

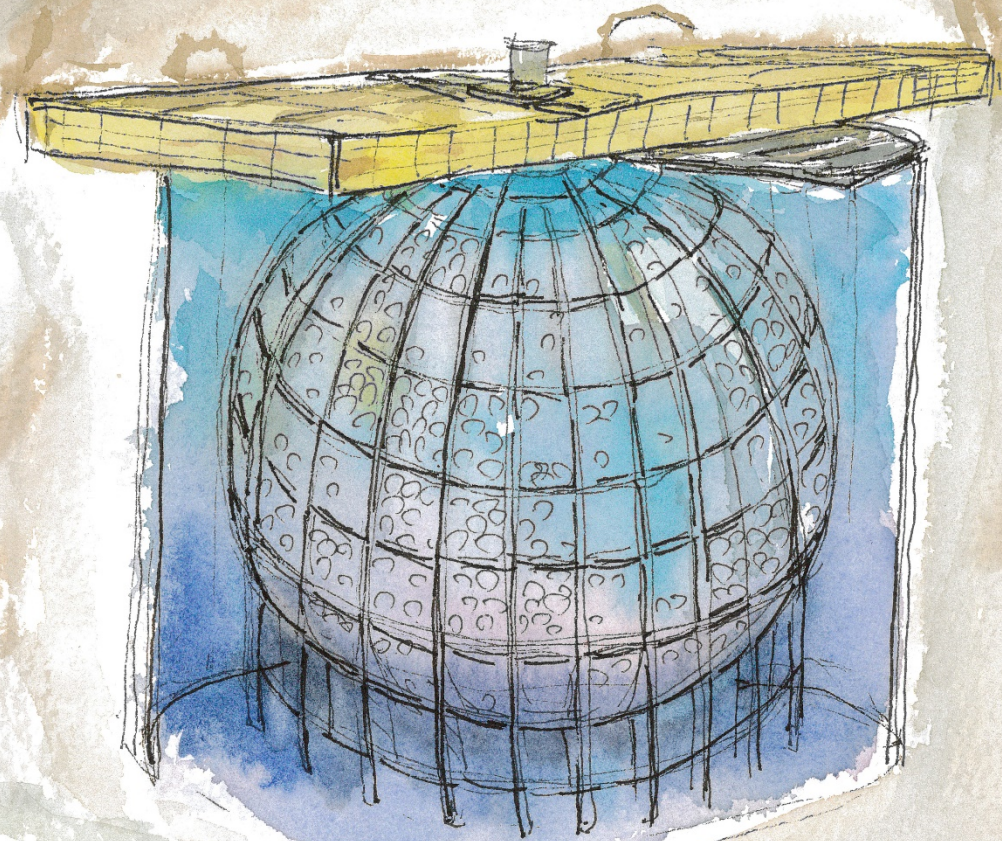
Overview on JUNO

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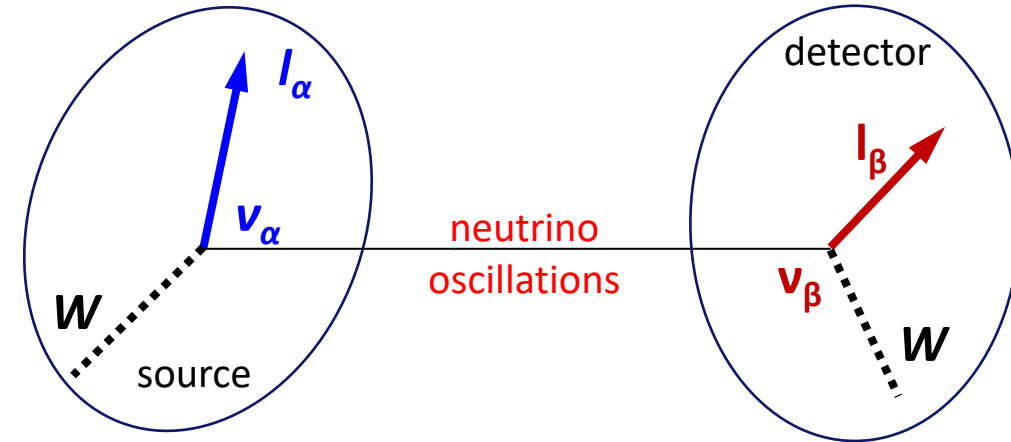
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IAS Program on High Energy Physics (HEP 2024) @ HKUST



Neutrino Oscillations

- It proved that neutrinos have non-zero masses → huge impact on particle physics & cosmology
- Neutrinos are the possible source of CP violation, which may explain the matter-antimatter asymmetry in the Universe
- After 25 years of ν oscillations discovery, still unknown
 - **Mass ordering** ($\Delta m_{32}^2 > 0?$)
 - Leptonic CP phase (δ_{CP})
 - θ_{23} Octant
 - **Very precise knowledge of oscillation parameters**
 - New Physics? (sterile, ..)



