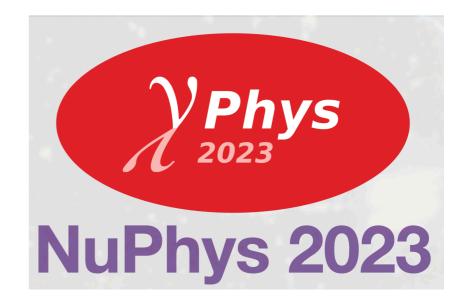
Review of current status and focus on future km baseline reactor anti-neutrinos experiments

Cécile Jollet (Bordeaux university, LP2iB - CNRS/IN2P3) on behalf of JUNO collaboration



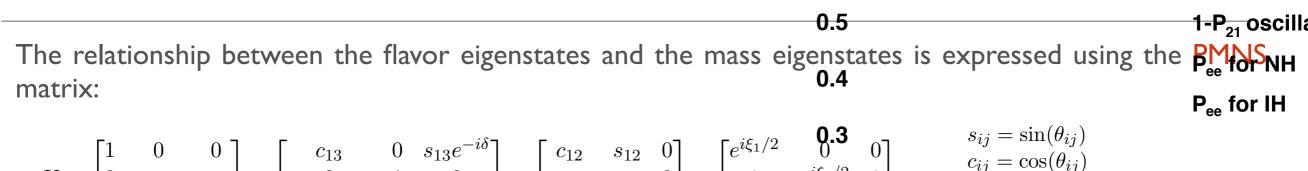


matrix:

• Studying oscillation with anti-neutrinos reactor does not rely on δ_{CP} and θ_{23} which allow for a clean measurements of the other parameters.

- $P_{ee}(L/E) = 1 P_{21} P_{31} P_{32}$ $P_{21} = \cos^4(\theta_{13}) \sin^2(2\theta_{12}) \sin^2(\Delta_{21})$ $P_{31} = \cos^2(\theta_{12}) \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\Delta_{31})$ $P_{32} = \sin^2(\theta_{12}) \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\Delta_{32})$ $\Delta_{ij} = 1.27 \Delta m_{ij}^2 L/E$
- In the case of anti-neutrinos reactor, we can only observe the disappearance and the probability can be written as:
- 0.1
 $$\begin{split} P(\nu_{\alpha} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta}) &= \delta_{\alpha\beta} - \mathbf{0} \sum_{i>j} Re(U_{\mathbf{0}i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\mathbf{5}j}^*) \sin^2(120 \Delta m_{ij}^2 L/E) \\ &+ 2 \sum_{i>j} Im(U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^*) \sin(2.54 \Delta m_{ij}^2 L/E) \\ \Delta m_{ij}^2 &\equiv m_i^2 - m_j^2 \\ \Delta m_{ij}^2 &= L^2 \text{ baseline} \end{split}$$
 The oscillation probability between flavors can be computed and expressed as:
- $U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{-i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\xi_1/2} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & e^{i\xi_2/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{array}{c} s_{ij} = \sin(\theta_{ij}) \\ c_{ij} = \cos(\theta_{ij}) \\ \delta = \text{phase CP} \\ \epsilon & \epsilon & \epsilon & \epsilon \end{array}$ $\xi_1, \xi_2 =$ phases de Majorana

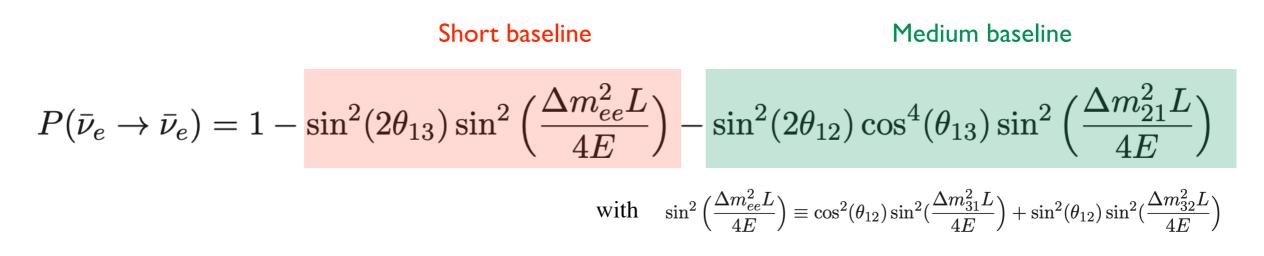
Neutrino oscillation

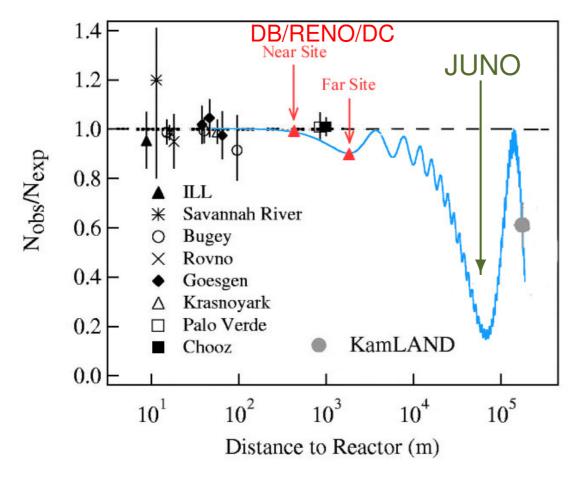


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Reactor neutrino oscillation



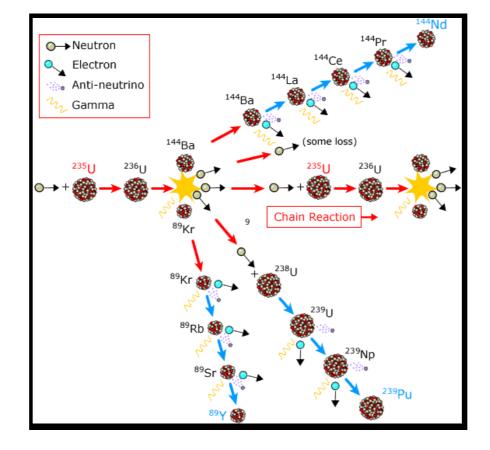


- There are 3 oscillations components which correspond to 3 oscillation frequencies in the L/E space which are proportional to $|\Delta m^2_{ij}|$ respectively:
 - Medium baseline (50 km): driven by $(\theta_{12}, \Delta m^2_{12})$ parameters.
 - Short baseline (I km): driven by $(\theta_{13}, \Delta m^2_{13})$ parameters.
 - Very short baseline (few meters): sterile neutrinos searches.

• Baselines are short enough to neglect matter effects.

Reactor as a copious source of neutrinos

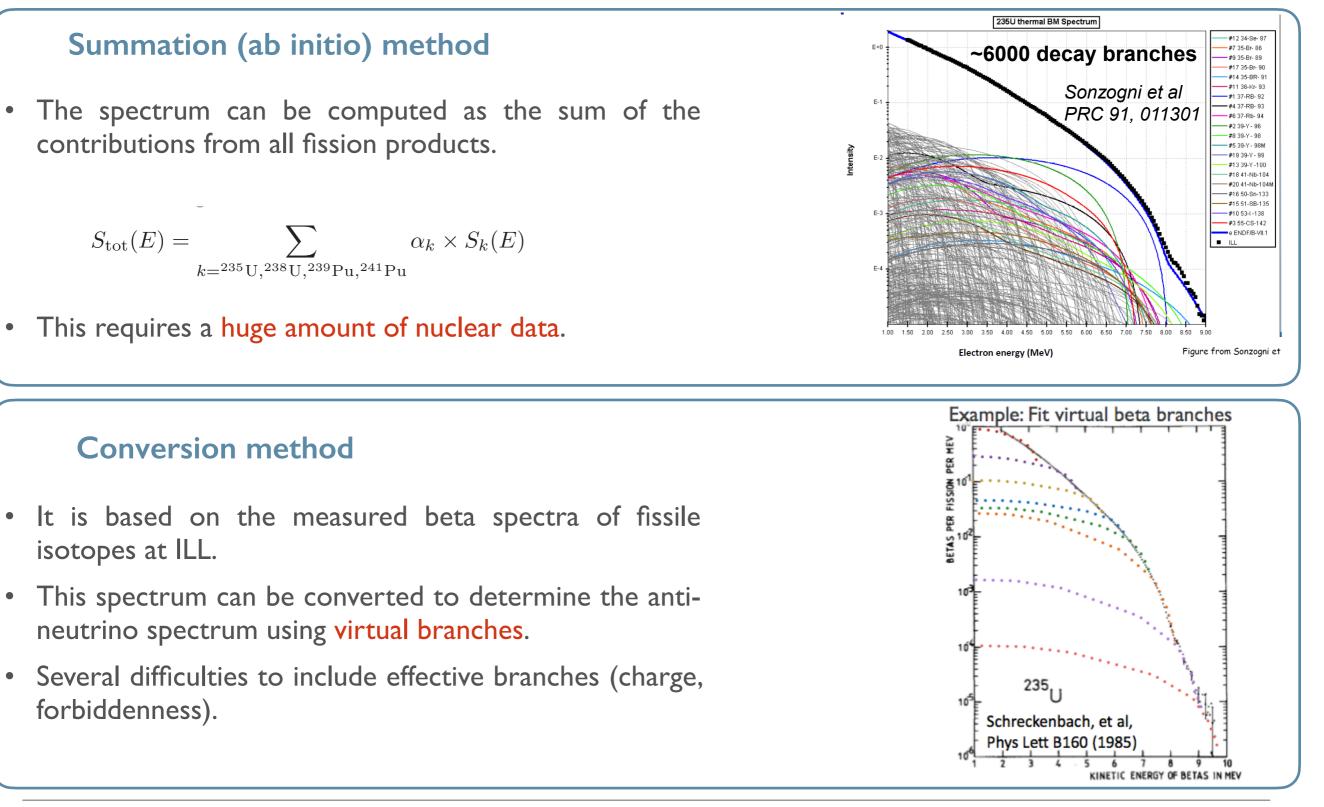
- Nuclear reactors are an intense and pure source of electronic anti-neutrinos.
- Neutrinos come from beta-fission fragments from the fission of ²³⁵U, ²³⁸U, ²³⁹Pu, ²⁴¹Pu.
- All the fission products are neutron-rich nuclei and all decays are beta-type, leading to a **pure electronic anti-neutrino** flux.
- For I GW_{th} reactor (thermal power) we expect 2×10^{20} v/s emitted in 4π solid angle.



