

# Research and Development of **JinPing Neutrino Experiment (JNE)**



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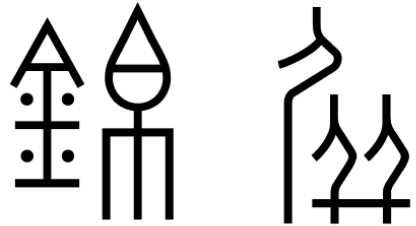


# What is **JinPing**?



## JinPing

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- A screen of brocade.
- Refers to a woman's residence, the boudoir.

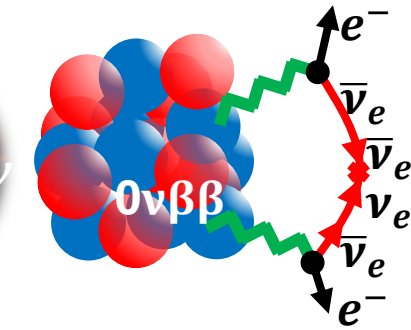
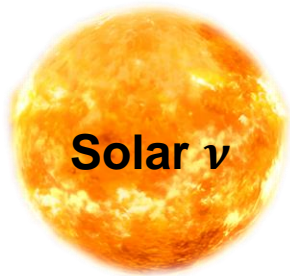




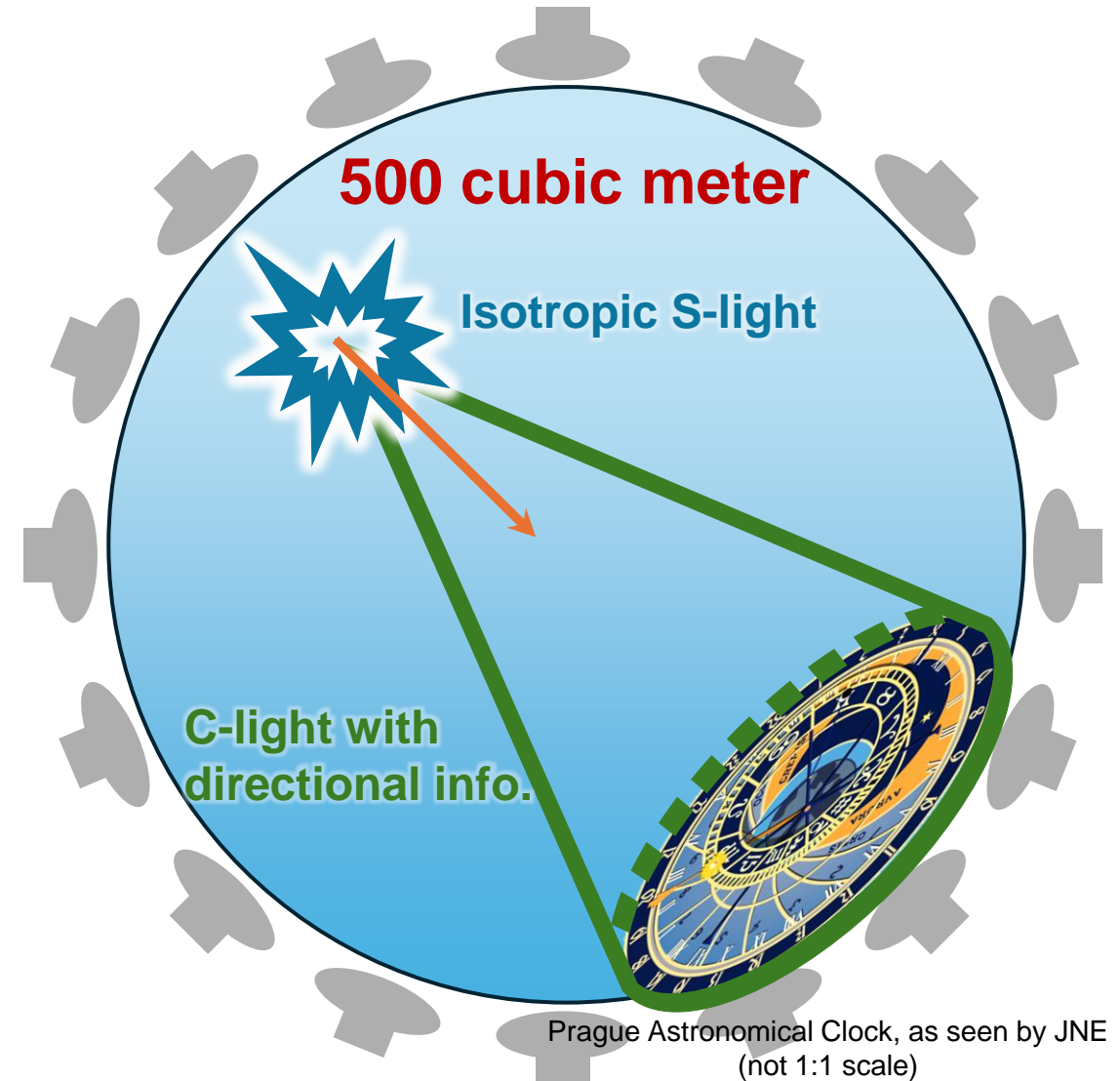
# What is **JNE**?



- Solar neutrino observatory at **C**hina **JinP**ing underground **L**aboratory(**CJPL**)

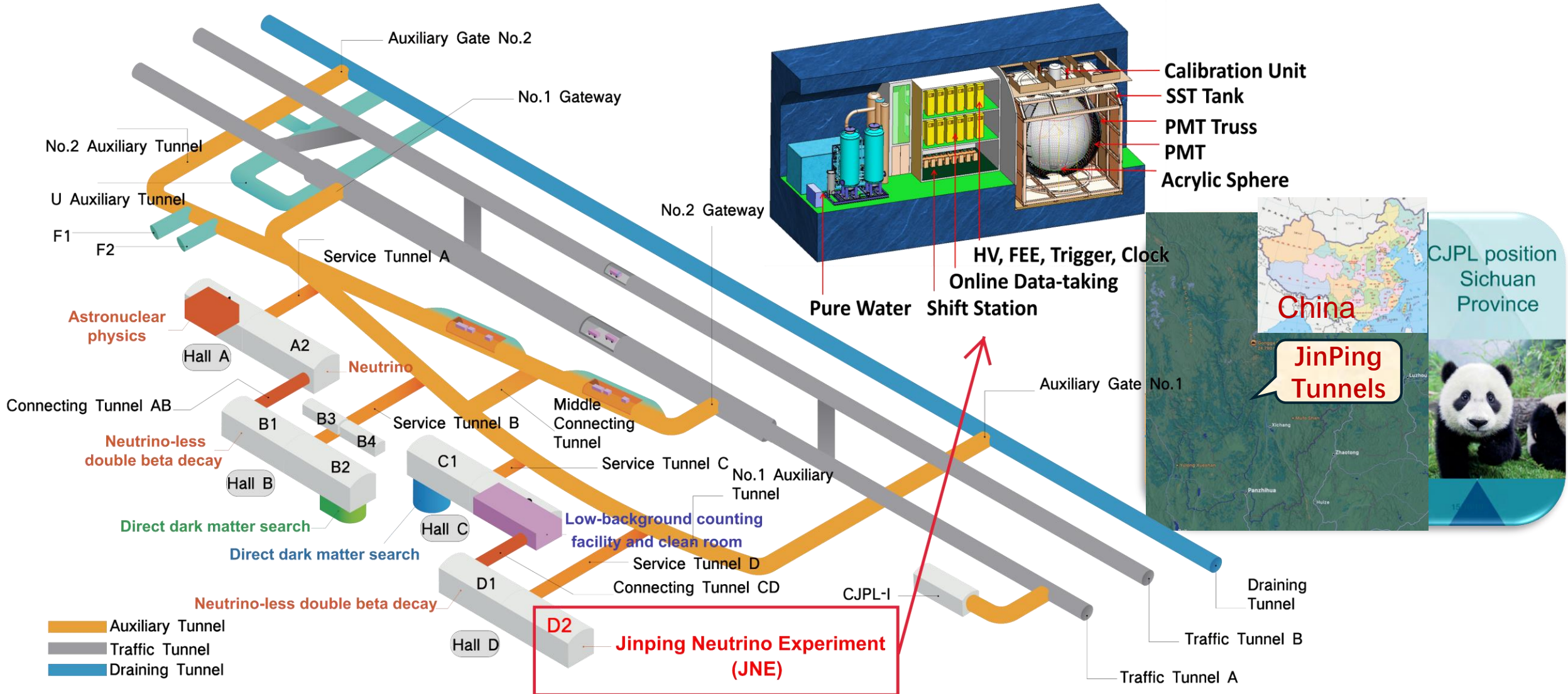


- Using Cherenkov light(**C-light**) and scintillation light(**S-light**) separation techniques to study MeV-scale neutrinos





# Where is JNE?

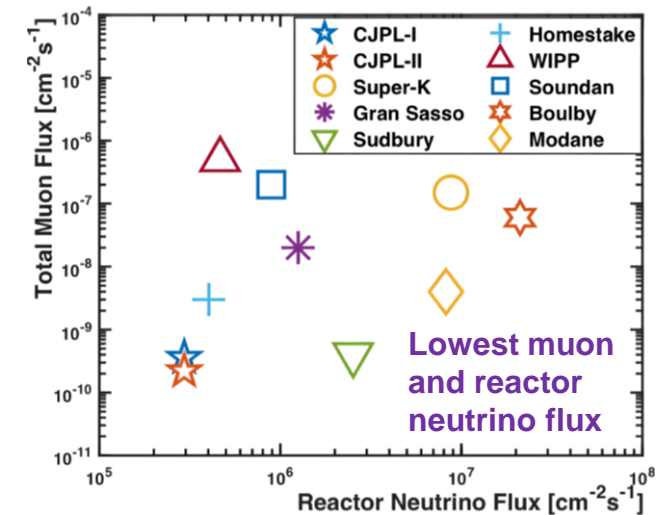
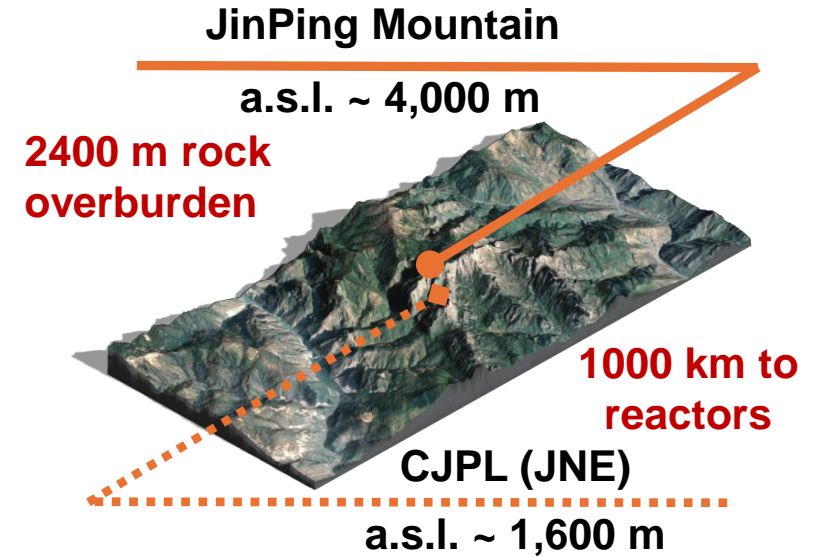