ν prod. & detection: W^\pm weak interaction \rightarrow identify *flavor*
 ν propagation: *mass eigenstates* (\neq *flavor eigenstates*)

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\rho} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

θ_{23} & Δm_{32}^2

Atmospheric, Accelerator

θ_{13} & δ_{CP}

Reactor, Accelerator

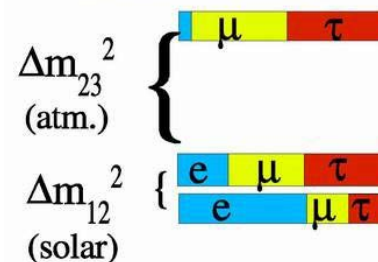
θ_{12} & Δm_{21}^2

Reactor, Solar

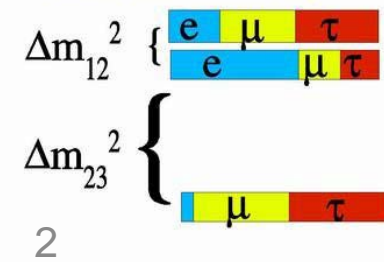
Majorana phases

Double beta decays

"Normal" hierarchy

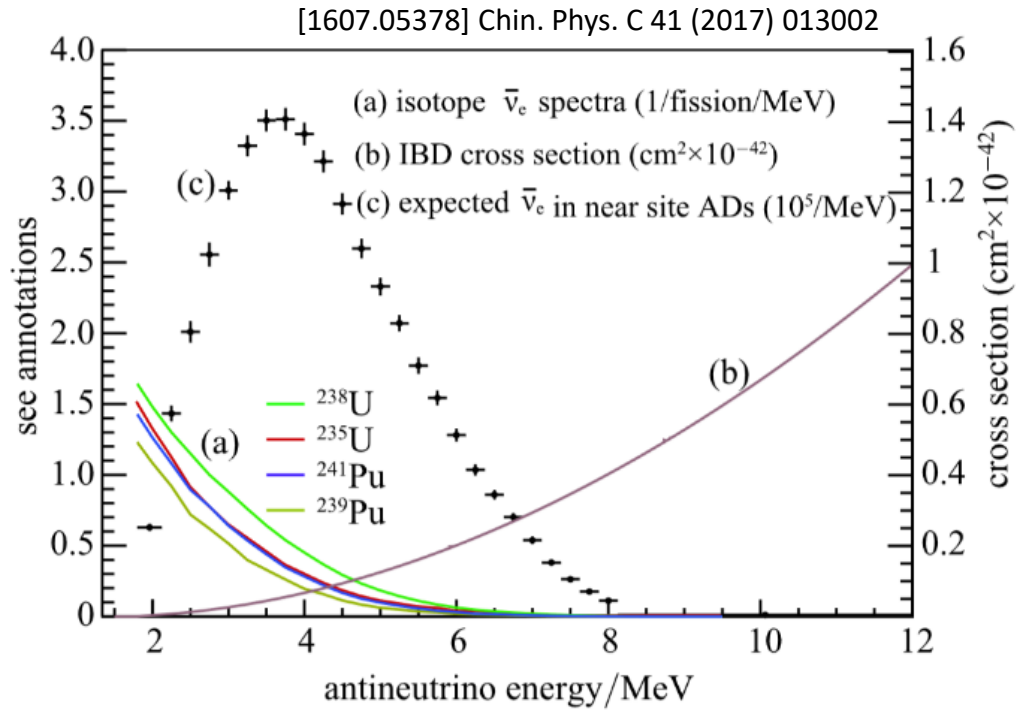


"Inverted" hierarchy

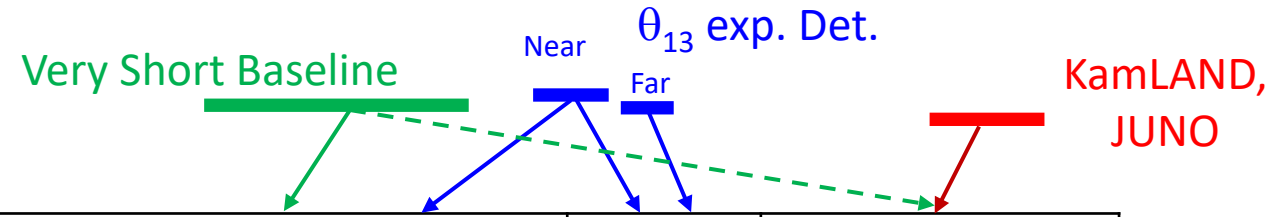