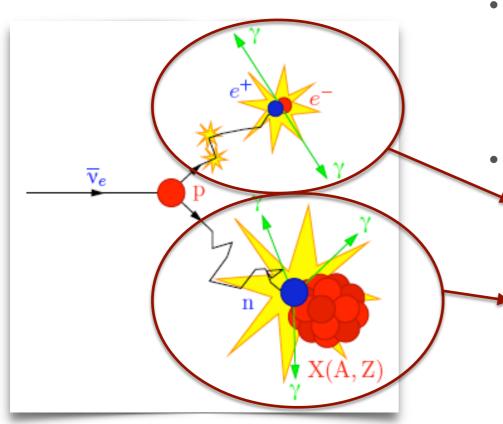
Nuclear chain reaction

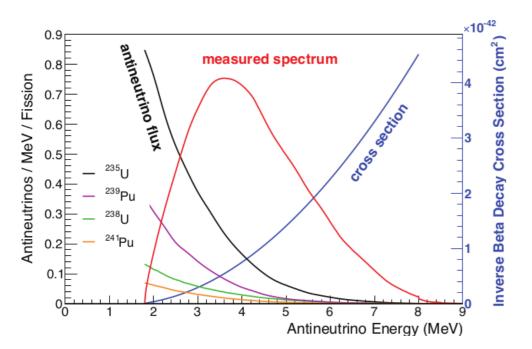
Reactor neutrino spectrum prediction

• Taking into account the time evolution and the numerous branching, the prediction of the flux and spectrum are not easy.



Measure reactor anti-neutrino





• The preferred channel to observe neutrinos is via Inverse Beta Decay (IBD):

$$\overline{\nu_{e}}$$
 + p \rightarrow e⁺ + n

- The signal signature is given by a **twofold coincidence**:
 - Prompt photons from e⁺ ionisation and annihilation (1-8 MeV).
 - 2. Delayed photons from n capture on Gadolinium (~8 MeV) or H (2.2 MeV), or signal from n capture on ⁶Li.
 - 3. Time correlation: $\Delta t \sim$ 200 μs in LS.
 - 4. Space correlation (< I m).
 - The energy spectrum is a convolution of flux and cross section (threshold at 1.8 MeV).
 - The prompt energy is related to $\overline{\nu_e}$ energy:

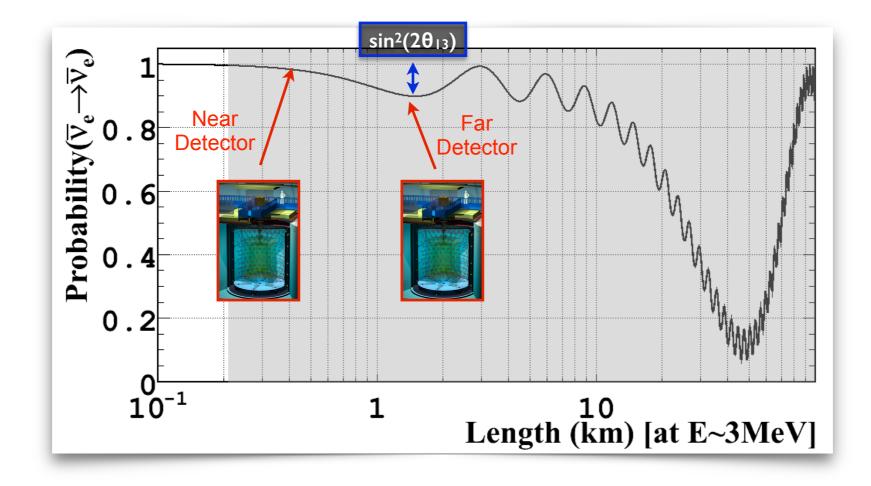
 $E_{prompt} = E_v - T_n - 0.8 \text{ MeV}$

Short baselines :

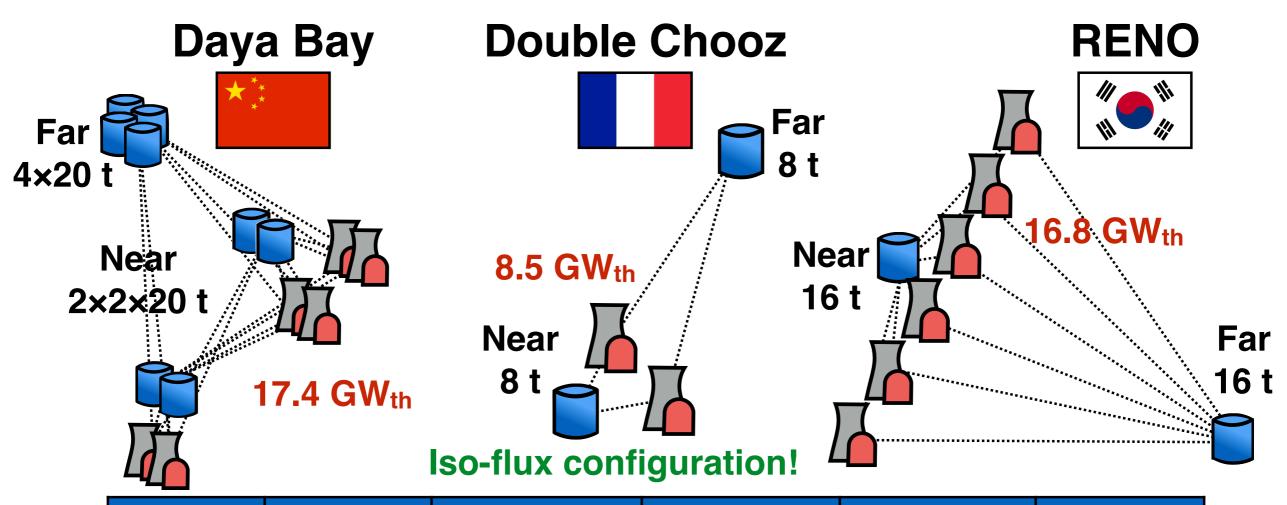
θ_{13} measurements and spectral anomaly

Discovery of θ_{13} mixing angle

- Short baseline allows the determination of θ_{13} :
 - Mixing angle governs the overall size of $\overline{\nu}_e$ deficit.
 - Effective mass squared difference $|\Delta m^2_{ee}|$ determines the deficit dependance on L/E.
- The use of near and far detectors allows to measure the flux before and after the oscillation to cancel out the associated systematics.



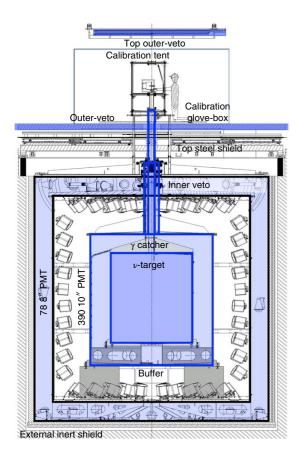
θ_{13} measurement experiments

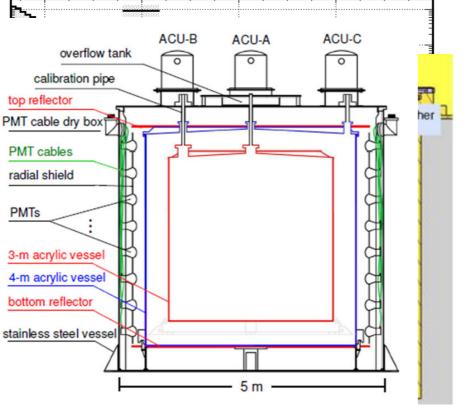


	Power [Gwthj No	dLS mass ear/Far [1	t] N	Distance lear/Far [m]	Overburden [mwe]
Daya Bay Double Chooz	17.4	4 4×20	2x2x20	1650	365,490 860	25 020
	16.8	8	4x20	400	1650 120	Dec 2017
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RENO	8.5	16 16	16	290 1380	290 120	2020-2021
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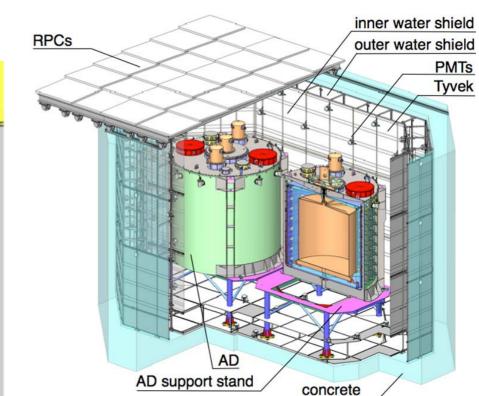
Detector design