# Why is **JNE**?



- **Lowest cosmogenic** and **reactor neutrino backgrounds**
- Extensive experience in the **oil-based** and **water-based**  
**slow liquid scintillator(LS) - LiCl aqueous solution**
  - High cross-section  $\nu_e + {}^7\text{Li} \rightarrow {}^7\text{Be} + e^- (+\gamma)$
  - High natural abundance of Li-7: 92%
  - High solubility: 80 g LiCl in 100 g water
  - Spectrometer for  $\nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e$
- **Event-by-event direction reconstruction and particle identification(PID)**
- **Good chance for solar, geo, and supernova neutrinos**



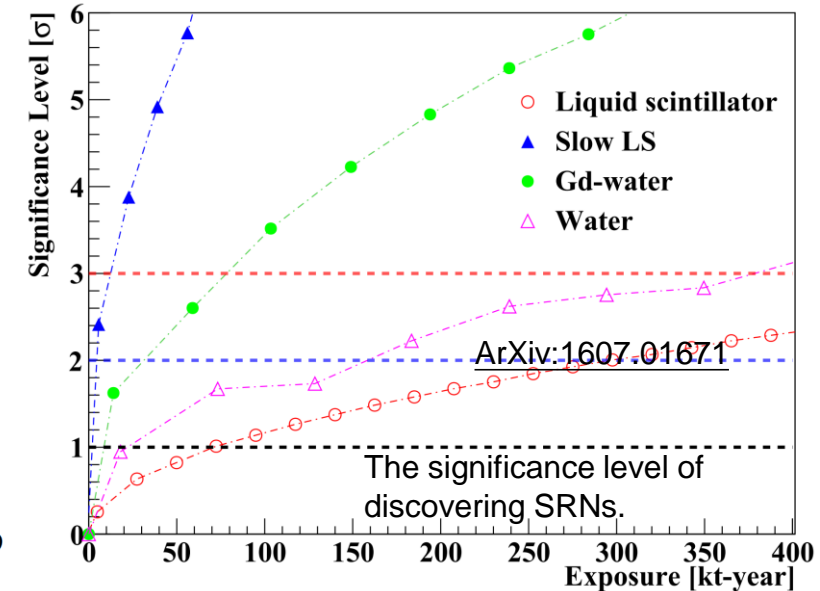
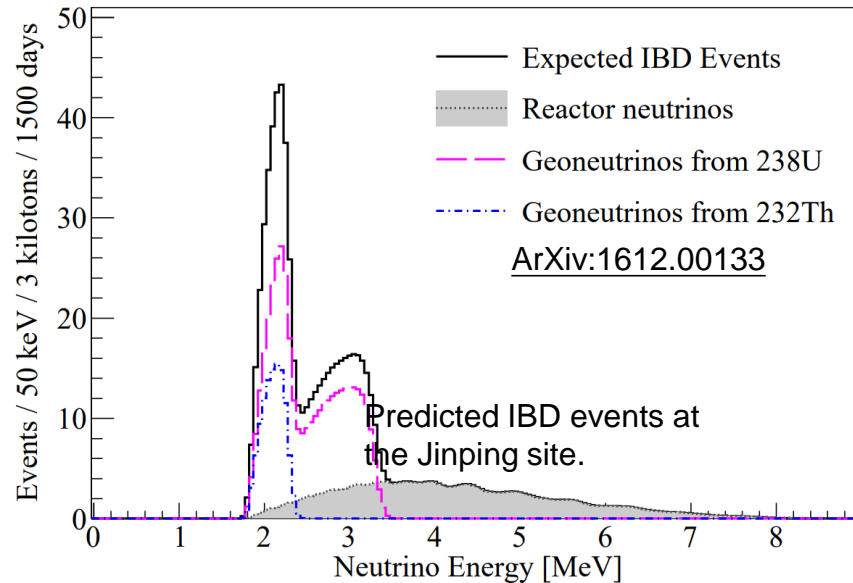
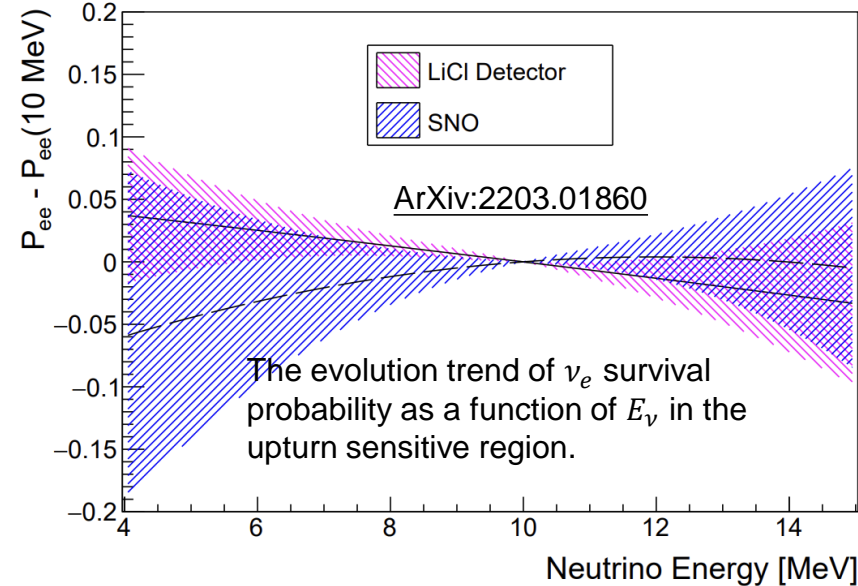


# Why is **JNE**?



- Charged current on Li-7 has an advantage than  $\nu_e$  ES in measuring solar neutrino **upturn effect**
- JNE is very sensitive to **Qinghai-Tibet plateau crust neutrinos**
- Have the capability for **PID to suppress atmospheric neutrino neutral current background**

## background





# JNE Timeline



Letter of Intent  
ArXiv:1602.01733

- Structure design of the **multi-hundred ton detector**
- Event-by-event direction reconstruction & PID
- Novel 8-inch MCP-PMT study
- FADC and readout design and testing

Multi-hundred ton detector data taking

2015

2017

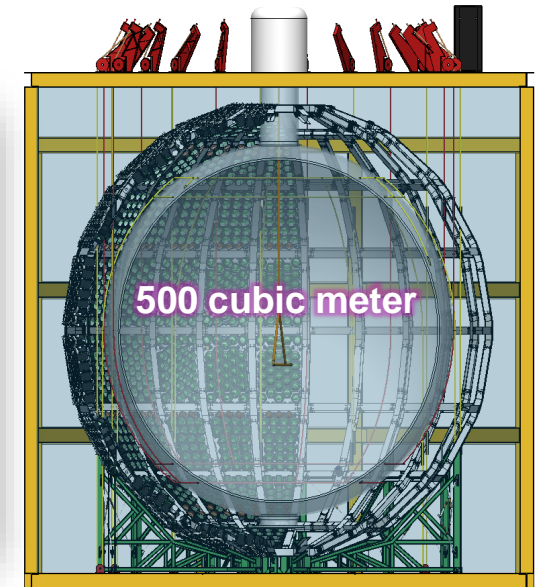
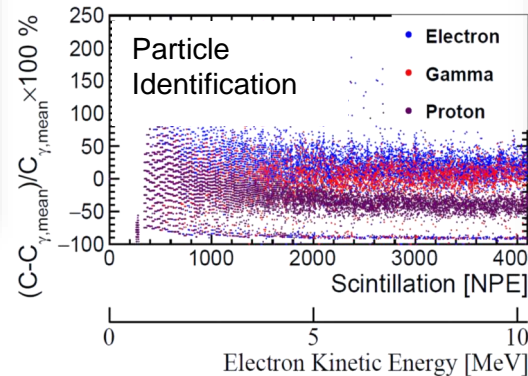
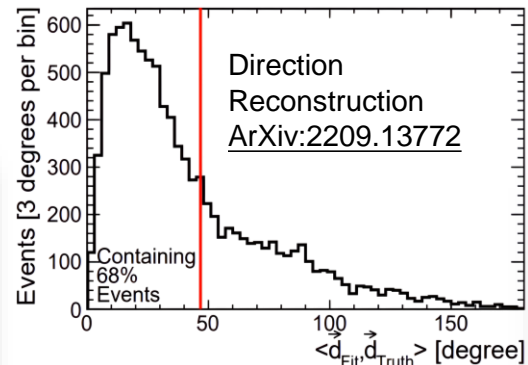
2023

