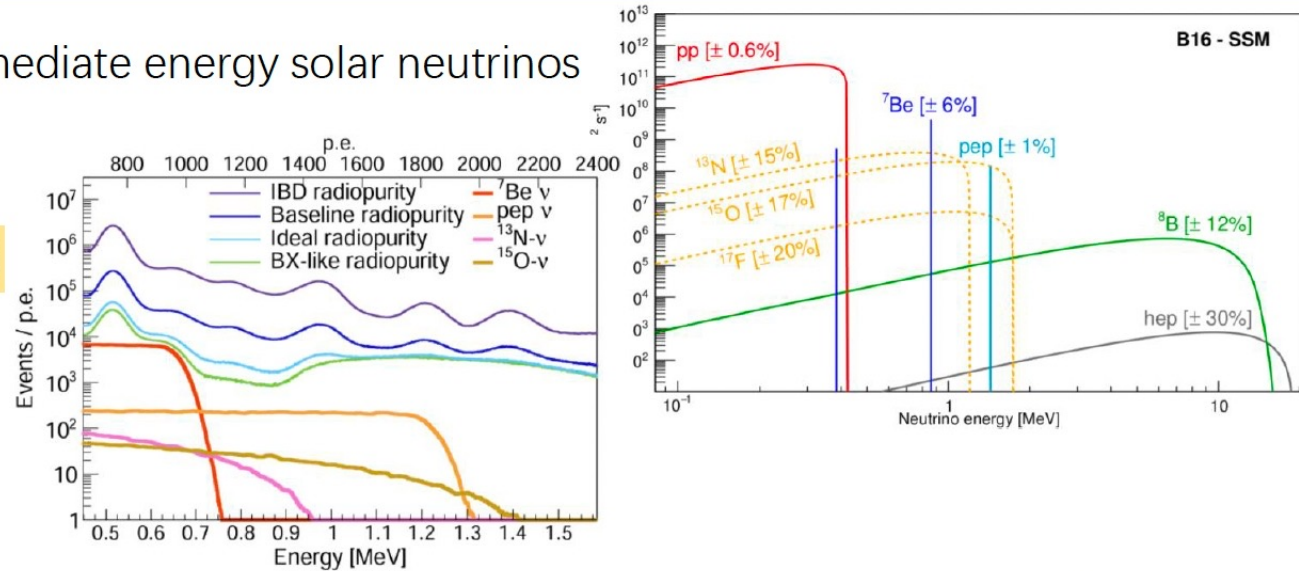
Solar neutrinos

- JUNO sensitive to both high and intermediate energy solar neutrinos
- Intermediate energy solar neutrinos

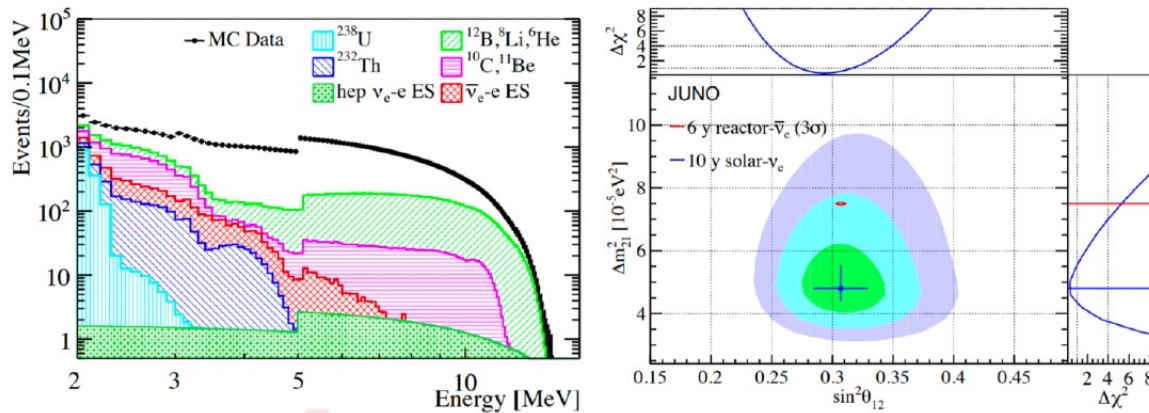
More radiopurity efforts (U/Th $\sim 1 \times 10^{-17}$ g/g)

JUNO sensitivity to ^7Be , pep, and CNO solar neutrinos
arXiv:2303.03910

- High energy solar neutrinos (^8B)



- Model independent measurement of ^8B solar neutrino flux ($\sim 5\%$) and oscillation parameters $\sin^2\theta_{12}$, Δm_{21}^2