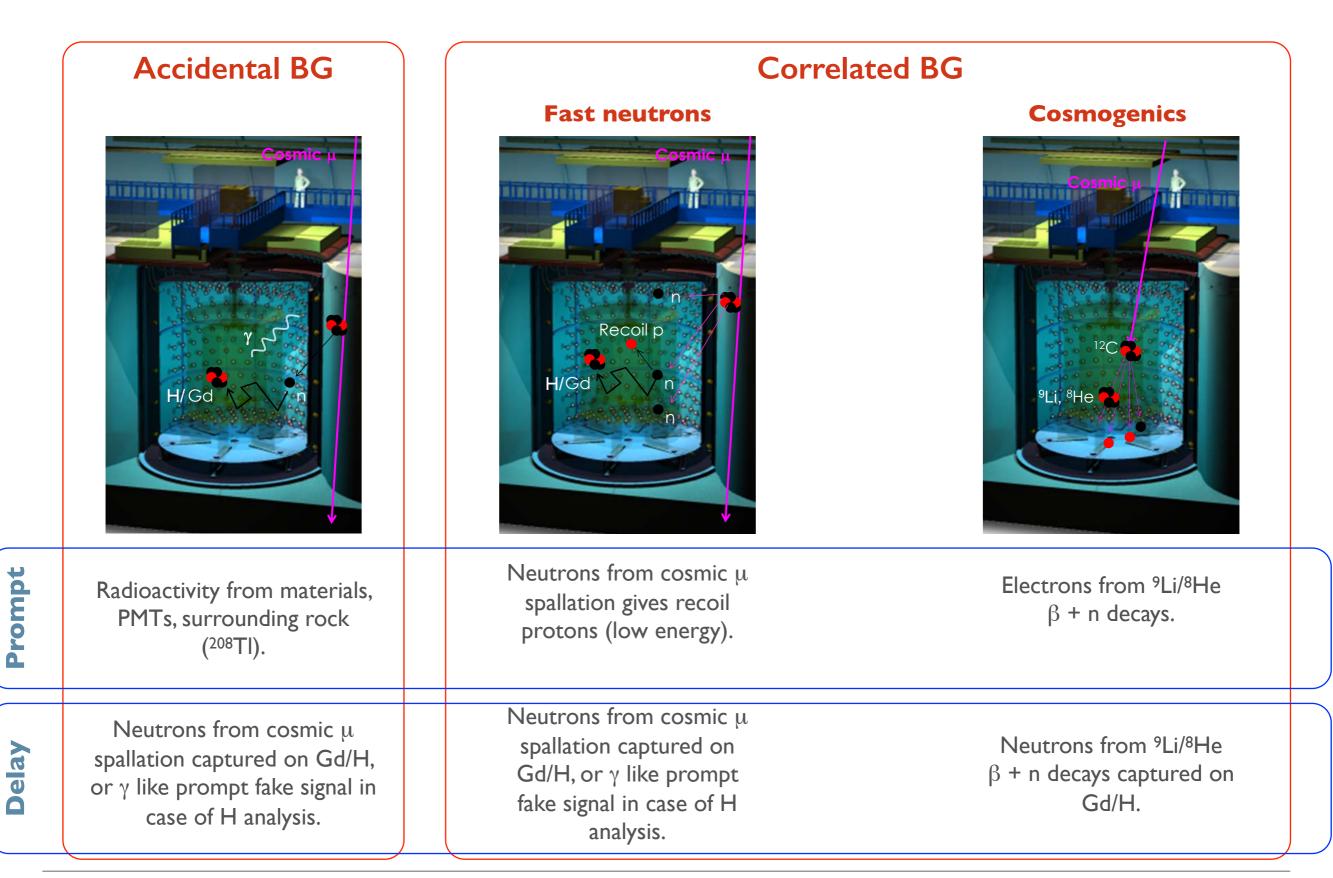
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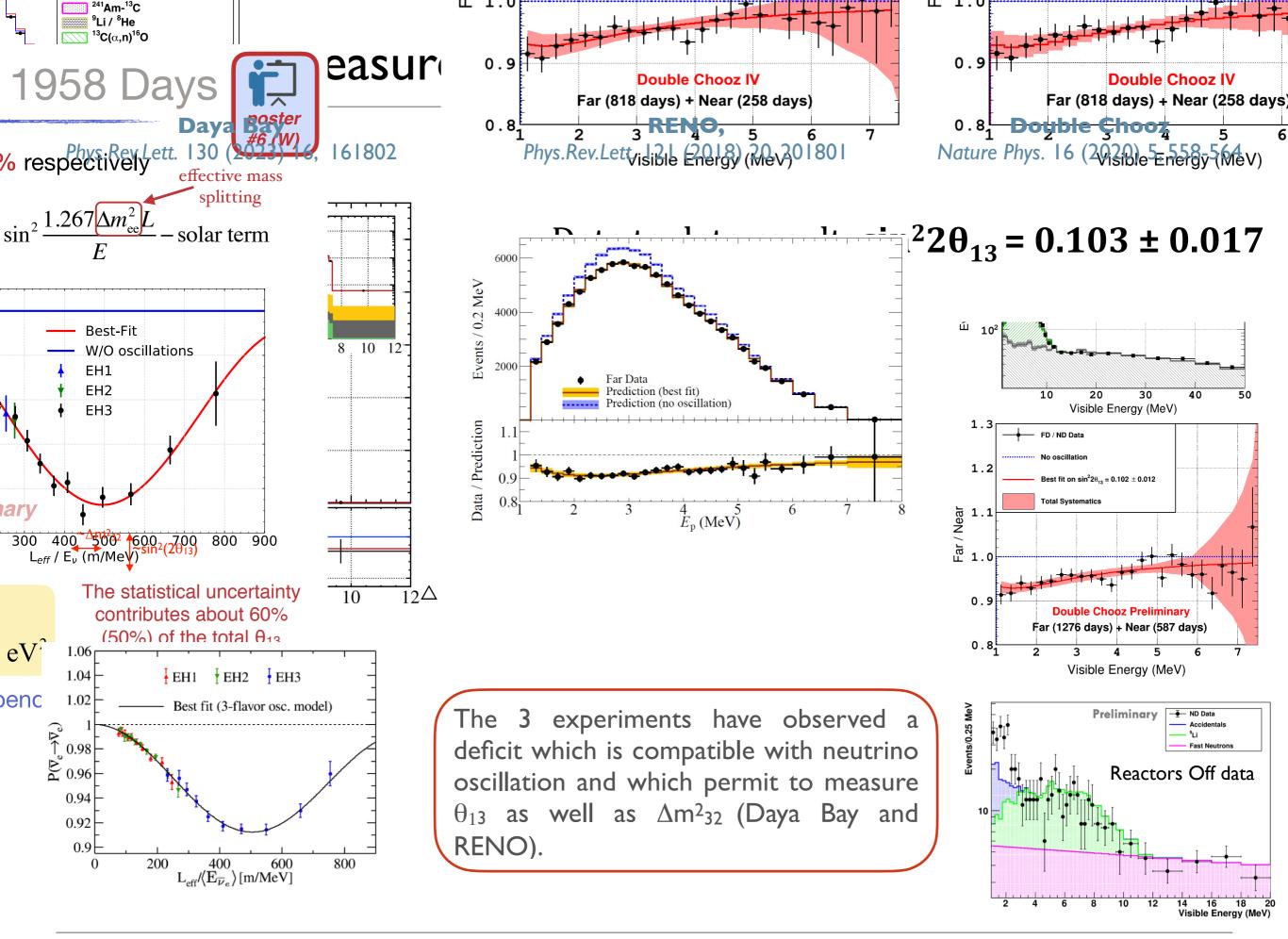


Daya Bay

- The 3 detectors had the same onion structure:
 - Target: Gadolinium-doped liquid scintillator.
 - Gamma-Catcher: Liquid scintillator. Can be used as target for n-H analysis.
 - Buffer: non-scintillating transparent mineral oil with PMTs.
 - Veto for cosmic muon and fast neutron detection (Cherenkov detector or liquid scintillator).
 - Top veto to tag muons (RPC or plastic scintillator strips).