2024

2026

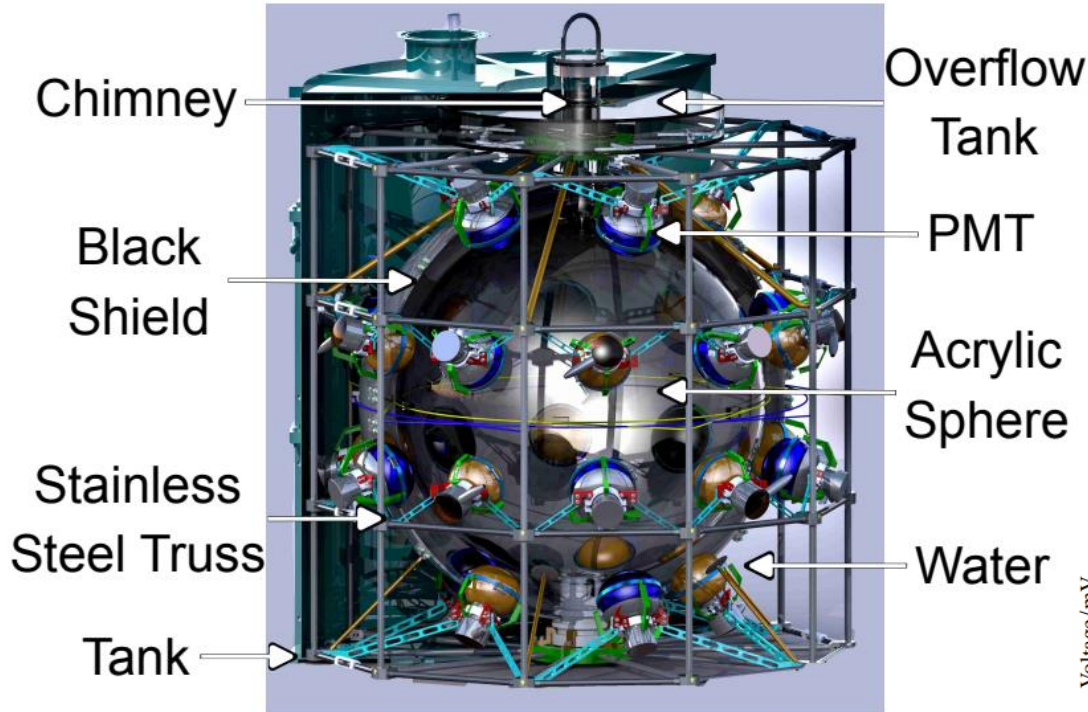
1-ton Prototype data taking

Multi-hundred ton detector **construction begins**





# 1-ton Prototype



1-ton prototype at CJPL-I

Running for ~6 years

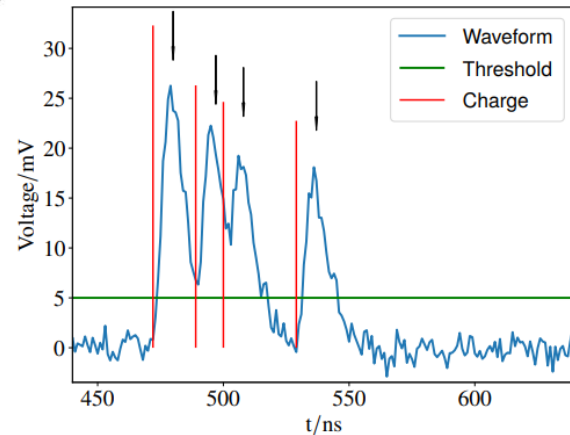
Upgrade: 30 PMTs → 60 MCP-PMTs

ID: #669, PMT single PE response  
ID: #1128, Muon flux of CJPL

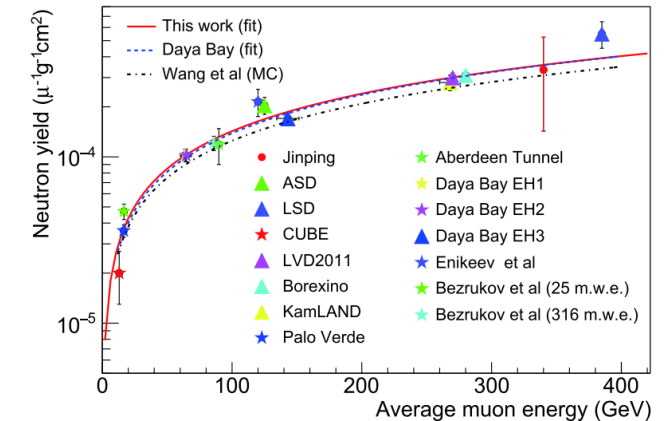
ID: #1169, 1-ton Upgrade  
ID: #1214, Waveform analysis

## Background measurement

	PMT	LS
Decay rate [Bq/g]	$^{214}\text{Bi}$	$(1.59 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{-8}$
	$^{208}\text{Tl}$	-
	$^{212}\text{Bi}$	$<(1.01 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{-9}$
	$^{40}\text{K}$	-
Contamination level [g/g]	$^{238}\text{U}$	$(1.28 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-12}$
	$^{232}\text{Th}$	$<(2.49 \pm 0.50) \times 10^{-13}$
	$^{40}\text{K}$	-



Waveform analysis, total reflection reconstruction



Muon flux and muon-induced neutron yield





# Multi-hundred ton Detector



## Rope System

holding-up and holding-down

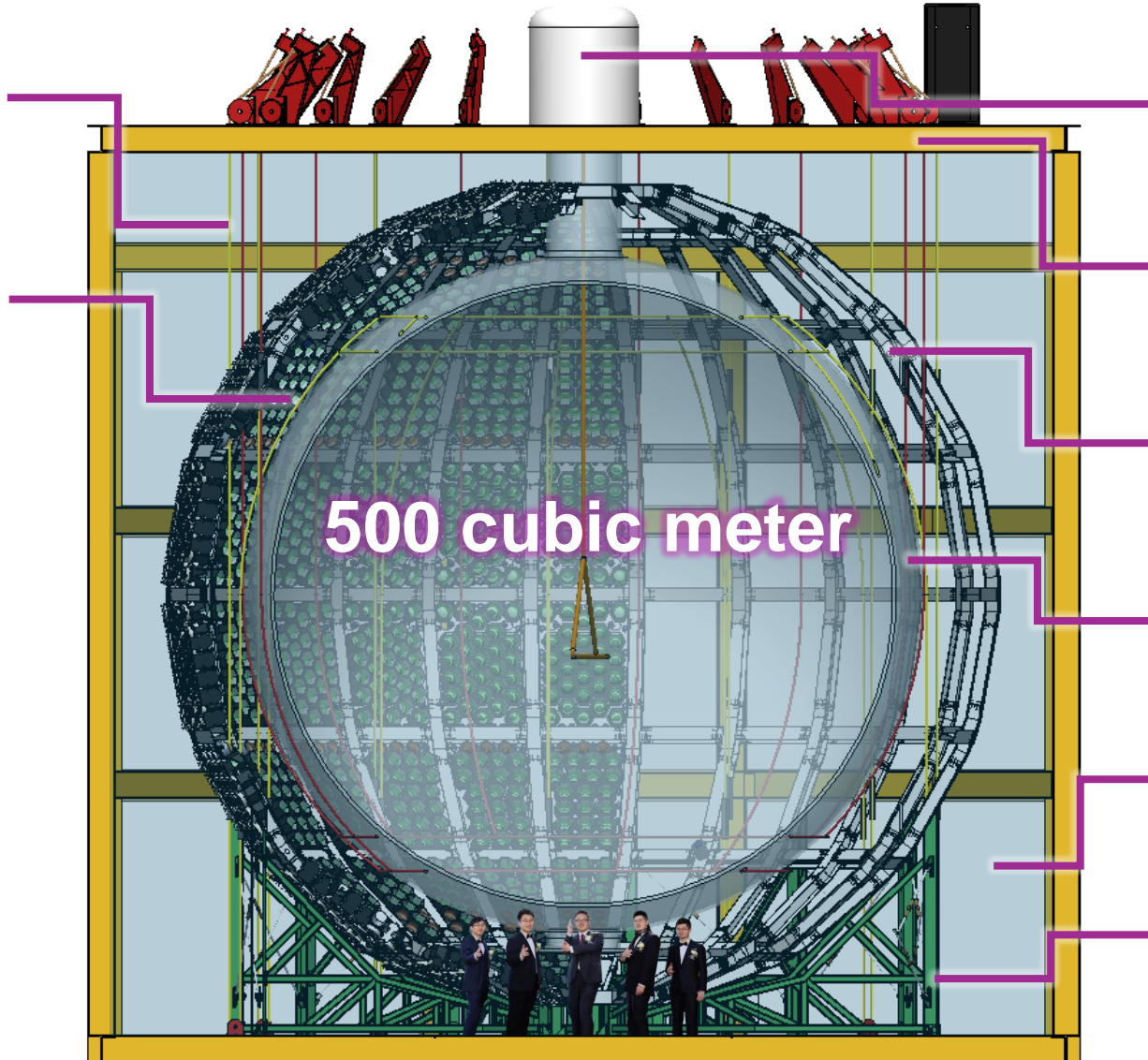
## 8-inch MCP-PMT

+Light Concentrator

~4000, ~50% Coverage



Prague Astronomical Clock



## Calibration Unit

## Stainless Steel Tank(SST)

14.5 m \* 12.9 m \* 13.2 m

## SST PMT Truss

Inner diameter(ID): 12.16 m

## Acrylic Vessel

ID: 9.96 m, Thickness: 5 cm

## Shielding Material

Water and SST (or lead)

## SST Supporting Legs

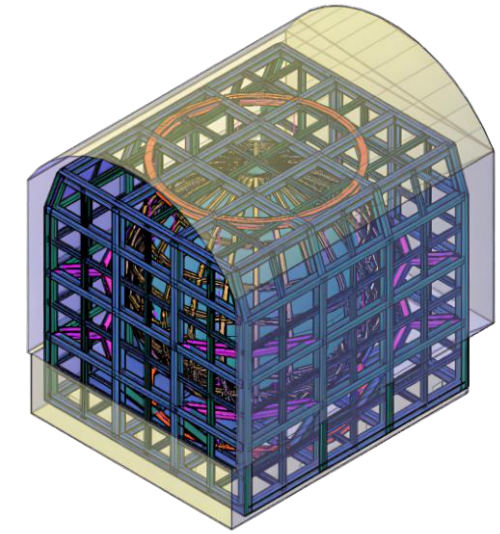
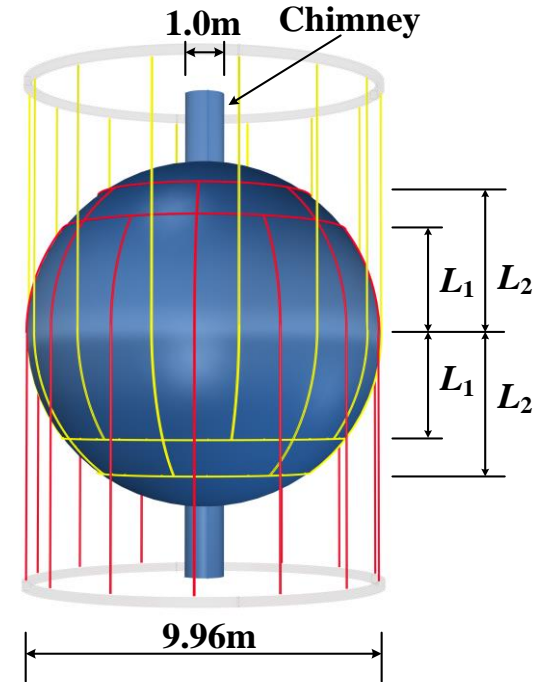
500 cubic meter



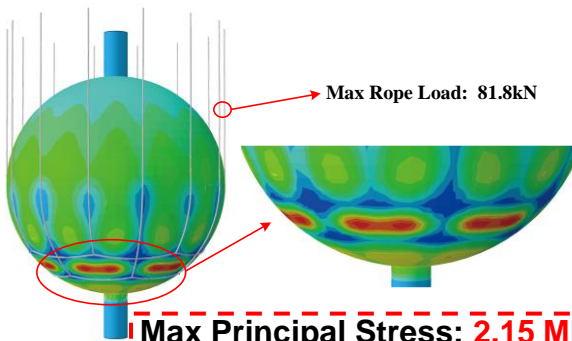
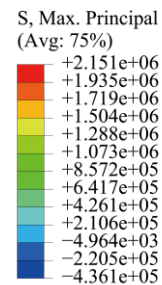
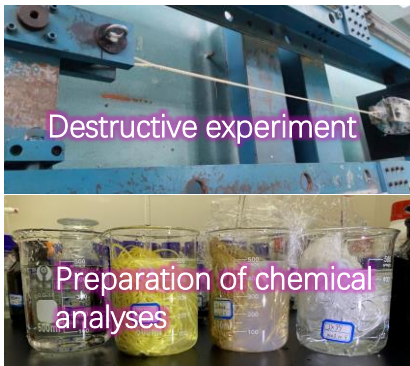
# Central Detector