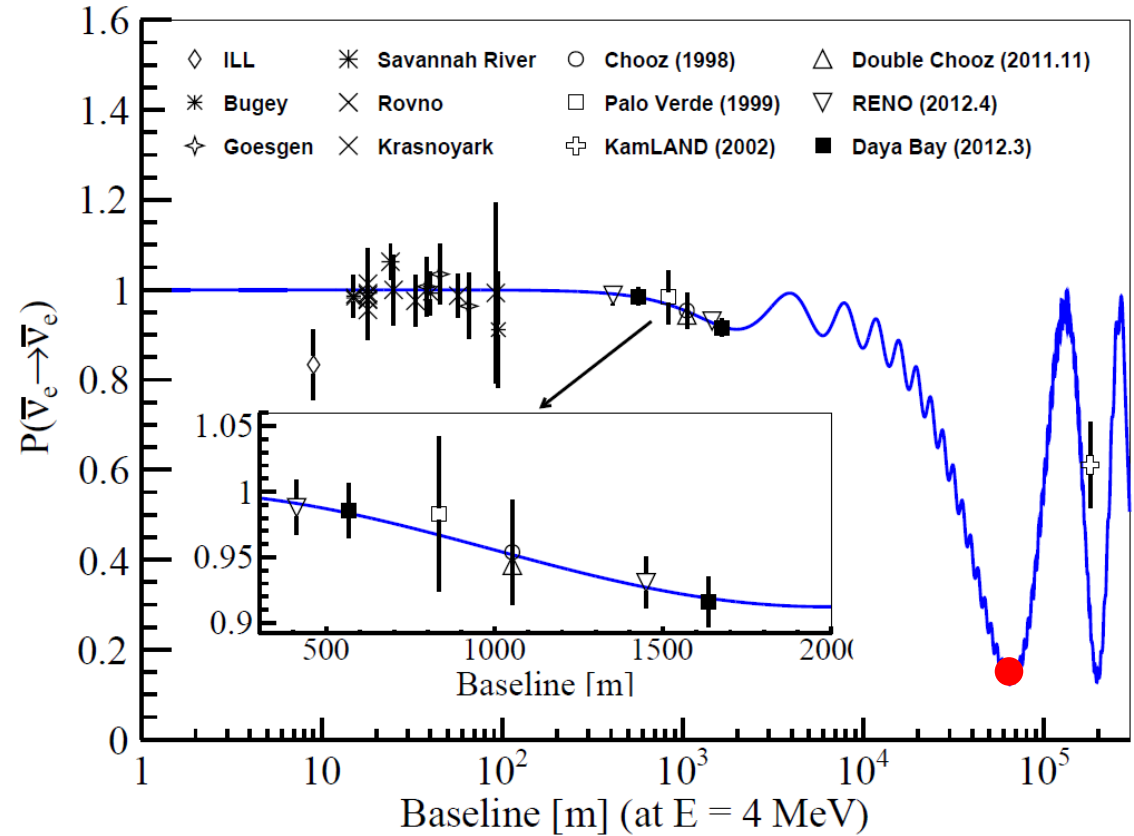


OR

Reactor Neutrinos Experiments will continue to play a critical role in solving the unknowns



- Reactor antineutrino: $\bar{\nu}_e$ emitted as fission products decay
- Commercial reactor (LEU) ^{235}U , ^{238}U , ^{239}Pu , ^{241}Pu ; Research HEU (^{235}U)
- Usually detected via Inverse Beta Decay (IBD)



Rate anomaly \rightarrow sterile nu Spectrum anomaly	θ_{13}	θ_{12} , Mass Ordering
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$$\Delta m_{32}^2 > 0?$$

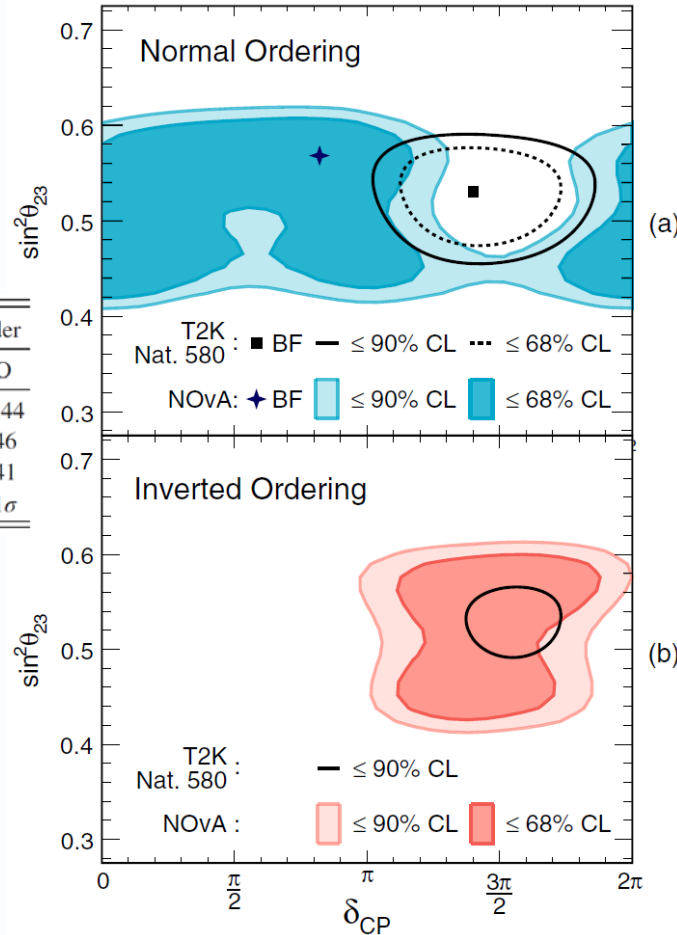
Bei Zhen Hu.
2022.12.22 @JUNO

NOvA

PRD 106, 032004 (2022)