IBD Background

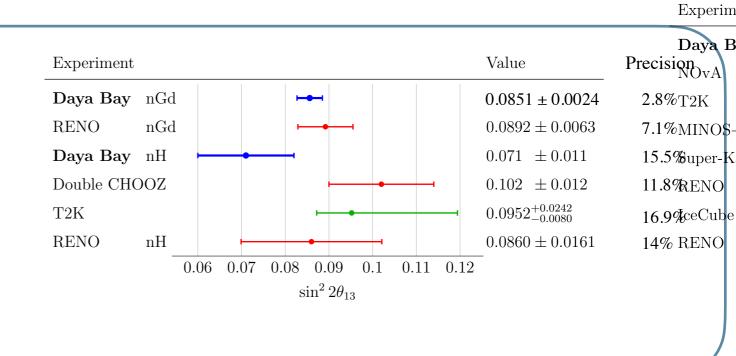


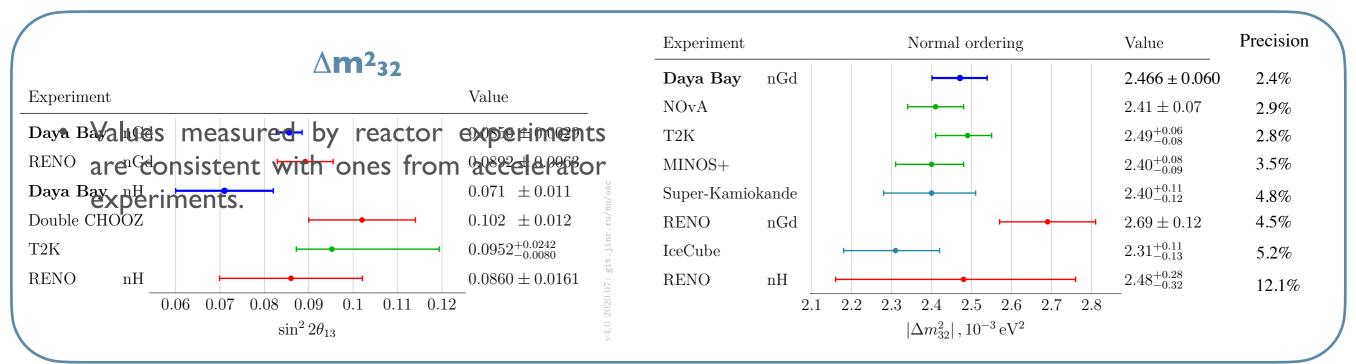


Oscillation Results

sin²(2θ₁₃)

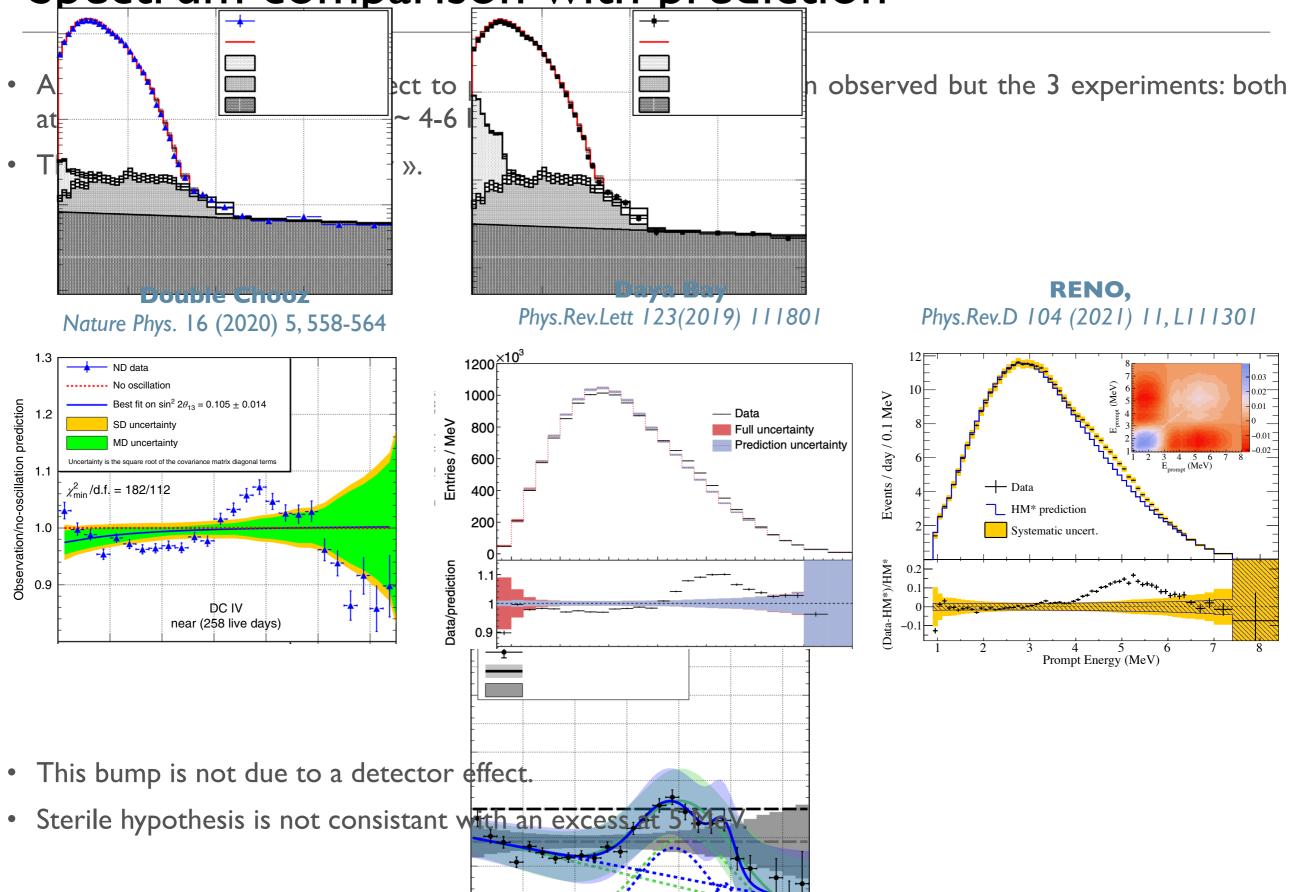
- All experiments have measured a non zero value of θ_{13} doing analysis both studying n-H and n-Gd captures.
- The pdg value is: $sin^2(\theta_{13}) = (2.20 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-2}$





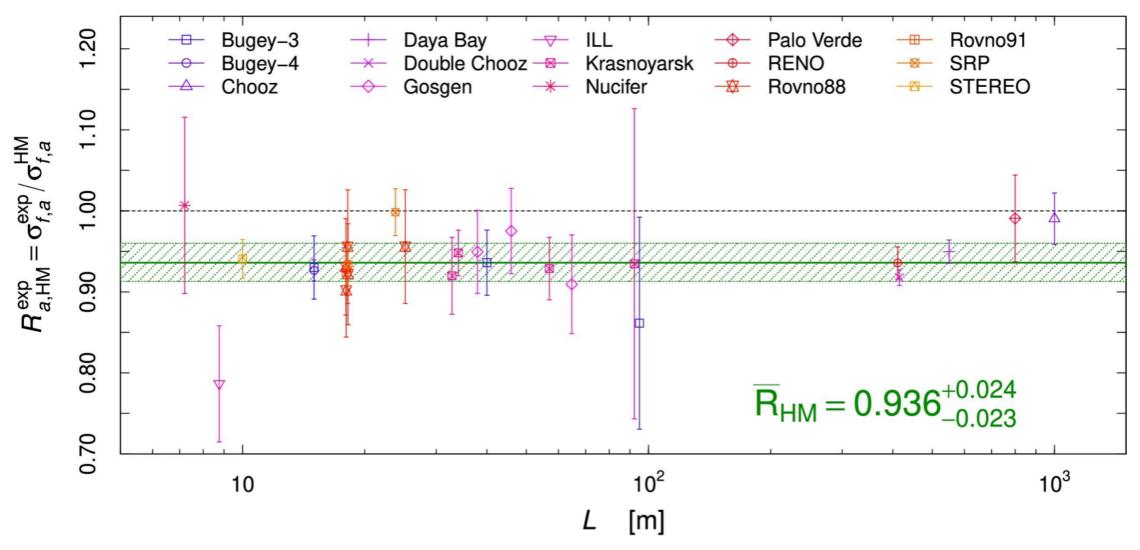
from Snowmass 2021 - Letter of Interest Legacy of the Data Bay Reactor Neutrino Experiment and updated results for Daya Bay (PRL 130, 1618021 (2023))

Spectrum comparison with prediction



Rate comparison with prediction

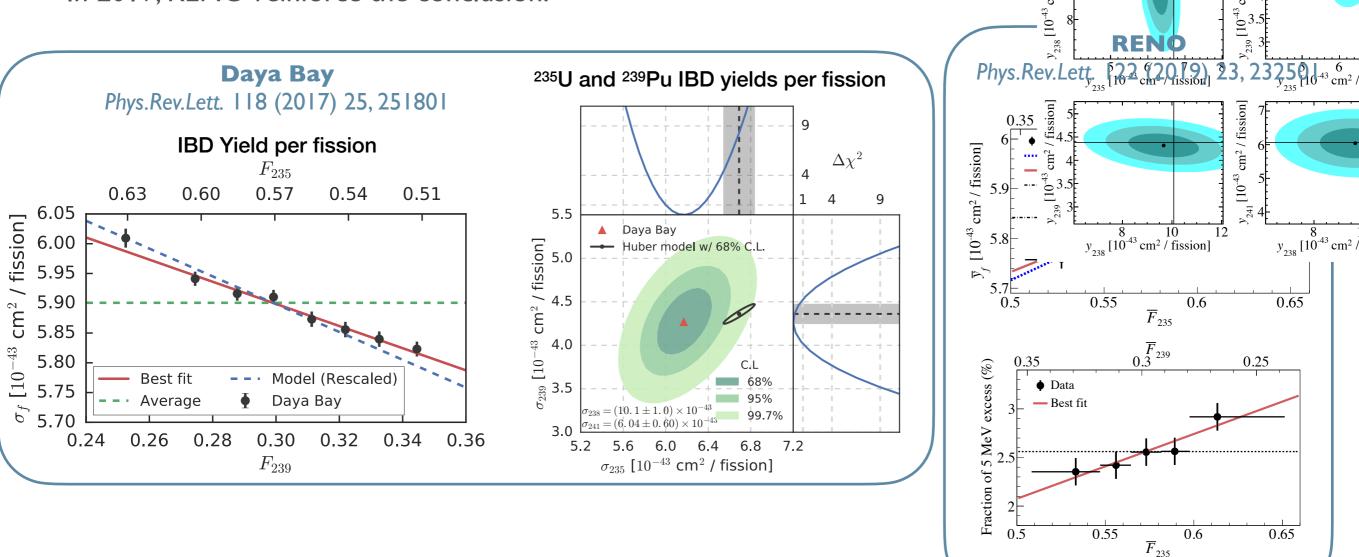
- The 3 experiments measured a deficit of the rate compared to predictions: R= 0.952±0.014(exp) ±0.023(model) for Daya Bay, R=0.940±0.020 (exp) for RENO, R=0.943±0.022 (exp) for Double Chooz.
- Total neutrino yield measurements have achieved great precision.