- 9.96 m **spherical acrylic vessel**, 500 cubic meter (Water, LS, or Doped LS)
- Rope to hold the acrylic vessel
- **Density difference to water:  $\pm 20\%$  (Gravity or buoyancy)**
- Low background
- High strength, low creeping, water compatibility
- Mechanical analysis of the SST framework has been finished
- Finite element software ABAQUS is adopted

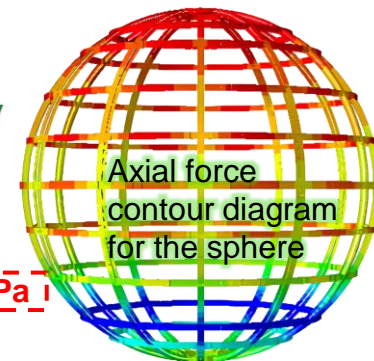


SST Frame

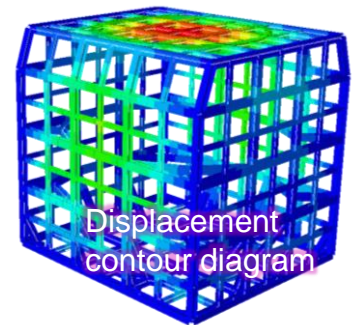


Max Principal Stress: 2.15 MPa

ArXiv: 2406.12899



Axial force contour diagram for the sphere



Displacement contour diagram



# MCP-PMTs & Electronics



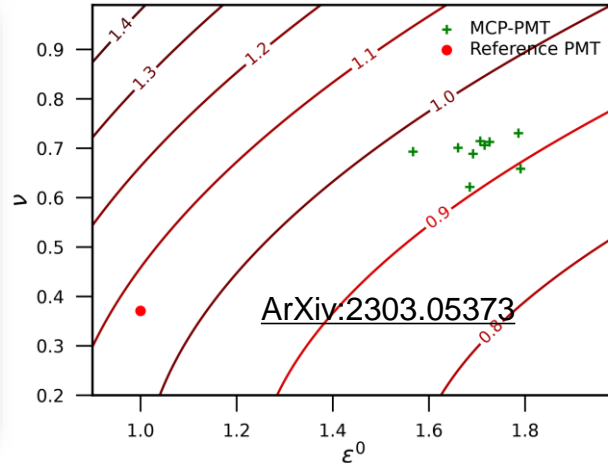
~4,000 novel 8-inch MCP-PMTs

- U、Th:  $<4e-8$  g/g, K-40:  $<4e-9$  g/g
- High QE: ~30%
- Good TTS:  $<1.8$  ns

600 MCP-PMTs have been produced.



ID: #1228, MCP-PMT testing

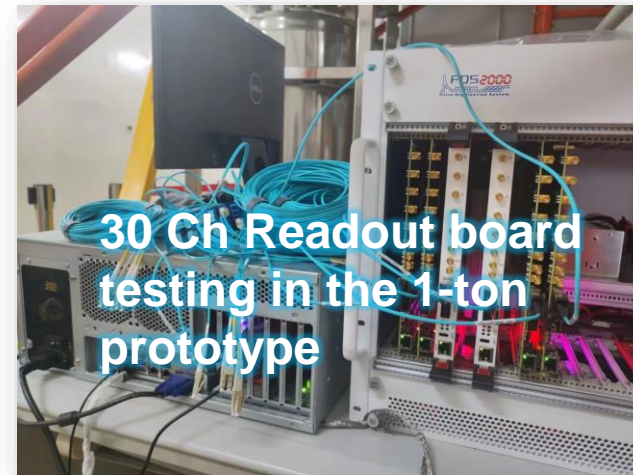


Mean square deviation and relative photon detection efficiency distribution of PMT charge spectra

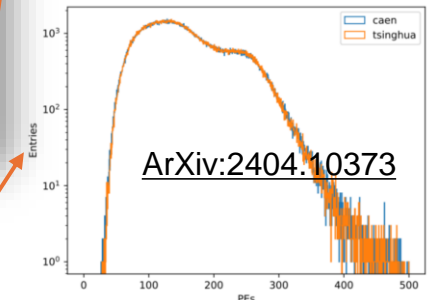
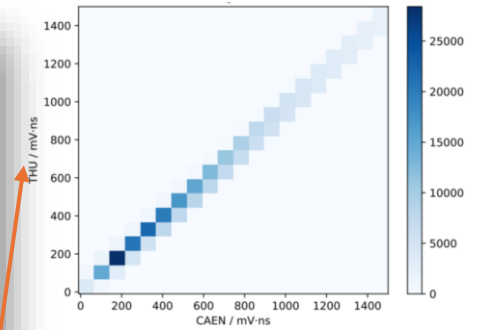
FADC for PMT waveform readout

- 350 mW/ch, 12-bit, 1 GSps
- Readout board, Bandwidth 300 MHz, 40Gbps

The whole system will be tested on the one-ton prototype this year.



Charge spectrum(top) and PE spectrum(bottom) comparison between THDAQ system and CAEN DAQ system

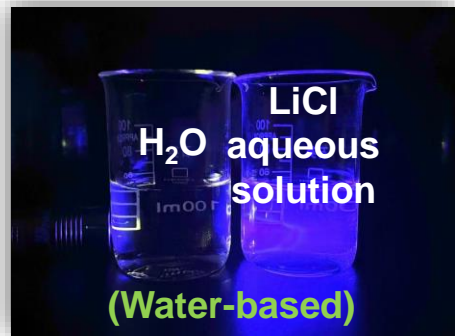
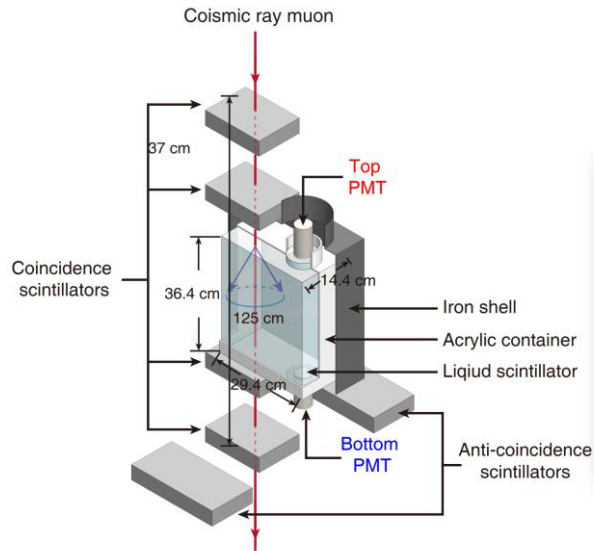
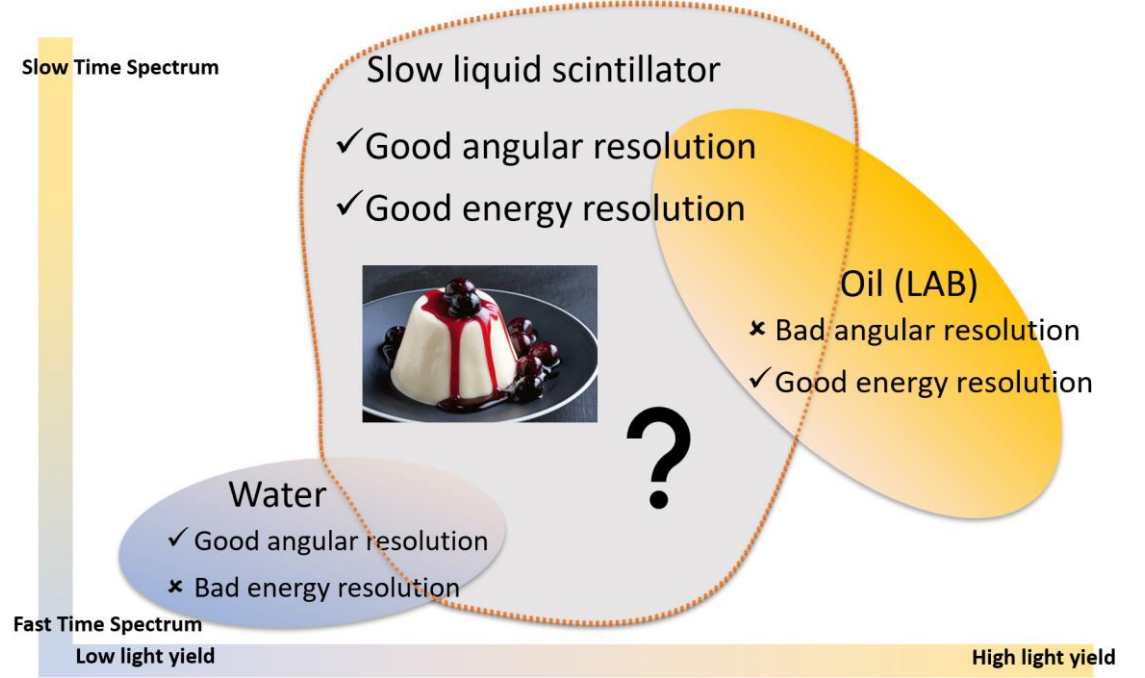




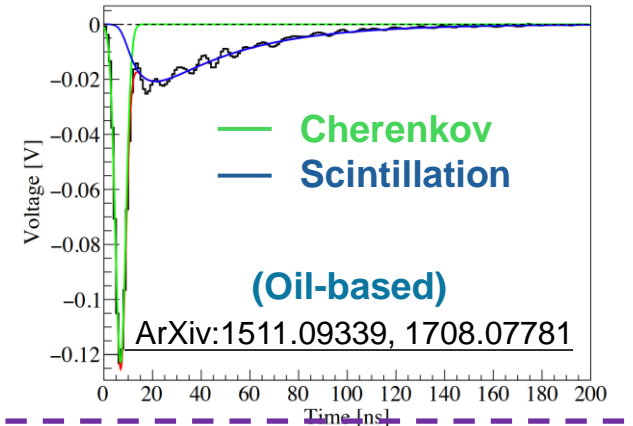
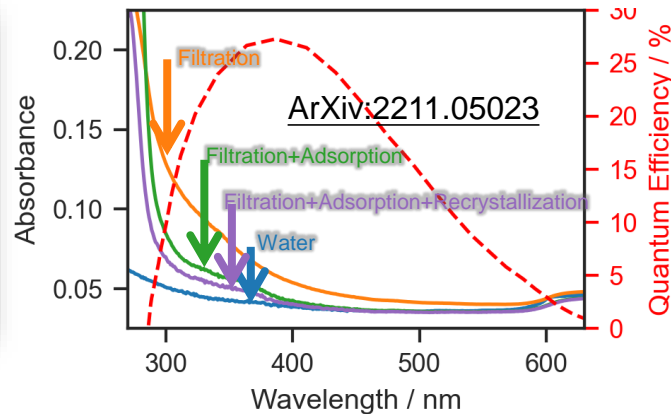
# Slow Liquid Scintillator