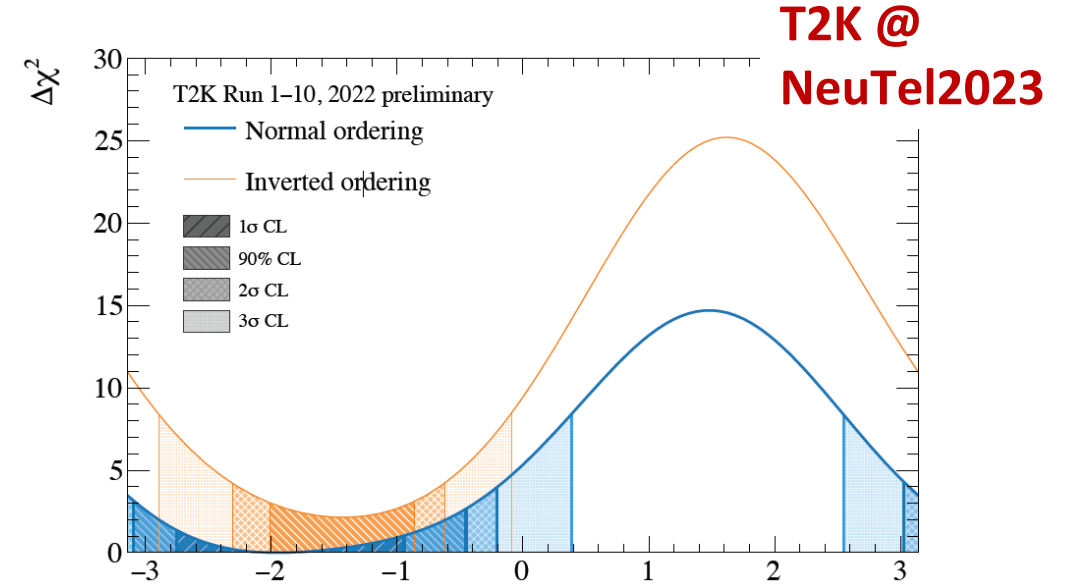
Parameter	Normal order		Inverted order	
	UO	LO	UO	LO
$\Delta m_{32}^2 (10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2)$	$+2.41 \pm 0.07$	$+2.39$	-2.45	-2.44
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.57^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	0.46	0.56	0.46
$\delta_{CP}(\pi)$	$0.82^{+0.27}_{-0.87}$	0.07	1.52	1.41
Rejection significance	-	1.1σ	0.9σ	1.1σ

- **IH:** the vicinity of $\delta=\pi/2$ excluded at $>3\sigma$
- **NH:** $\delta=3\pi/2$ disfavored at 2σ level



Results on the CP phase measurement

- Large region **excluded at 3σ**
- CP-conservation values ($\sin \delta_{CP} = 0$) **excluded at 90% C.L.**
- Weak preference of **normal ordering**



Confidence level	Interval (NH)	Interval (IH)
1σ	$[-2.75, -0.94]$	
90%	$[-3.10, -0.45]$	$[-2.01, -0.86]$
2σ	$[-\pi, -0.21] \cup [3.02, \pi]$	$[-2.31, -0.62]$
3σ	$[-\pi, 0.39] \cup [2.55, \pi]$	$[-2.89, -0.09]$

T2K Run 1-10, preliminary

Joint analysis between NOvA and T2K ongoing

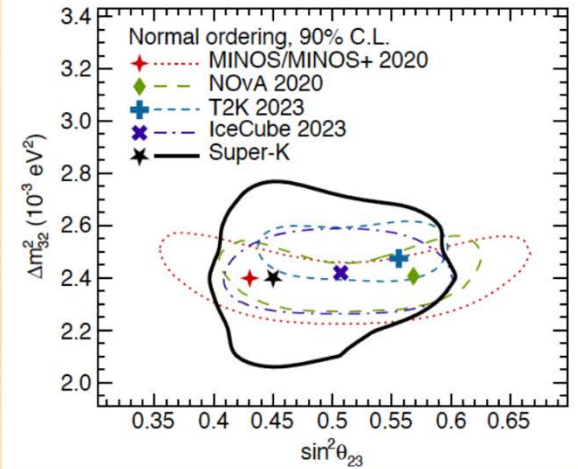
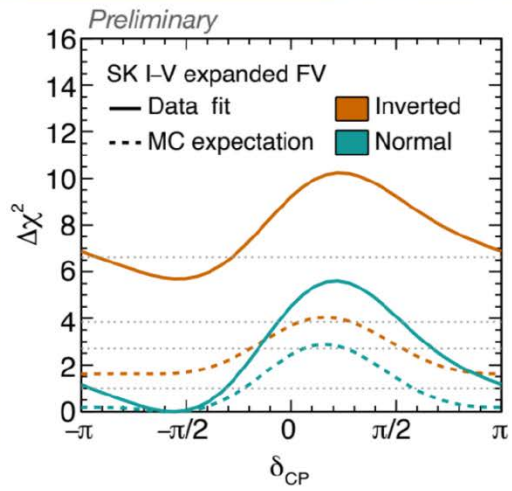


Current NMO sensitivity from Atmospheric ν



SK atmospheric ν results

With $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$ constrained
 $\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0220 \pm 0.0007$
[PTEP 2022, 083C01 (2022)]



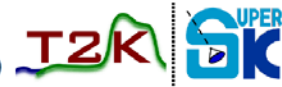
SK 2023 best fit results: Normal ordering, $\delta_{CP} \simeq -\pi/2$, $\Delta m_{32}^2 \simeq 2.4 \cdot 10^{-3} eV^2$, $\sin^2 \theta_{23} \simeq 0.45$
Mass ordering: $\Delta \chi_{I.O-N.O}^2 \simeq 5.7$

This analysis prefers NO over the IO at the 92.3% confidence level.