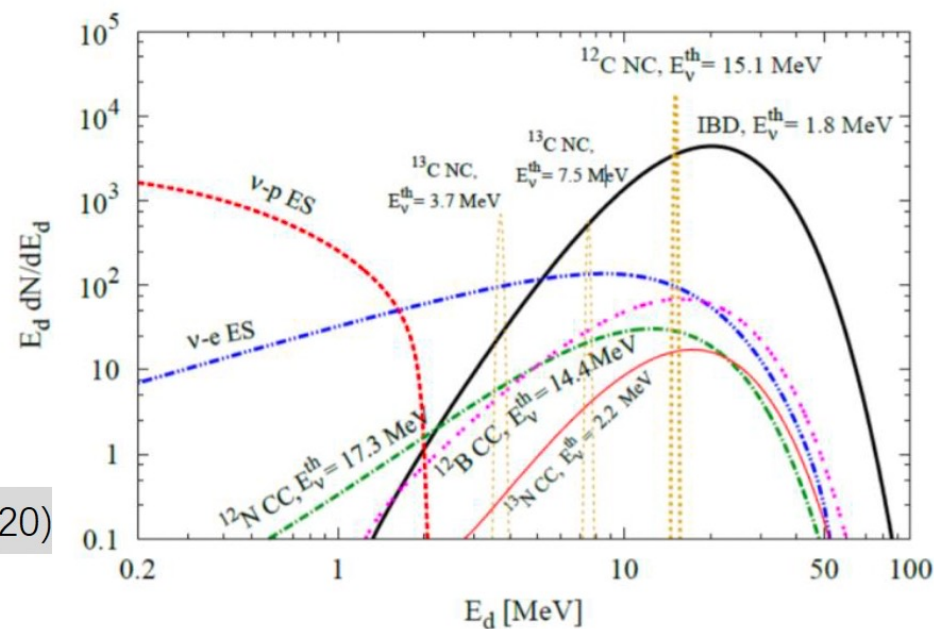


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Supernova neutrinos(SN)

- A high-statistics detection of neutrinos from a galactic SN will provide us with precious information about the explosion mechanism and intrinsic properties of neutrinos themselves.
- JUNO has excellent capability of detecting all flavors of the O(10 MeV) postshock neutrinos.
- Determination of the time evolution, energy spectra and flavor contents of SN neutrinos
- Main detection channel: IBD, ν -p ES, and ν -e ES
- Real-time detection of ~ 5000 IBD, ~ 1000 ν -p ES and ~ 4000 ν -e ES events for a SN @10kpc, assuming 0.2 MeV threshold and with special triggers design

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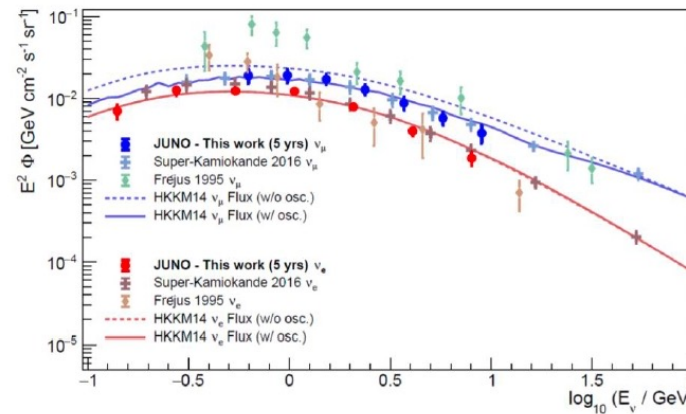
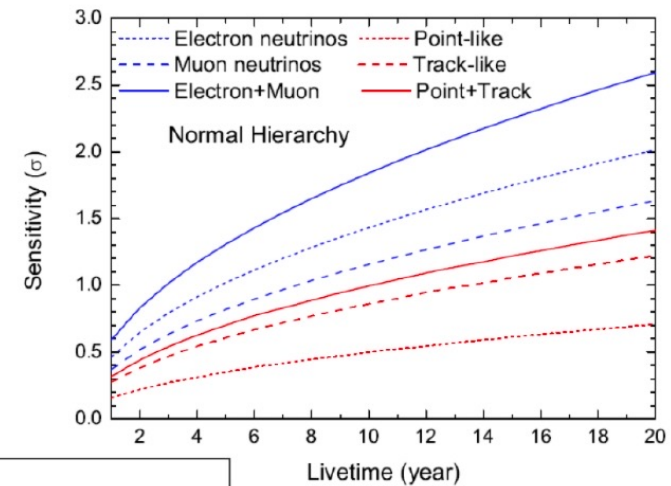
Atmospheric neutrino

- JUNO NMO sensitivity from atmospheric neutrinos is complementary to that from the reactor neutrino results.
- Exploit matter effects for neutrinos crossing the Earth.
- Contributions to the sensitivity of NMO, θ_{23} and δ_{CP} .