- Have good angular resolution and energy resolution
- **Reduce the interference of S-light**
  - **Get direction**
  - Control the S-light yield(**water-based LS**)
  - Control the emission speed(**oil-based LS**)



ID: #1125, LiCl aqueous solution

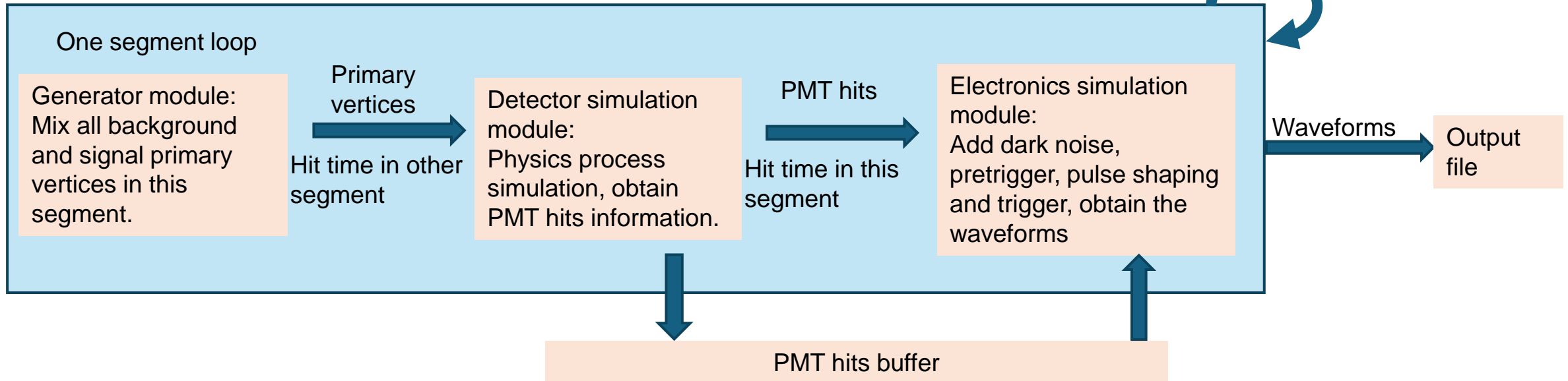
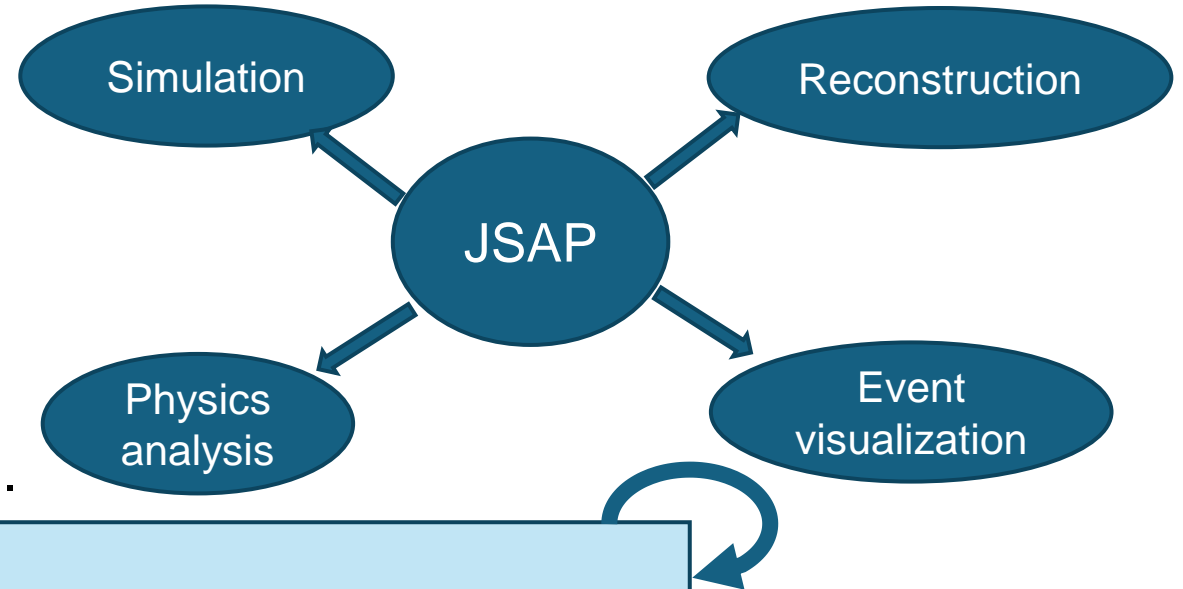




# Jinping Sim. & Ana. Package



- JSAP uses **Geant4** and **GDML** for studying various detector geometries like spherical and cylindrical detectors.
- Electronics and trigger simulations are included, offering waveform readout.
- A **streamline style simulation** is employed.





# Reconstruction

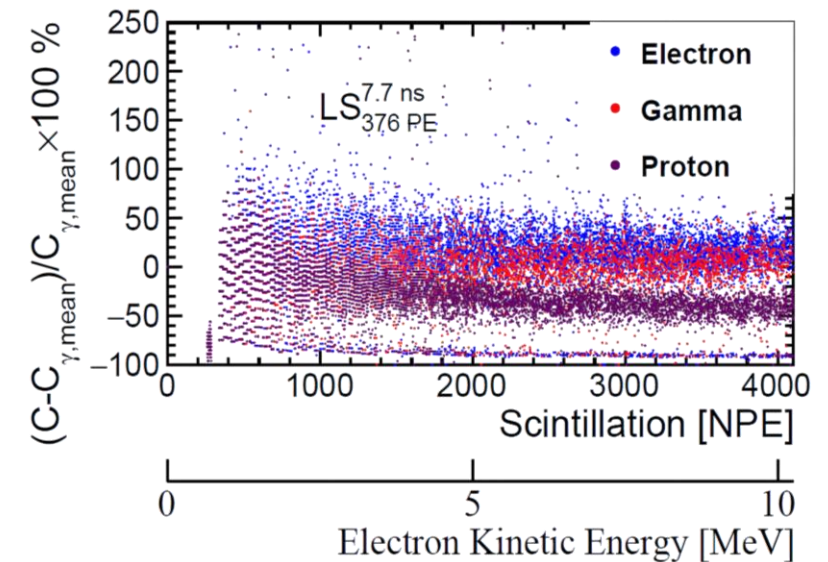
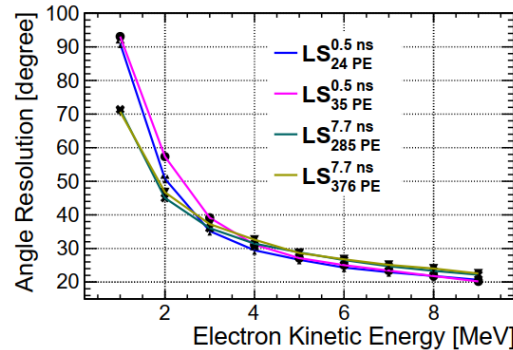
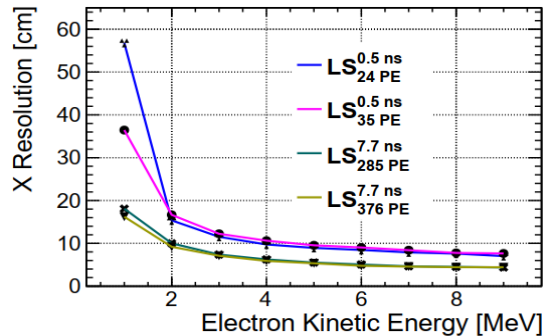
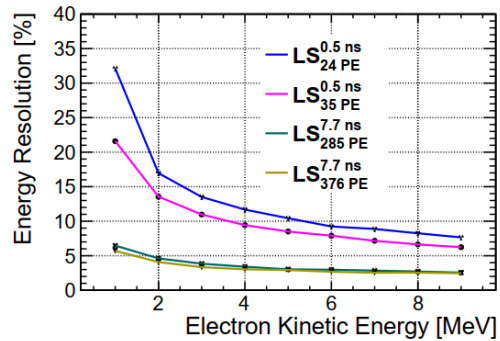
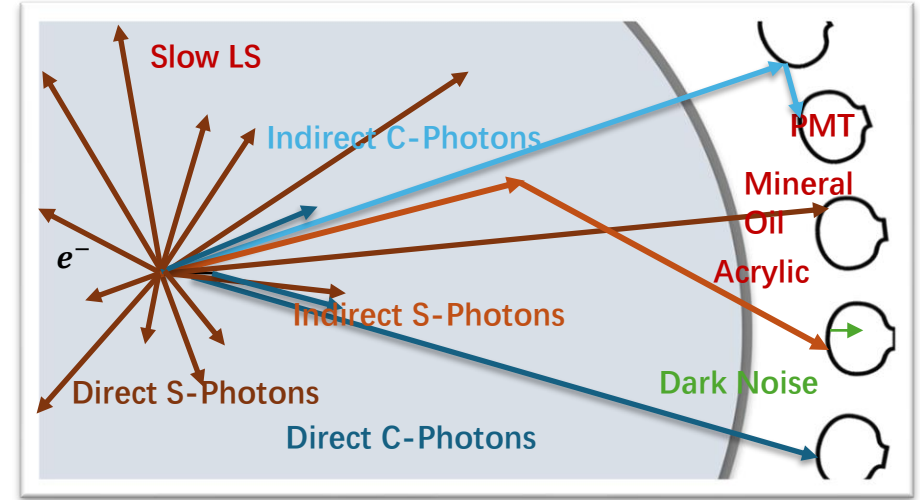


- Reconstruct both Cherenkov light and scintillation light
- Event-by-event **direction**, energy, position reconstruction
- C-light emission capability ranking:

$$e > \gamma > p \approx \alpha$$

## Particle identification

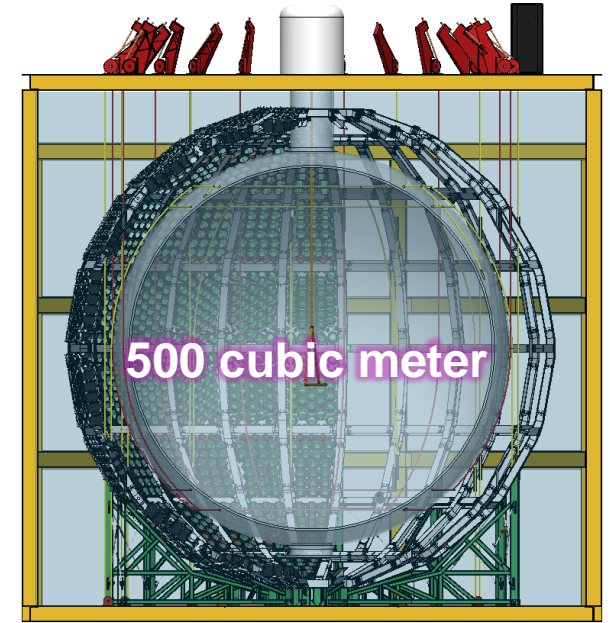
Guide liquid scintillator development, [ArXiv:2209.13772](https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.13772)