Magdalena Posiadala-Zezula, XX International Workshop on Neutrino Telescopes, Venice 23-27 Oct 2023

UPER SK + T2K Dataset, samples and systematics

T2K Run 1-10
(from the previous analysis EPJC)



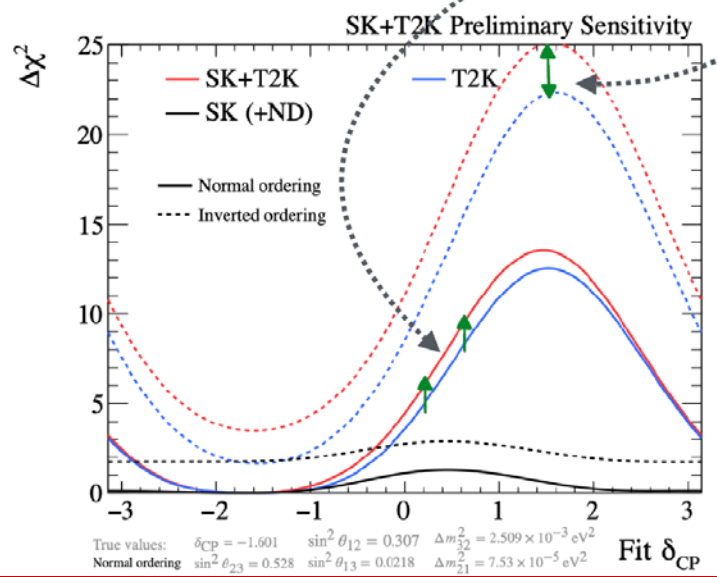
SK IV atmospheric
(from PTEP 2019 (2019) 5. 053F01)

5 beam samples

18 atmospheric samples

Preliminary sensitivity results

- Asimov sensitivities at true $\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.528$, $\delta_{CP} = -1.601$, Normal Ordering
- Δm_{32}^2 & θ_{23} constraint is dominated by T2K
- Main benefit of joint fit is that **both experiments are sensitive to MO**
- Noticeable **sensitivity boost for δ_{CP} in the ~ 0 region**



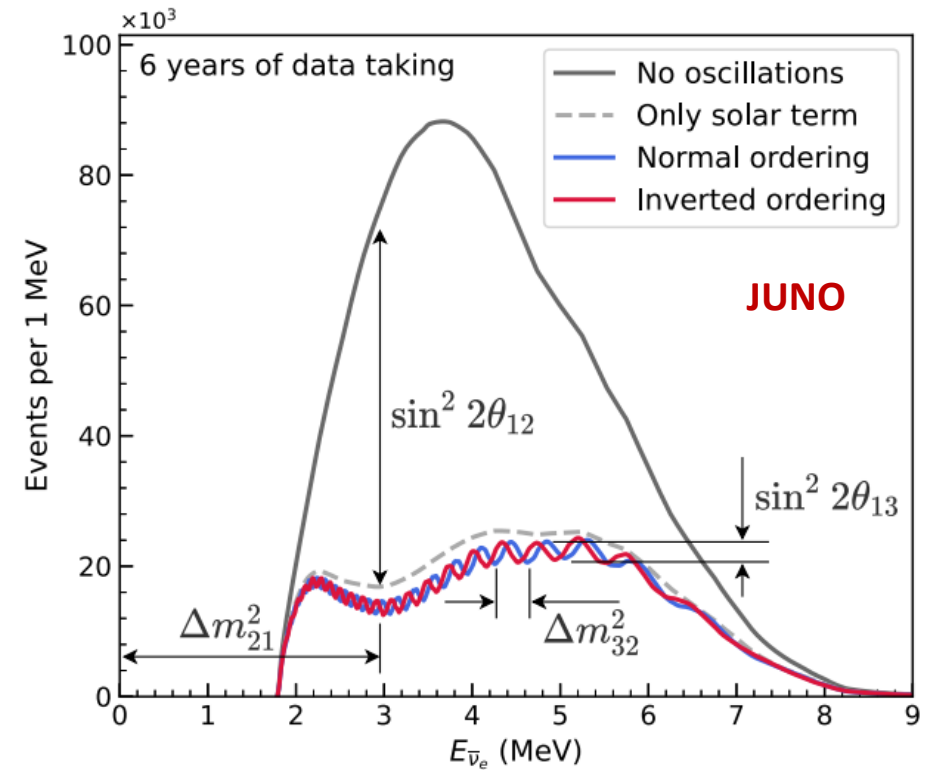
T2K @ NeuTel2023

Mass Ordering w/ reactors

- ‘Vacuum oscillation’ with reactor neutrinos → unique and complementary with accelerator/atmospheric experiments to determine neutrino mass ordering