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Shape Anomaly and Fuel Evolution

- In 2017, Daya Bay measured the fuel evolution allowing to disentangle ²³⁵U and ²³⁹Pu yields:
 - The fuel evolution $(d\sigma_f/dF_{239})$ is incompatible with predictions at 3.1 σ .
 - ²³⁵U fissions produced 7.8% fewer antineutrinos than predicted while ²³⁹Pu is c 3
- In 2019, RENO reinforce the conclusion.



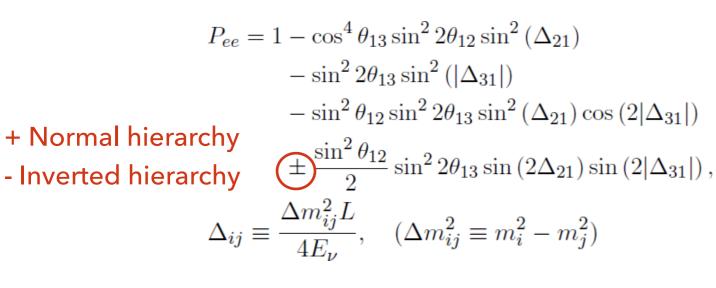
 From DayaBay spectra: In the [4-6] MeV region, a 7% (9%) excess of events is observed for the ²³⁵U (²³⁹Pu) compared to HM normalized model (*Phys.Rev.Lett.* 123(2019) 11, 111801). cm^2 / fission]

cm² / j

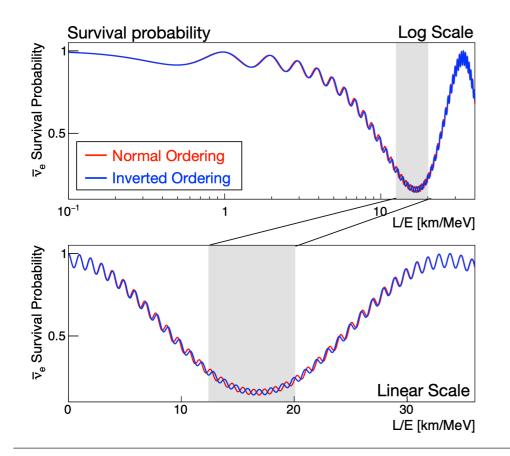
Medium Baseline : JUNO Experiment

Mass hierarchy determination with reactor

• Reactor anti-neutrinos experiment allow to determine the mass hierarchy doing a clean measurement since it is independent of the CP phase



Normal Inverted m_3^2 m_2^2 solar: $7.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$ \square m₁² atomospheric: $2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ atomospheric: m_2^2 $2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ solar: $7.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$ m_1^2 m_3^2 **ν**_µ ν_{τ} ν_{e}

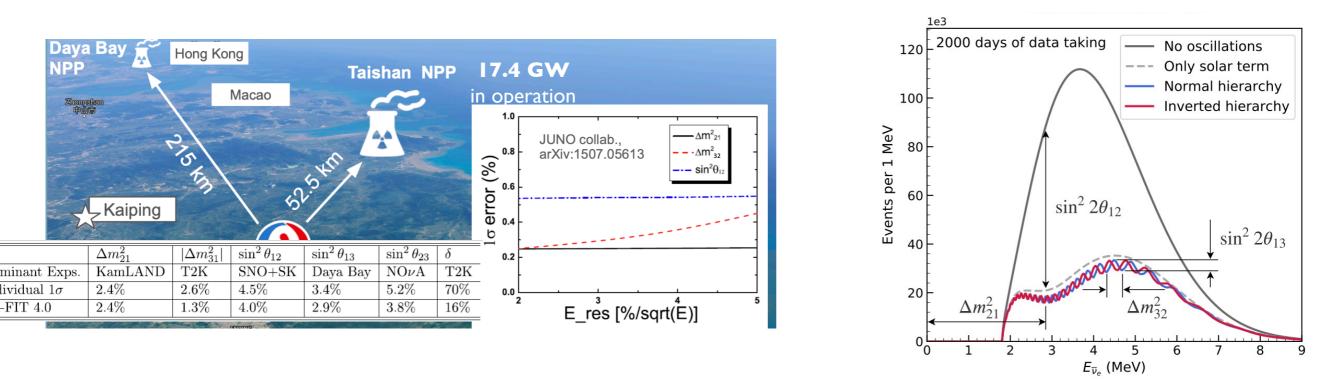


- Several conditions on baseline and energy resolution are necessary to perform such a measurement.
- At 53 km from the source, the oscillation is dominated by the terms ($\Delta m^2_{12}, \theta_{12}$).
- If the energy resolution is high enough, it is possible to see the oscillation dominated by $(\Delta m^2{}_{23}, \theta_{13})$ and a spectral analysis will permit to discriminate between the 2 hierarchies.

 $P_{31} = \cos^2(\theta_{12}) \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\Delta_{31})$ $P_{32} = \sin^2(\theta_{12}) \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\Delta_{32})$

 $\Delta_{ij} = 1.27 \Delta m_{ij}^2 L/E$

- JUNO (Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory) is a medium-baseline (52.5 km) reactor neutrino experiment.
- Its position has been optimized to resolve the neutrino mass ordering (conditions on baseline).



The detector has been designed to :

 ensure large statistics (20 kilo-ton liquid scintillator target) and unprecedented energy resolution (3% at I MeV).

will the main goal of :

• perform a relative measurement on the mass ordering (no constraint on Δm^2_{31} , $\Delta \chi^2 > 9$) or an absolute measurement ($\Delta \chi^2 > 16$) accounting for constraints from long baseline experiments.

JUNO physics program

• JUNO is a multipurpose Neutrino Observatory and it has a rich program in neutrino physics and astrophysics studying neutrinos in a large energy range.



10⁴ evts at 10 kpc DSNB : 2-4 evts/year



>~100 evts/day



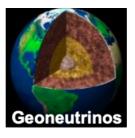
⁸B : 16 evts/day ⁷Be : 490 evts/day/kton