# Summary

- Multi-hundred ton solar neutrino observatory at CJPL-II will be constructed by **2026**.
- **Novel 8-inch MCP-PMT**, low background, fast, high QE.
- ADC chips and waveform readout electronics under design and testing.
- Explored the option with **LiCl aqueous solution**.
- Successfully developed a reconstruction algorithm based on slow LS, capable of **direction reconstruction and particle identification**.
- Rich physics with MeV-scale neutrinos at CJPL-II, see <http://jinping.hep.tsinghua.edu.cn>





Thank  
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# What's More



# Gift Time!

2400 m rock overburden

500 cubic meter

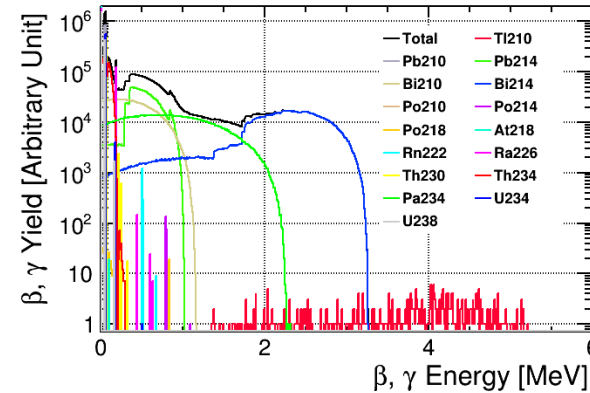




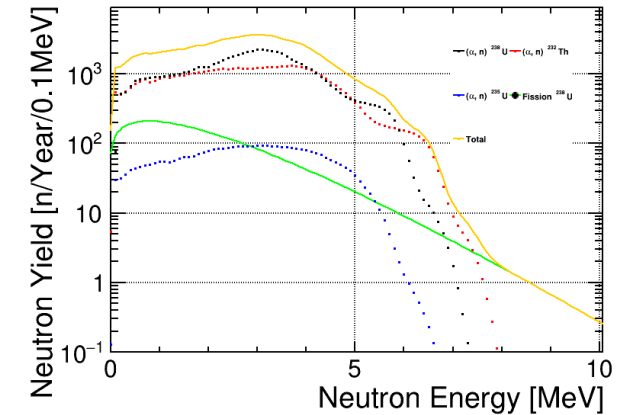
# Backup

# Radiogenic Background Shielding

- Radiogenic background
  - $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  background
  - Neutron-related background
    - $(\alpha, n)$  neutron
    - $^{238}\text{U}$  Self-fission



$\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  spectrum from  $^{238}\text{U}$



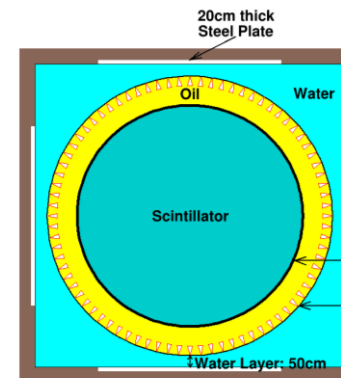
Neutron spectrum of PMT glass

- Working flow

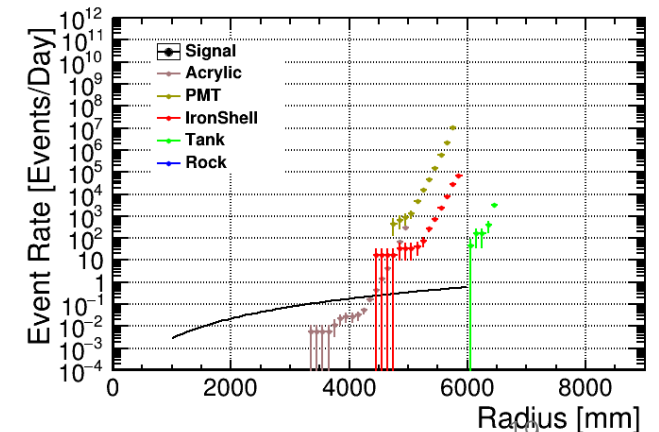
- background spectrum  $\rightarrow$  simulation for different shielding plans  $\rightarrow$  background rates  $\rightarrow$  determine the best shielding detector plan

- The best shielding plans

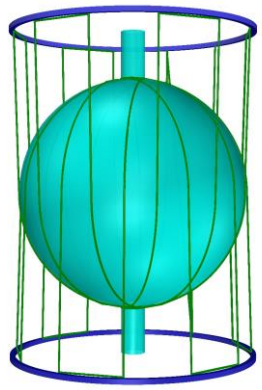
- 50cm Water
- 7m $\times$ 7m $\times$ 20cm Steel plate
- Boron-doped PE PMT encapsulation



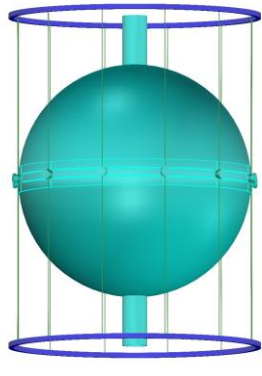
The best shielding plan



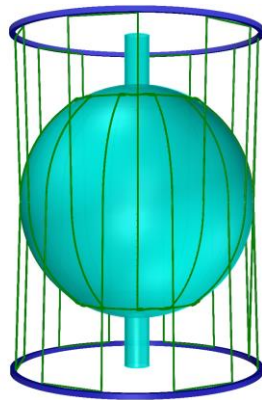
Background rates for the best shielding plan



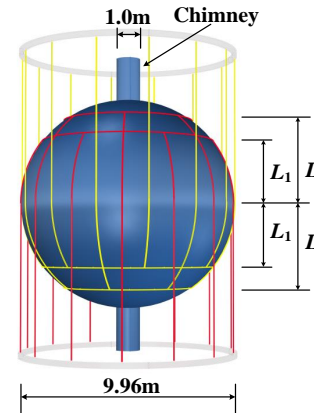
**Scheme 1**



**Scheme 2**

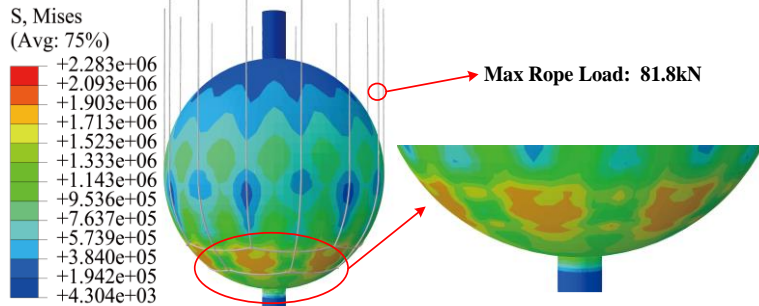


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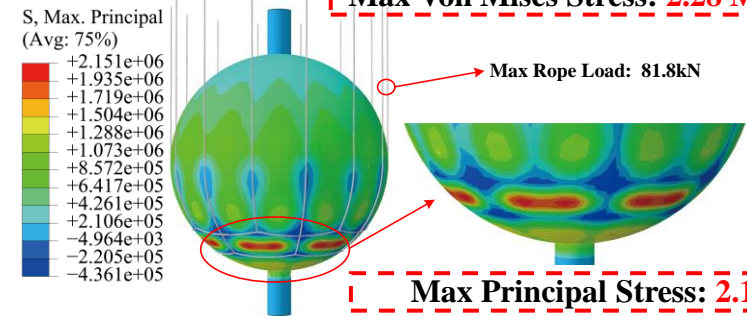


**Final Scheme**

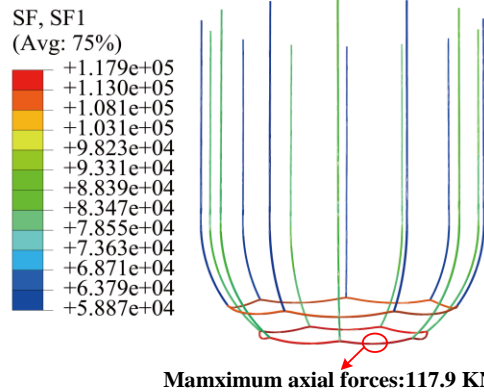
- ◆ Double loop
- ◆ Double chimney structure
- ◆ Diameter 9.96 m, shell thickness 50 mm
- ◆ Volume 500 m<sup>3</sup>
- ◆ Rope diameter 35mm



**Max Von Mises Stress: 2.28 MPa**



**Max Principal Stress: 2.15 MPa**

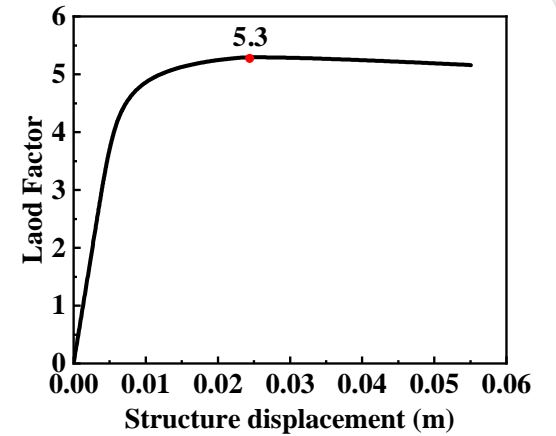


**Max Rope Axial Force: 117.9 kN**



**Linear Buckling Analysis Safety Factor 14.72**

**Risk Analysis Safety Factor 5.3**



**Rope diameter analysis**

**Rope Young's modulus analysis**

**Shell Thickness analysis**

**Temperature analysis**

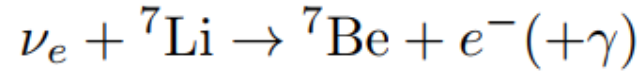
**Rope position analysis**

**Rope failure analysis**

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# $\nu_e$ CC, ES, and $\bar{\nu}_e$ detection

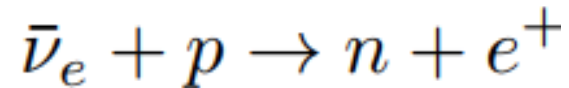
## 1. CC process for $\nu_e$ :