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{ee}(L/E) &= 1 - P_{21} - P_{31} - P_{32} \\
 P_{21} &= \cos^4(\theta_{13}) \sin^2(2\theta_{12}) \sin^2(\Delta_{21}) \\
 P_{31} &= \frac{\cos^2(\theta_{12}) \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\Delta_{31})}{\sin^2(\theta_{12}) \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\Delta_{32})} \\
 P_{32} &= \frac{\cos^2(\theta_{12}) \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\Delta_{31})}{\sin^2(\theta_{12}) \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\Delta_{32})}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Precision measurements of $\theta_{12}, \Delta m_{21}^2, \Delta m_{32}^2$
- Require huge mass and high energy resolution



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

Δm_{31}^2 and Δm_{32}^2
interplay

Δm_{ee}^2 and $\Delta m_{\mu\mu}^2$
difference

Matter Effect

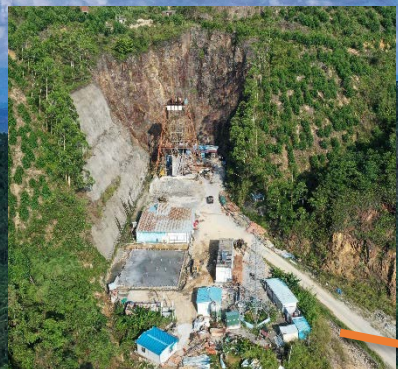
Reactor

Atmospheric
Accelerator

$$\Delta m_{ee}^2 = \cos^2\theta_{12}\Delta m_{31}^2 + \sin^2\theta_{12}\Delta m_{32}^2$$

$$\Delta m_{\mu\mu}^2 = \sin^2\theta_{12}\Delta m_{31}^2 + \cos^2\theta_{12}\Delta m_{32}^2 + \cos\delta \sin\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \tan\theta_{23} \Delta m_{21}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &|\Delta m_{ee}^2| - |\Delta m_{\mu\mu}^2| \\
 &= \pm \Delta m_{21}^2 (\cos 2\theta_{12} - \cos\delta \sin\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \tan\theta_{23})
 \end{aligned}$$

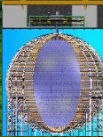


Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory

Vertical tunnel:
563 m

Overburden
~650 m (1800
m.w.e.)

Slope tunnel: 1265 m
@ slope of 42%



Civil construction finished in Dec, 2021

Challenges...

50 m x 70 m
Exp. Hall

35.4 m
acrylic sphere,
vs. 13 m@ SNO

20 kton
Liquid scintillator,
Borexino X40,
KamLAND X20
 $\lambda > 20$ m,
 $U/Th < 10^{-17}$ g/g

20,000
20-in PMT, $\epsilon \sim 30\%$

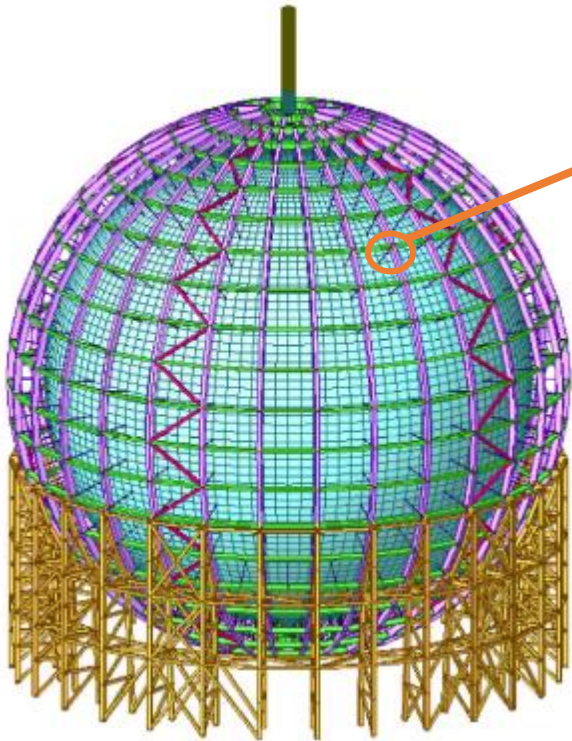
Best Light yield
Borexino X2,
KamLAND X5



Central Detector (SS structure)