45 evts/day



Proton decays : $p \rightarrow \overline{v} + K^+$ Indirect Dark Matter Searches

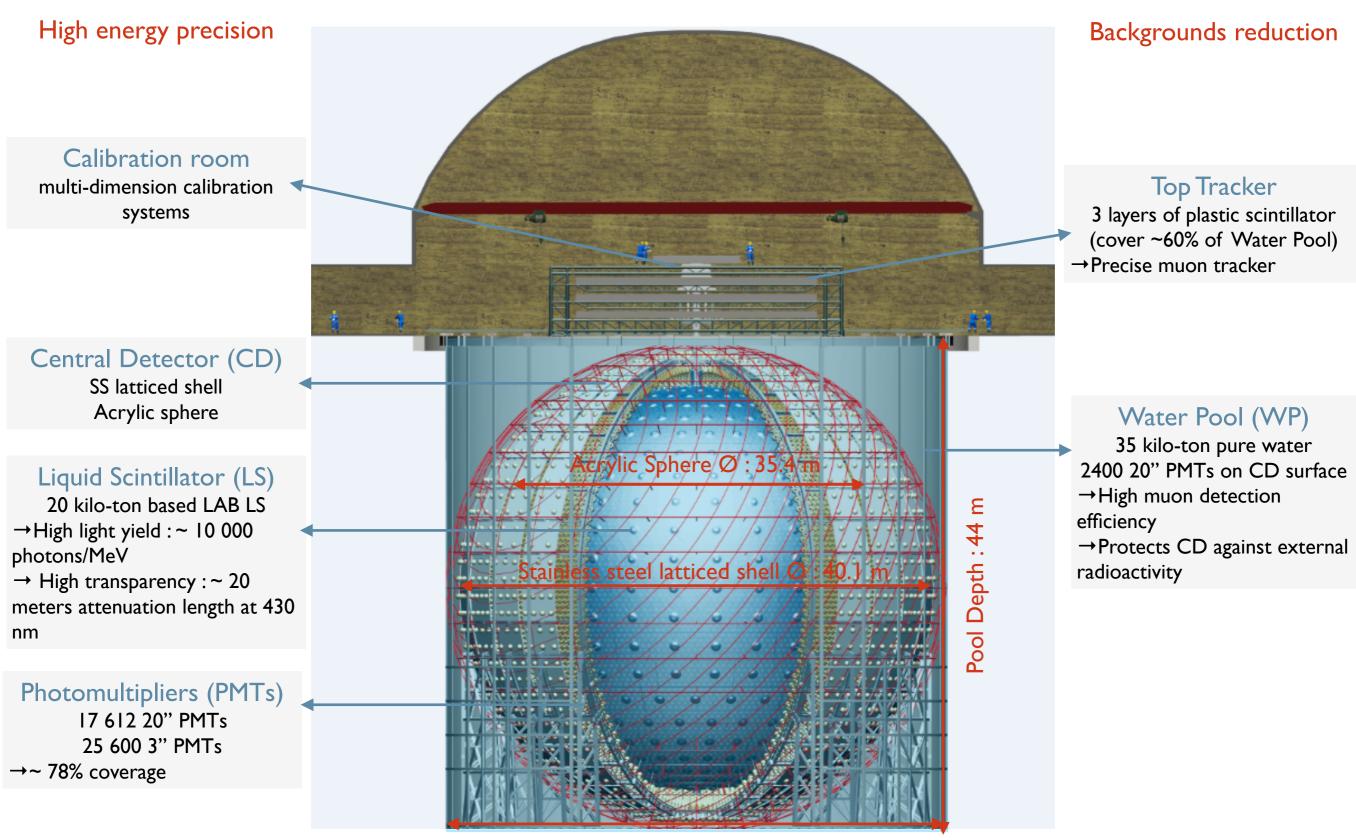


400 evts/year

→Neutrino mass ordering

 \rightarrow Precision measurement of solar oscillation parameters

JUNO detector



Water Pool Ø:43.5 m

JUNO detector

- Civil construction of a dedicated laboratory started in 2015 to host the JUNO detector.
- 2022-2023 : installation and commissioning.
- 2024 : Filling and start of data taking.

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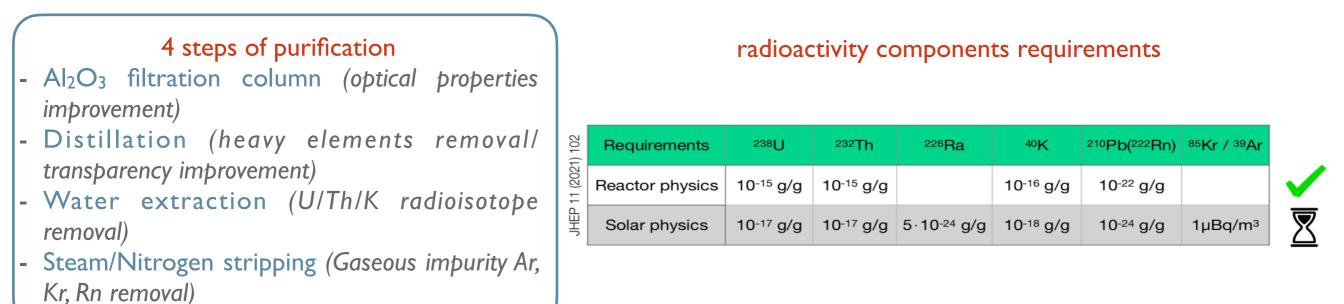
Current status

Central Detector PMTs view



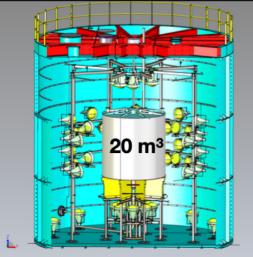
Liquid scintillator of JUNO

- The composition of the LS is: LAB (solvant) + 2.5 g/L PPO (fluor) + 3 mg/L bis-MSB (wavelength shifter)
- The LS will be purified from optical impurities (transparency) and radioactivity contaminants (background events) before filling the detector.



 Radio-purity will be ensured during the filling : an ancillary detector of 20 m³ will monitor batches of LS.
 OSIRIS

Online Scintillator Internal Radioactivity Investigation System

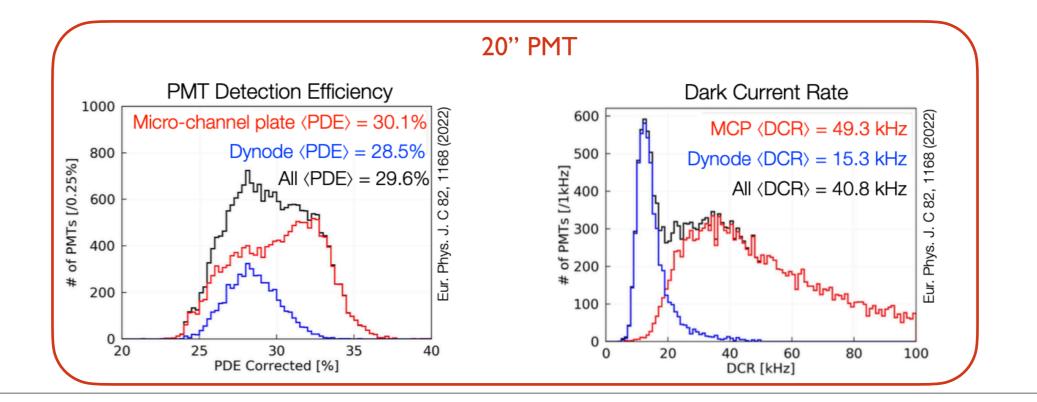


- Exploit Bi-Po decay in ²³⁸U and ²³²Th chains.
- Few days (weeks) needed to verify compliance to 10^{-15} (10^{-16}) g/g.

More details in N. Rodpai and Z. Wang poster

Photomultipliers system

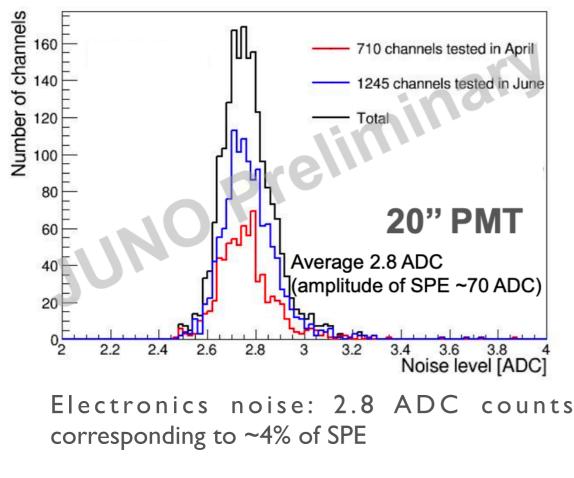
- The goal is to have a high photo statistics in order to reach the requirement of the energy resolution : large coverage and high efficiency of photon detection.
- 3" PMTS All 20" and 3" PMTs tested before installation. 20" PMTS ~ 75% coverage 3% coverage 20" PMT 3" PMT ~ 1500 p.e./MeV ~ 40 p.e./MeV 5000 15000 25600 Quantity **XP72B22** Hamamatsu Manufacturer NNVT (CN) HZC (CN) (JP)Charge Micro-channel Dynode Dynode Collection plate **Transit** Time σ I.3 ns σ 7.0 ns σ I.5 ns Spread



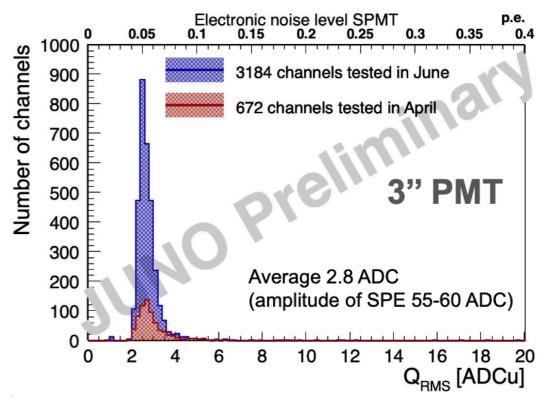
Photomultipliers system: commissioning

- All tested PMTs are working well.
- Regular light-off/on tests during detector assembly
 - Light off tests: full data taking and processing chain with PMT HV on
 - Light on tests: joint elec/trigger/DAQ/DCS test with PMT HV off





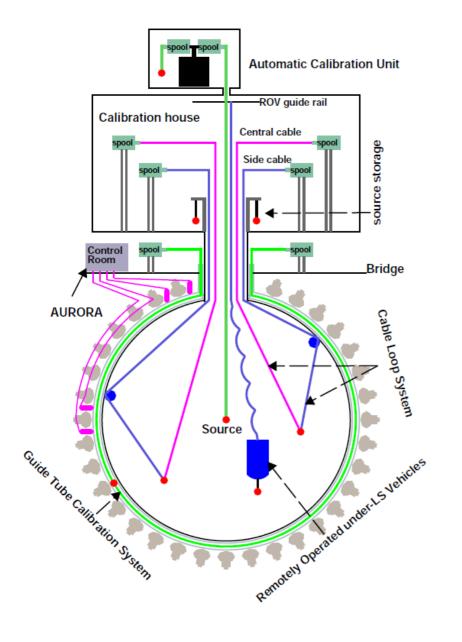
 \rightarrow much better than the design of 10%



Electronics noise: 2.8 ADC counts corresponding to \sim 5% of SPE

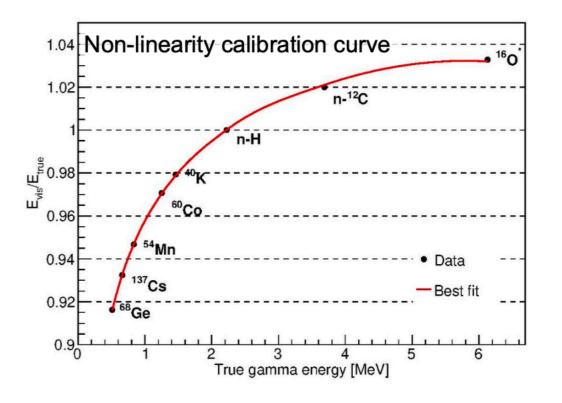
 \rightarrow much lower than the trigger threshold of 1/3 pe.