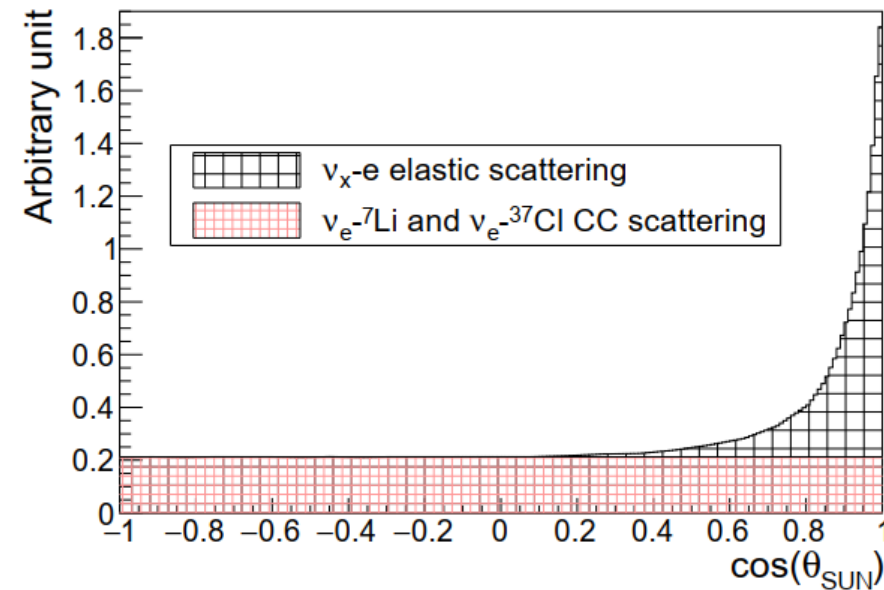
Measure neutrino energy

## 1. Elastic scatter on $e^-$ :

## 2. Delayed coincidence for



with neutron capture on  
H, Li6, and Cl35  
measure  $\bar{\nu}_e$  energy



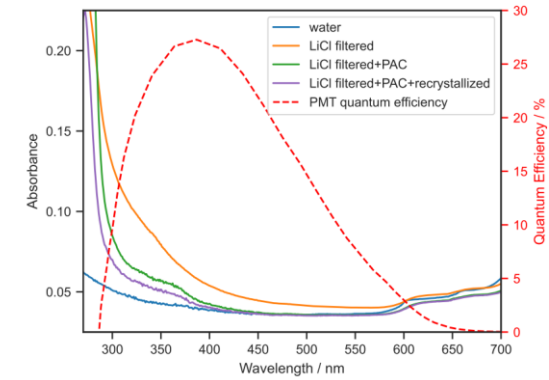
Spectrometer for  $\nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e$   
Good chance for solar, geo,  
and supernova neutrinos

# LiCl Water Solution

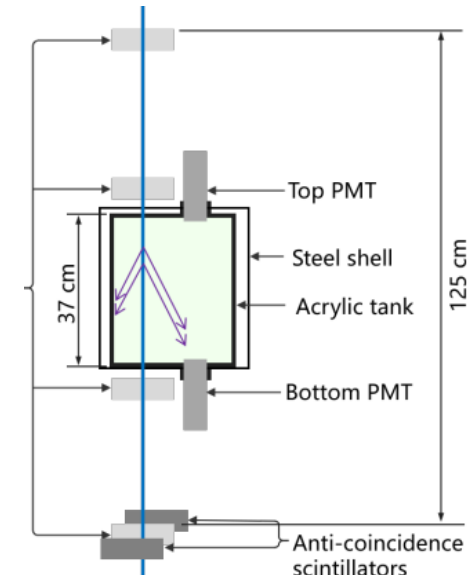
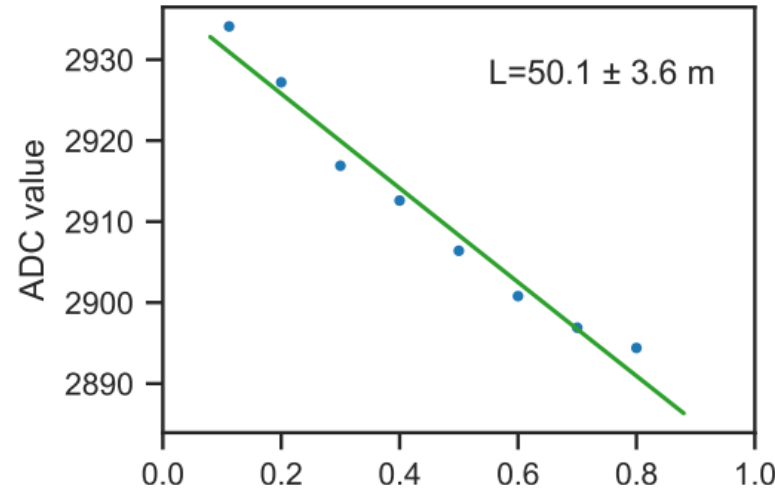
## LiCl water solution

Ideal for solar neutrino upturn effect study

1. Attenuation length at 430 nm is greater than 50 meters
2. C124 can be added to enhance light yield



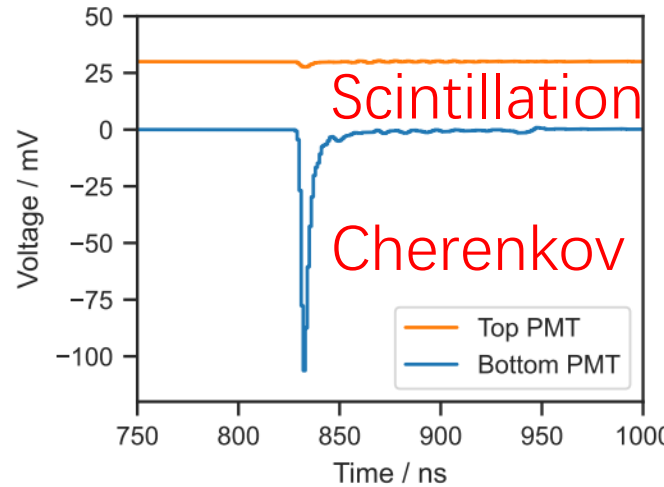
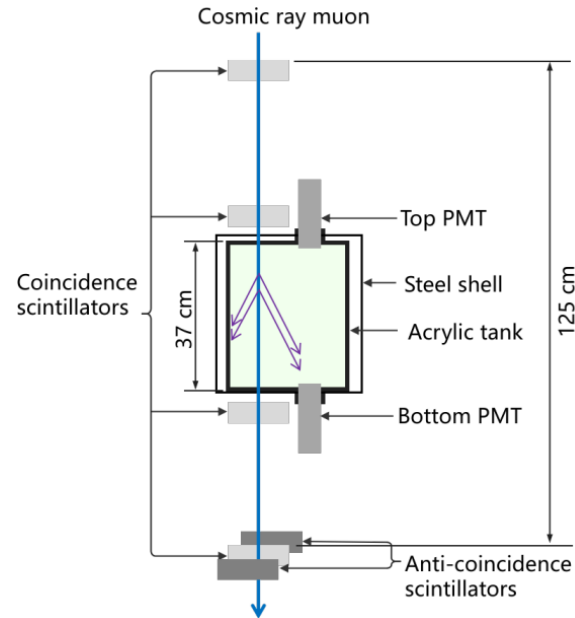
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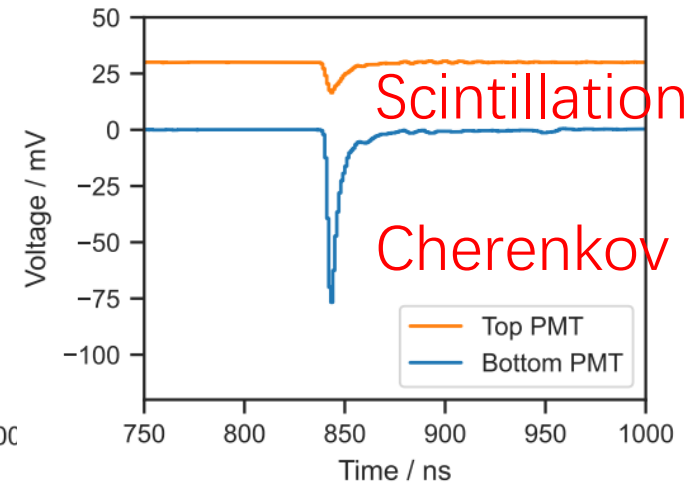
	Top PMT PEs	Bottom PMT PEs
Water	$0.76 \pm 0.08$	$15.8 \pm 1.5$
Saturated LiCl solution	$0.54 \pm 0.08$	$17.2 \pm 1.5$
Saturated LiCl solution with 1 ppm C-124	$3.7 \pm 0.4$	$16.0 \pm 1.6$