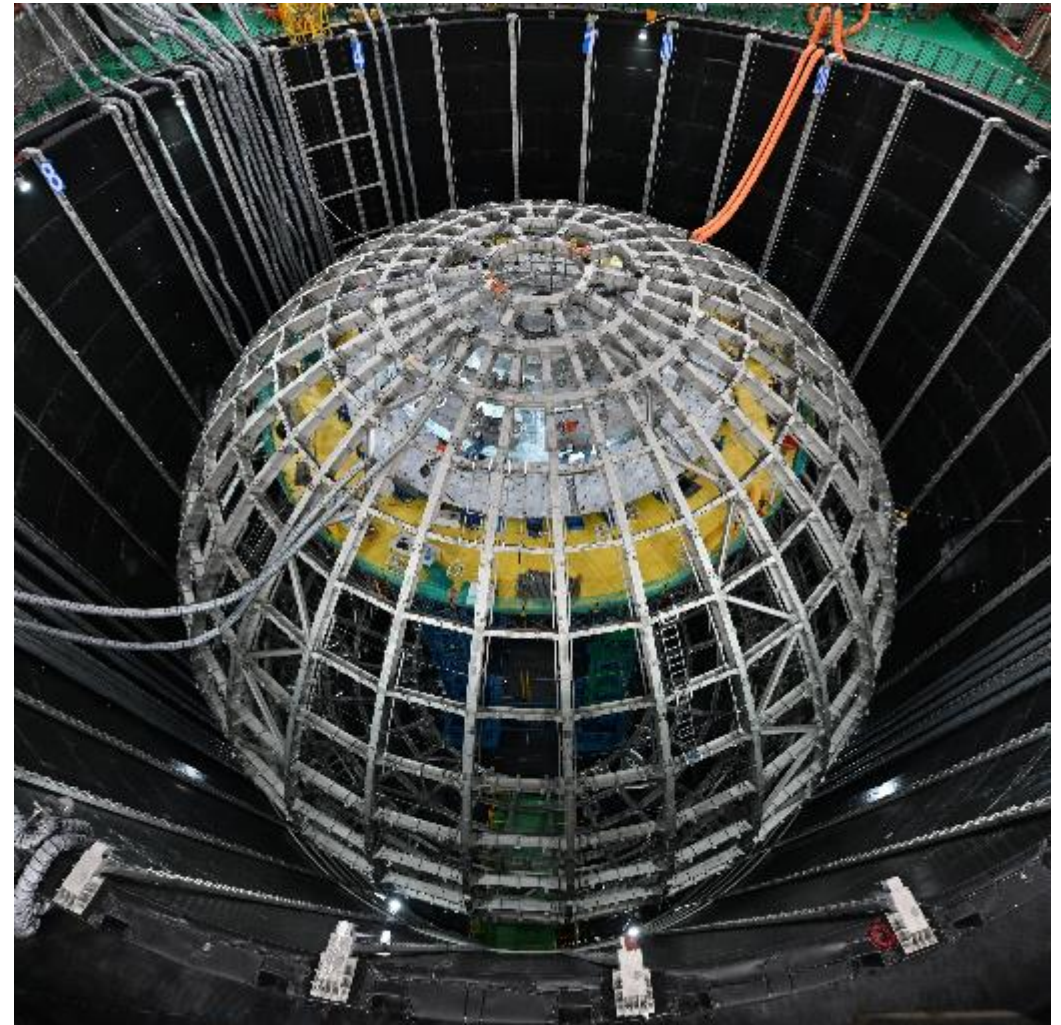
Acrylic vessel is supported by $D = 40.1$ m stainless steel structure via 590 Connecting Bars

Assembly precision: < 3 mm for each grid



an all-bolted stainless steel structure, using 120,000 sets of high-strength SS short-tail grooved rivets

overall deformation ~ 20 mm
spherical center deviation: (-2, 6, -11) mm

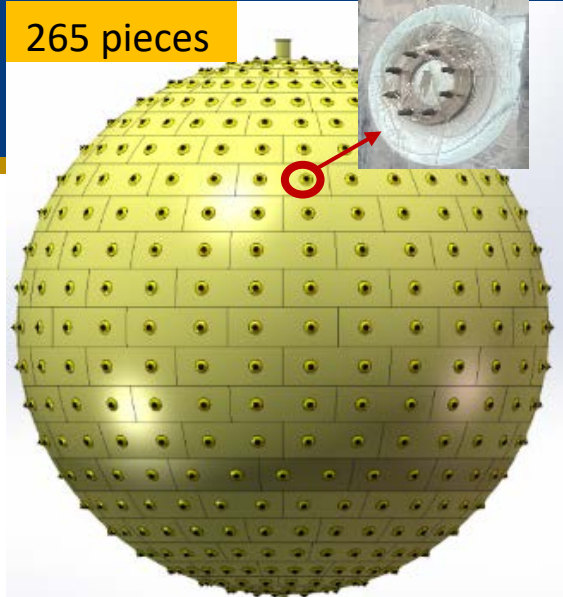


The platform to install the acrylic vessel



Central Detector (Acrylic Vessel)

- World-largest acrylic vessel (Φ 35.4 m, 124 ± 4 mm thickness)
- Ultra-clean production of 265 panels
 - Curved w/ high precision & **Transparency > 96%**
 - **Ultra-low U/Th: < 1 ppt**
- Developed **new bonding technology** to simultaneously bond all panels in one circle