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- Promising potential towards the low energy range.
 - ✓ Atmospheric ν spectrum measurement.

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Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background (DSNB)

- The integrated neutrino flux from all past core-collapse events in the visible universe forms the diffuse supernova neutrino background (DSNB)
- Provide information: the red-shift dependent supernova rate, average SN neutrino energy spectrum and the fraction of black hole formation in core-collapse SNe

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➤ Detection channel: IBD

➤ Background

✓ $\bar{\nu}_e$ from reactor and atmospheric neutrino

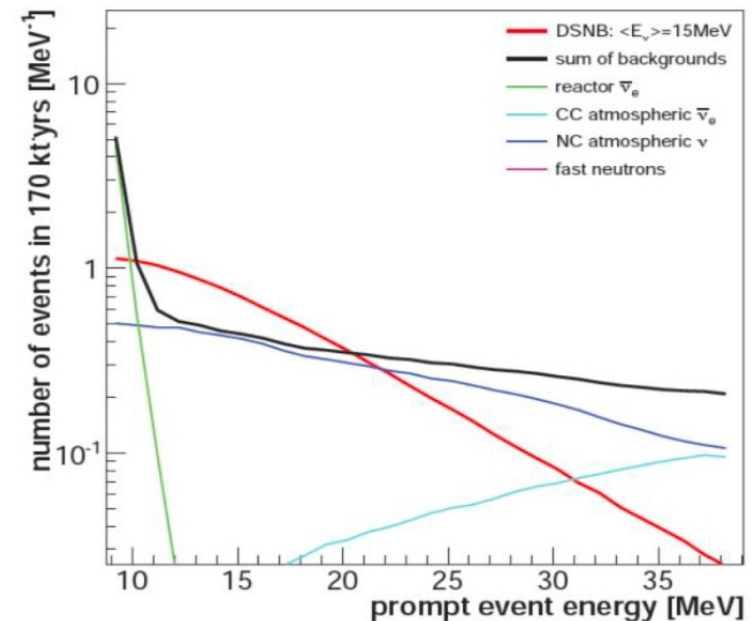
➡ Visible energy range (10 , 30) MeV

✓ atmospheric neutrino NC

➡ PSD helps to suppress

✓ cosmogenic isotopes/fast neutron

➡ Muon veto



Exotic process

Proton decay

- Main search channel: $p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^+$
- Clear signature from 3-fold coincidence in JUNO

K^+ ionization $\rightarrow \mu^+$ ionization from K^+ decay $\rightarrow e^+$ from μ^+ decay

- Background:

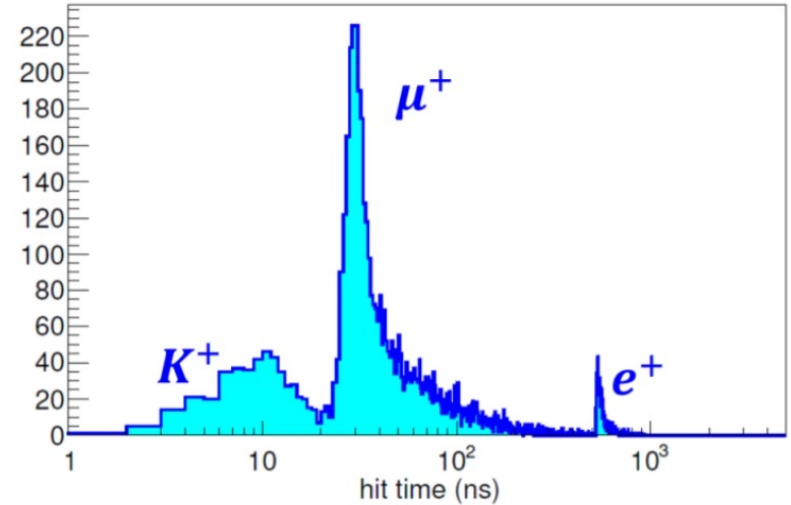
- Muon \longrightarrow muon veto

- Atmospheric neutrino \longrightarrow energy, Michel electron, neutron, time character

- Expected sensitivity: 8.34×10^{33} years (90% CL) in 10 years data-taking

Other new physics

- ✓ Indirect dark matter search
- ✓ Light sterile neutrino searches
- ✓ Lorentz Invariance Violation
- ✓ Majorana neutrinos (Phase 2, upgraded JUNO)



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