Energy scale calibration



To keep energy scale uncertainty below 1%, four calibration systems will be used:

- Automatic Calibration Unit (ACU): ID along z-axis.
- Cable Loop System (CLS): 2D plane inside vessel.
- Guide Tube (GT): 2D plane inside vessel.
- Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV): 3D anywhere inside vessel.

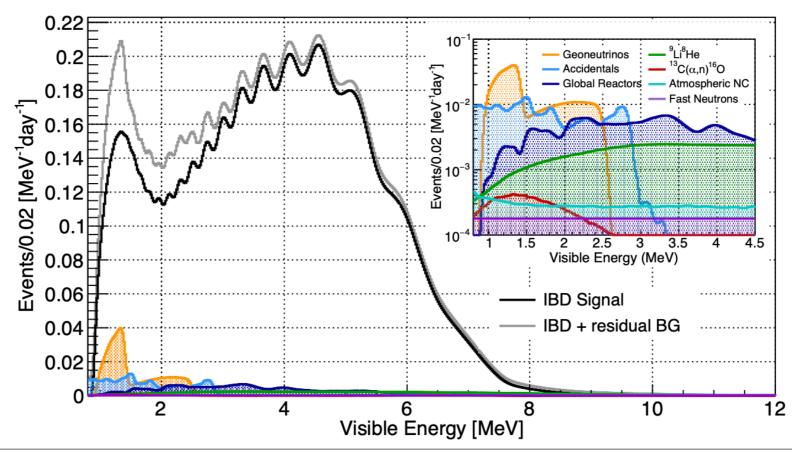


Efficiency and backgrounds for reactor neutrino signal

Selection cuts and IBD efficiency						
Selection Criterion	Efficiency (%)	IBD Rate (day^{-1})				
All IBDs	100.0	57.4				
Fiducial Volume	91.5	52.5				
IBD Selection	98.1	51.5				
Energy Range	99.8	-				
Time Correlation (ΔT_{p-d})	99.0	-				
Spatial Correlation (ΔR_{p-d})	99.2	-				
Muon Veto (Temporal⊕Spatial)	91.6	47.1				
Combined Selection	82.2	47.1				

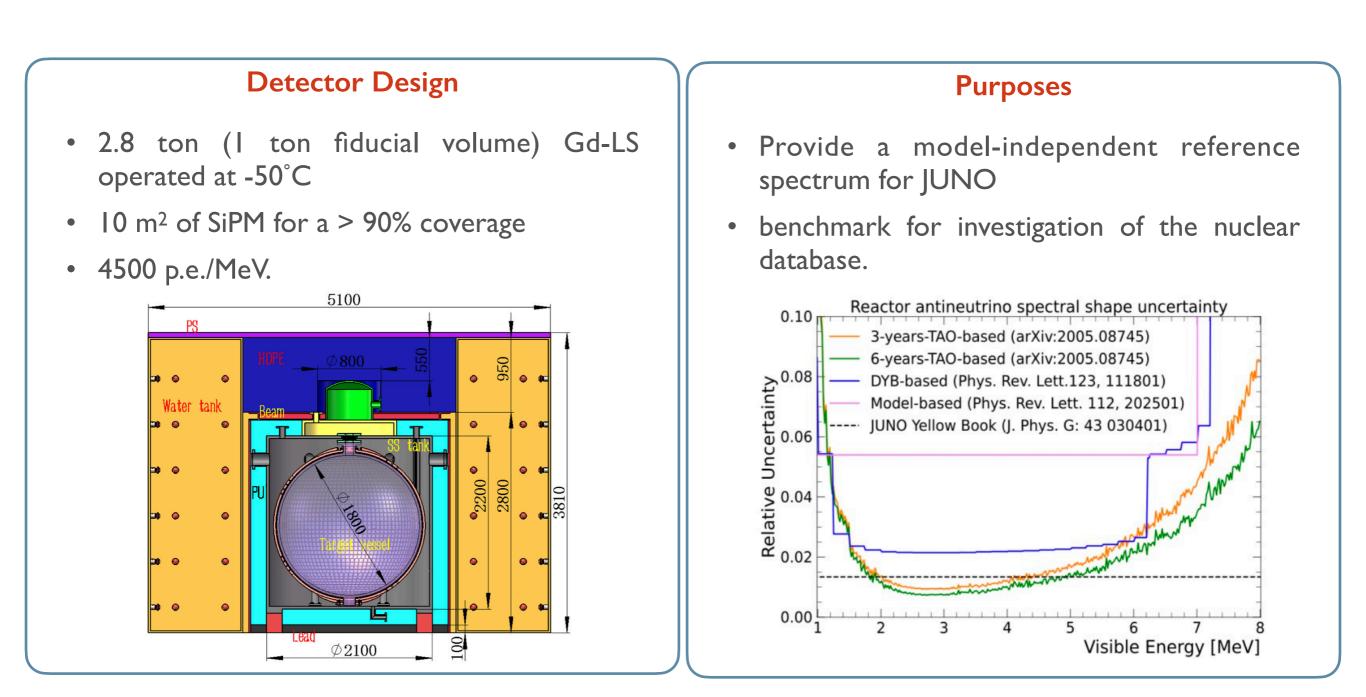
Background rates						
Background	Rate (day^{-1})					
Geoneutrinos	1.2					
World reactors	1.0					
Accidentals	0.8					
$^{9}\mathrm{Li}/^{8}\mathrm{He}$	0.8					
Atmospheric neutrinos	0.16					
Fast neutrons	0.1					
$^{13}\mathrm{C}(lpha,\mathrm{n})^{16}\mathrm{O}$	0.05					
Total background	4.11					

JUNO IBD Spectrum



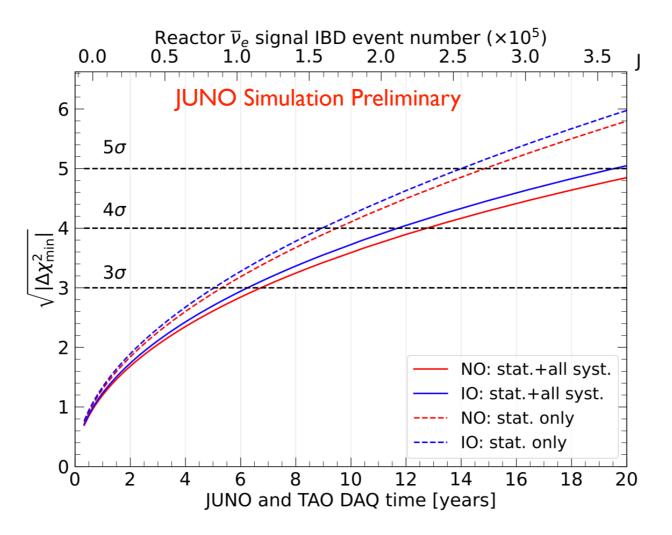
TAO detector: reactor neutrino source understanding

Taishan Antineutrino Observatory (TAO), is a ton-level, high energy resolution LS detector at ~44 meters from one of the Taishan reactor cores (4.6 GW_{th}). It is a satellite detector of JUNO.



Neutrino mass ordering

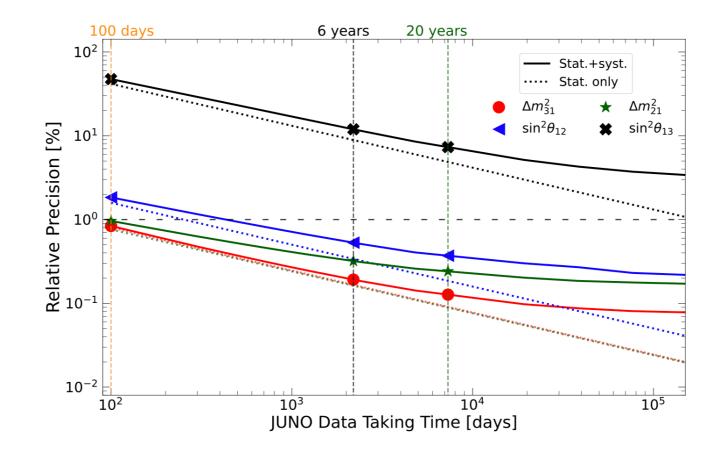
- The experiment will start data taking in 2024.
- The median sensitivity to reject the wrong mass ordering is $3\sigma (\Delta \chi^2 = 9)$ with an exposure of 6 years × 26.6 GW_{th} assuming normal ordering (3.1 σ if inverted ordering is true).



- The sensitivity can be enhanced doing :
 - combinaison with external Δm^2_{31} long baseline experiment constraint.
 - combinaison reactor+atmospheric neutrino analysis ongoing.

Precision measurement of oscillation parameters

• By measuring the energy spectrum, JUNO will be also sensitive to solar parameters and will perform precision measurements.