# LiCl aqueous solution with carbostyryl

## Light yield verification with a muon telescope



(a) LiCl

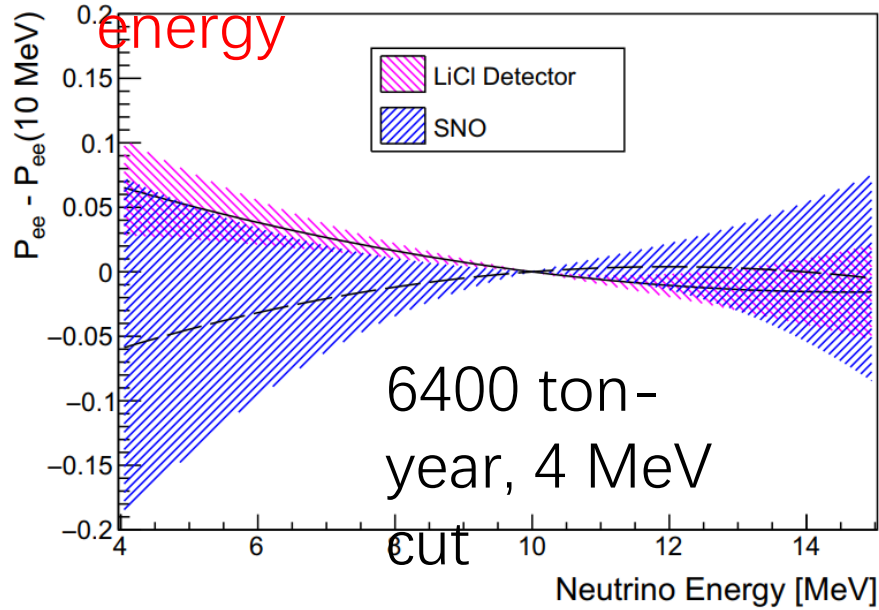


(b) LiCl with 1 ppm C-124

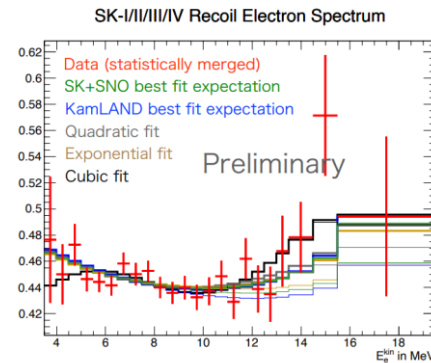
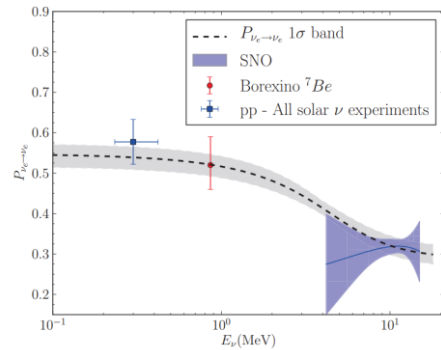
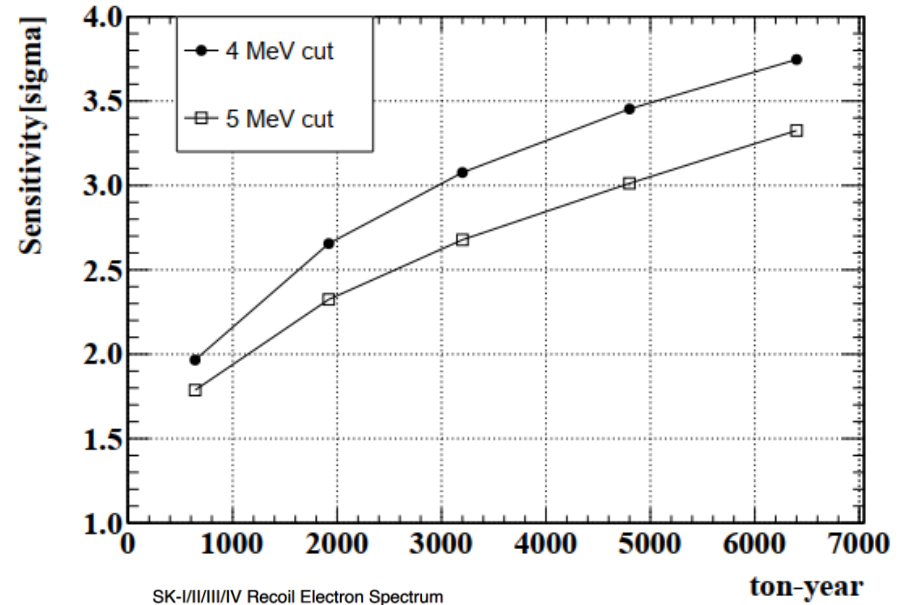
3.7 PE detected from isotropic scintillation  
12.3 PE for Cherenkov

# Solar Neutrino Physics with LiCl Solution

Solar neutrino survival probability-average vs energy



Upturn discovery sensitivity versus exposure



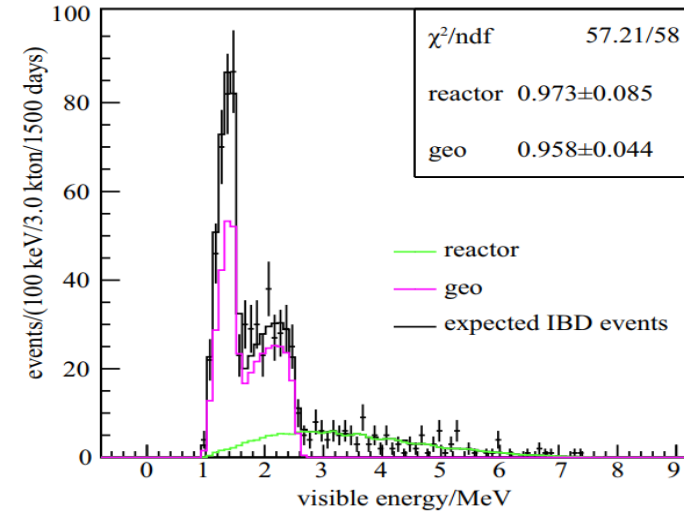
Slightly favors up-turn, though need more data



# Geo Neutrino and Supernova Relic Neutrinos

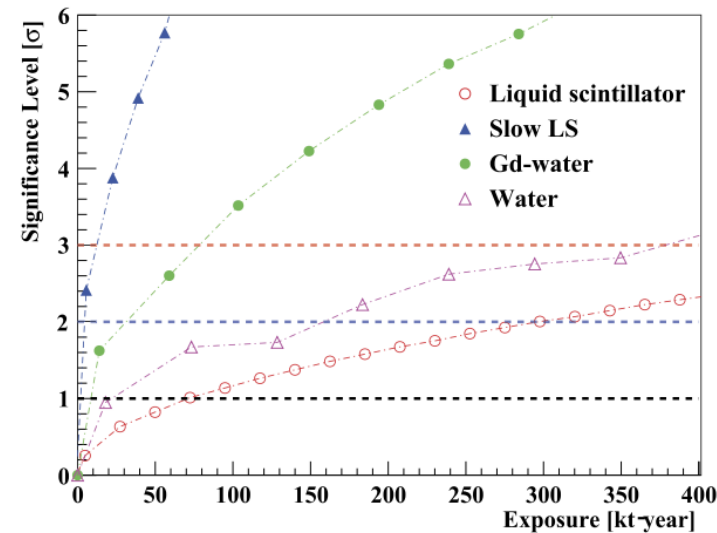
## With prompt-delayed signal detection:

Expect tens of geoneutrinos in 5-10 years with the 500-ton detector



## With Cherenkov-scintillation liquid scintillator:

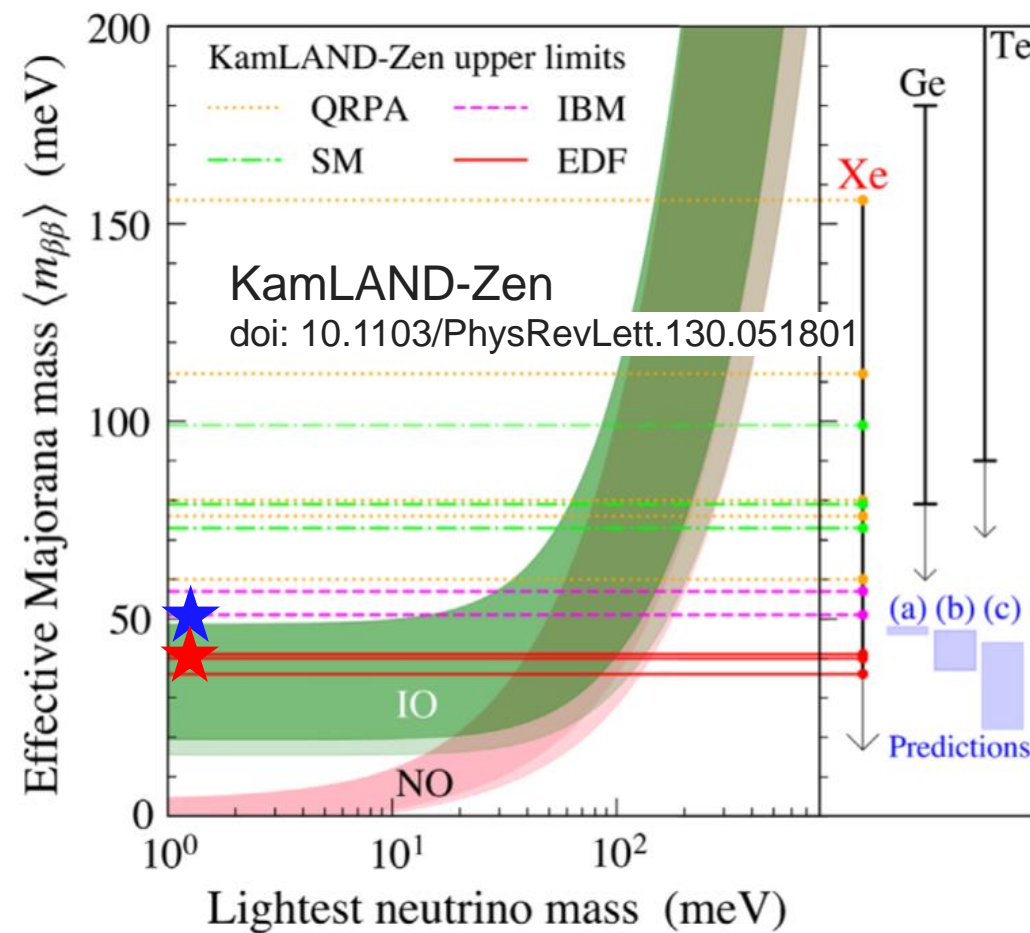
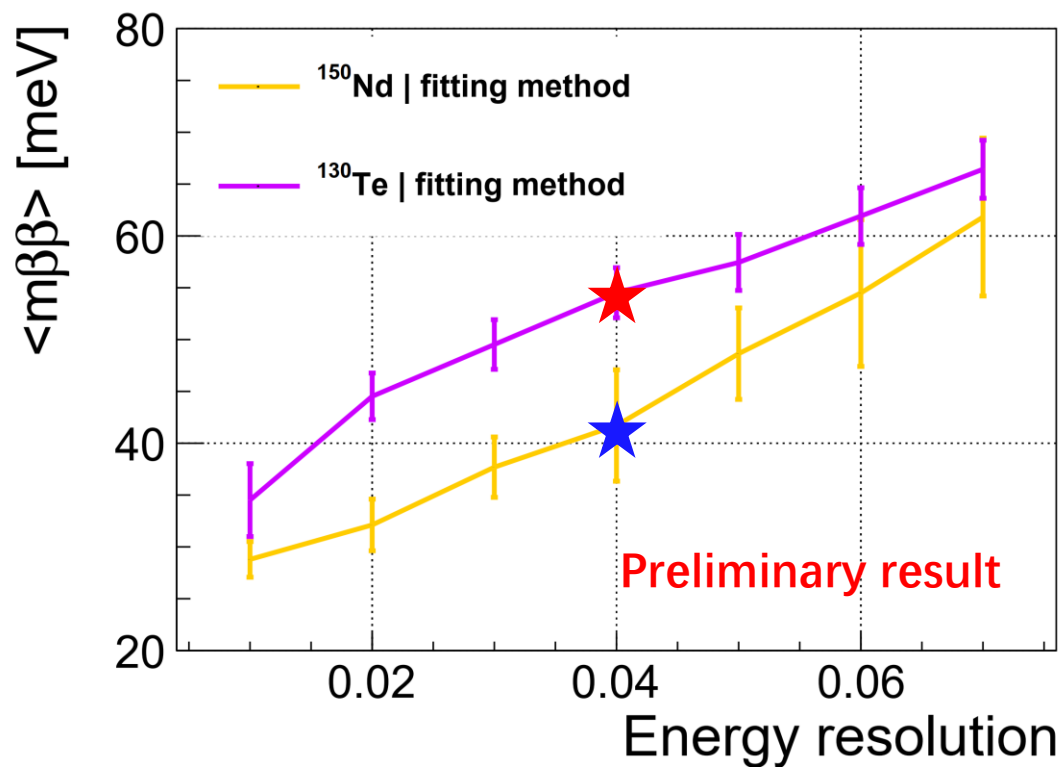
Expect a few golden candidate supernova relic neutrinos in 5-10 years with the 500-ton detector



Expect an improvement better than this figure. Work in progress.

# Neutrino effective mass of Nd-150 vs. Te-130

Natural Nd/Te doping of 10%, i.e. 2.85t Nd-150 / 17.25t Te-130 | Runtime = 1yr



Calculation of  $G_{0\nu}$  versus  $M_{0\nu}$  (QRPA) for  $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle$  used taken from doi: 10.1142/s0217732313500211