• Sub-percent precision measurement for Δm^2_{31} , Δm^2_{21} , $\sin^2\theta_{12}$

		Central Value	PDG2020	$100\mathrm{days}$	6 years	20 years
	$\Delta m_{31}^2 \; (\times 10^{-3} \; {\rm eV}^2)$	2.5283	$\pm 0.034~(1.3\%)$	$\pm 0.021 \ (0.8\%)$	$\pm 0.0047~(0.2\%)$	$\pm 0.0029 \ (0.1\%)$
\star	$\Delta m^2_{21}~(imes 10^{-5}~{ m eV^2})$	7.53	$\pm 0.18~(2.4\%)$	$\pm 0.074~(1.0\%)$	$\pm 0.024~(0.3\%)$	$\pm 0.017~(0.2\%)$
	$\sin^2 heta_{12}$	0.307	$\pm 0.013~(4.2\%)$	$\pm 0.0058~(1.9\%)$	$\pm 0.0016~(0.5\%)$	$\pm 0.0010~(0.3\%)$
×	$\sin^2 heta_{13}$	0.0218	$\pm 0.0007~(3.2\%)$	$\pm 0.010~(47.9\%)$	$\pm 0.0026~(12.1\%)$	$\pm 0.0016~(7.3\%)$

More details in V.Cerrone poster

- Daya Bay, Double Chooz and RENO successfully measured θ_{13} and improved our knowledge of antineutrinos reactor spectrum.
- JUNO will be the largest reactor anti-neutrino detector ever built (20 kilo-ton of liquid scintillator) with an unprecedented energy resolution (3% @ 1 MeV).
- The construction will be finalized this year and the filling of liquid scintillator and the start of data taking are foreseen next year.
- JUNO has a vast physics program in particle physics and astrophysics.
- The parameters Δm_{31}^2 , Δm_{21}^2 , $\sin^2\theta_{12}$ will be measured with sub-percent precision.
- The mass ordering determination in 6 years × 26.6 GWth will be given with :
 - ~ 3σ with reactor neutrinos only (completely independent from CP-violation and θ_{23})
 - > 3σ with long baseline and/or atmospheric neutrinos.
- TAO program will improve the knowledge of reactor antineutrino fluxes and spectra.

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Backup slides

Solar neutrino measurements

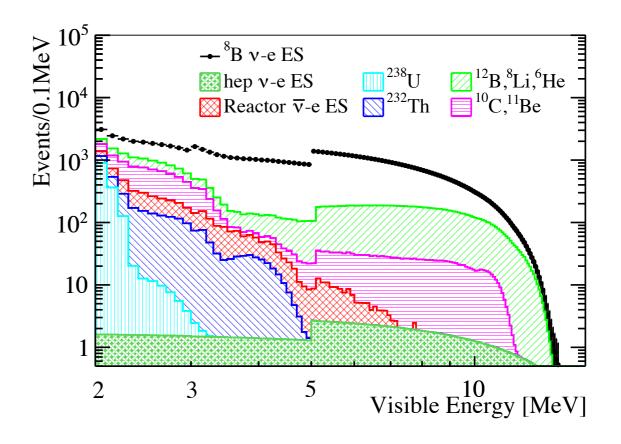
Challenging measurement due to:

- low overburden but new veto strategies for cosmogenic isotopes.
- detection via neutrino-elastic scattering, so higher requirements in terms of radiopurity:
 - assuming an intrinsic ²³⁸U and ²³²Th radioactivity level of 10⁻¹⁷ g/g, a 2 MeV analysis threshold can be achieved.

⁸B neutrino observation:

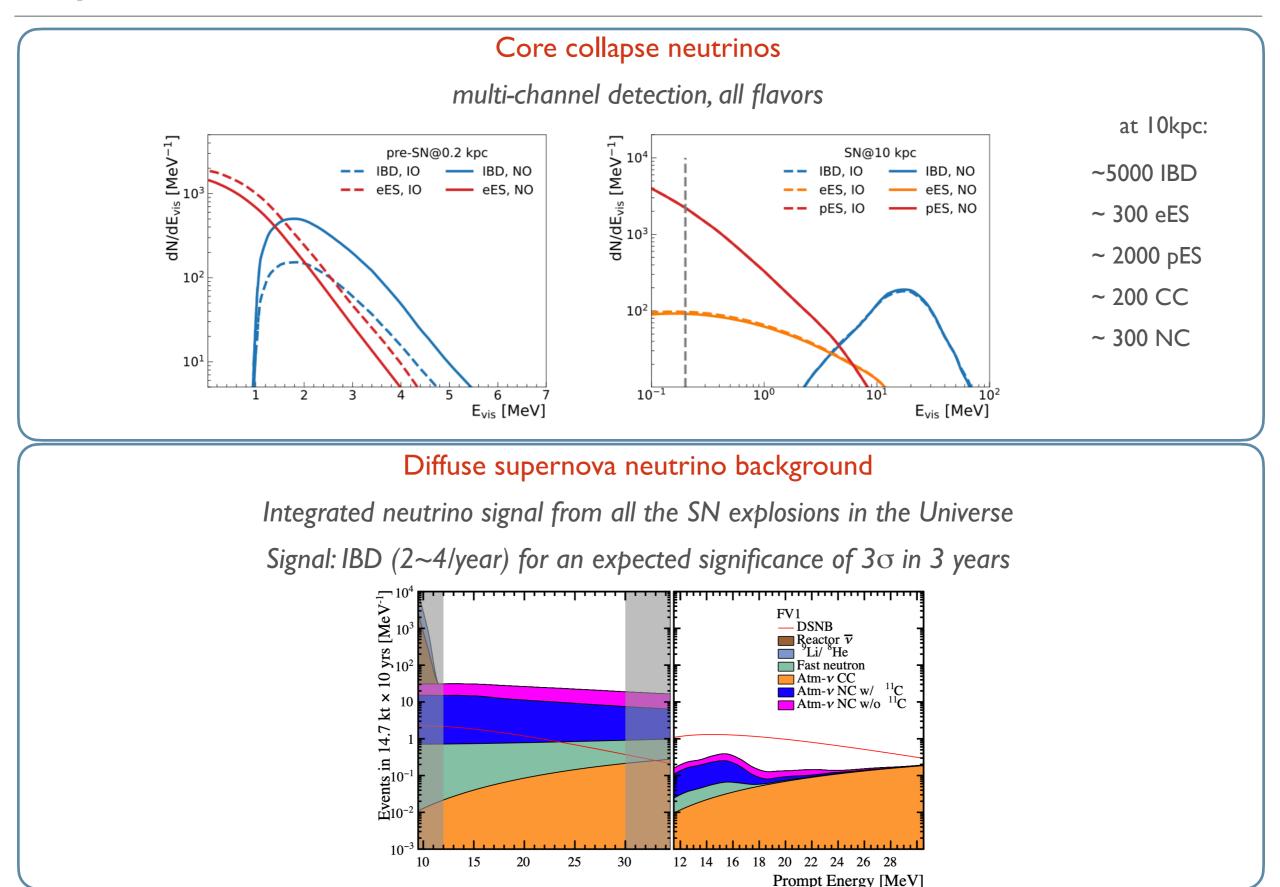
With 10 years of data taking, about 60000 signal and 30000 background events are expected:

• shed new light on current tension in Δm^2_{21} between solar and reactor neutrinos measurement with the same detector.



 Observation of intermediate energy solar neutrinos (pep, ⁷Be, CNO) feasible only if LS purity within specifications.

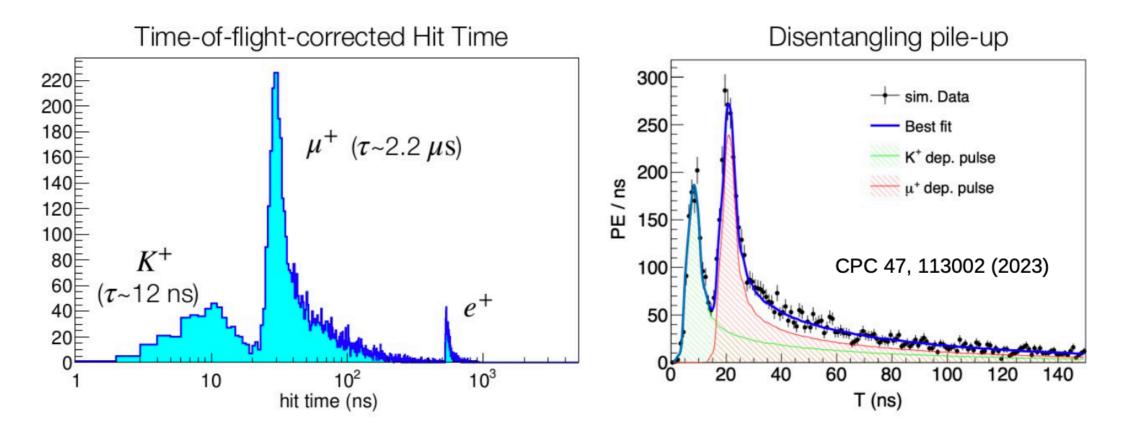
Supernova neutrinos



Proton decay

Competitive sensitivity to proton decay searches exploiting the $p \rightarrow \overline{v} + K^+$

- clear identification: 3 signals in coincidence.
- background from atmospheric neutrinos.



Expected sensitivity: 9.6 ×10³³ years at 90% CL in 10 years of data taking (200 ton.yr).