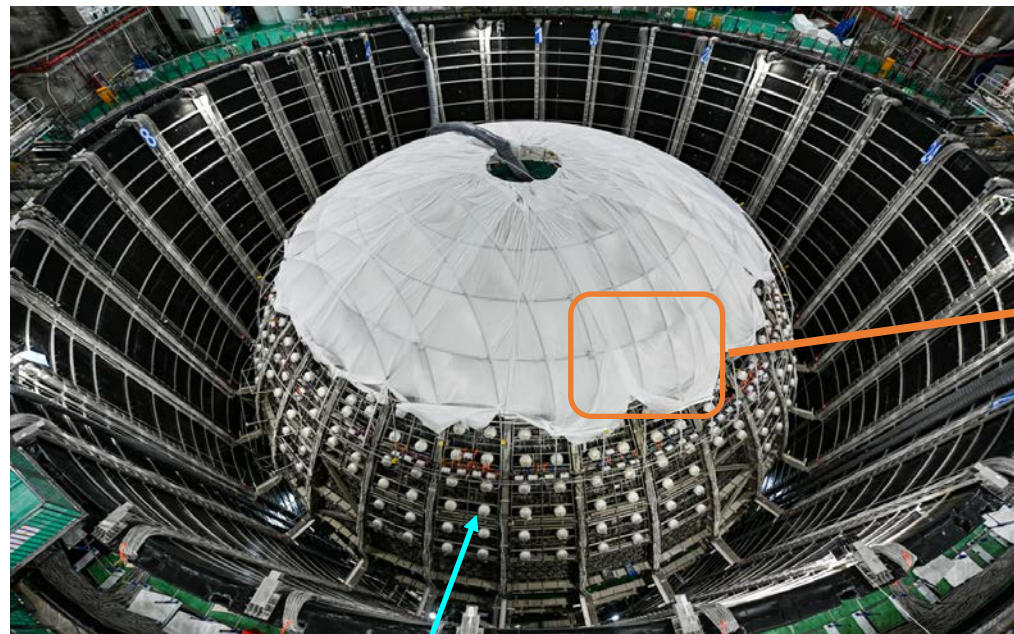
265 pieces



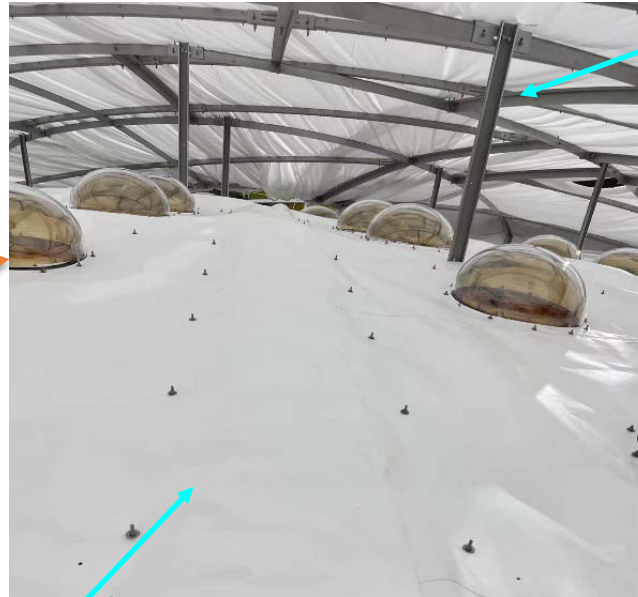
Acrylic surface is protected with film after cleaning to avoid radon daughters and dust deposition

	Φ	Weight	Bonding	Thickness
JUNO	35.4 m	600 t	2 km	120 mm
SNO	12 m	30 t	500 m	56 mm

Veto Detector (water Cherenkov)



Veto PMTs installed (~24% of PMT)



Tyvek reflective film installation (~500 m²)

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



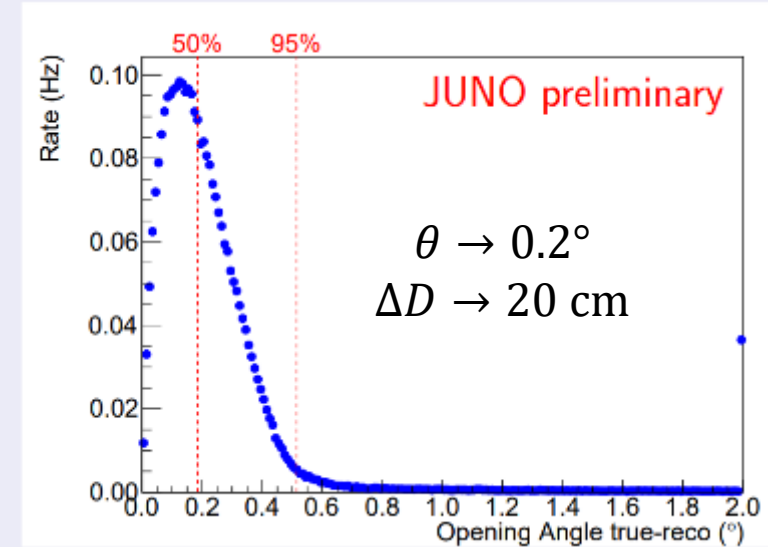
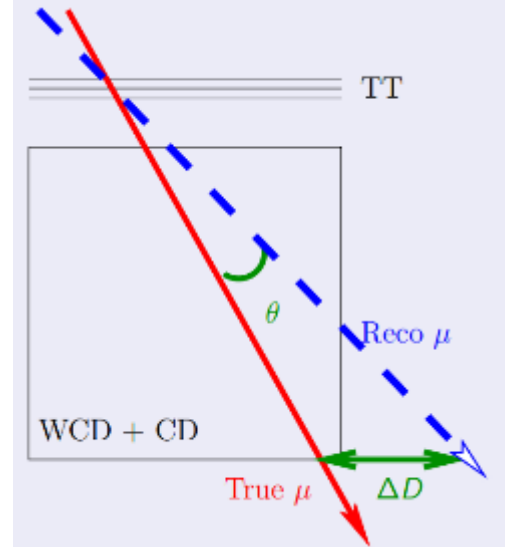
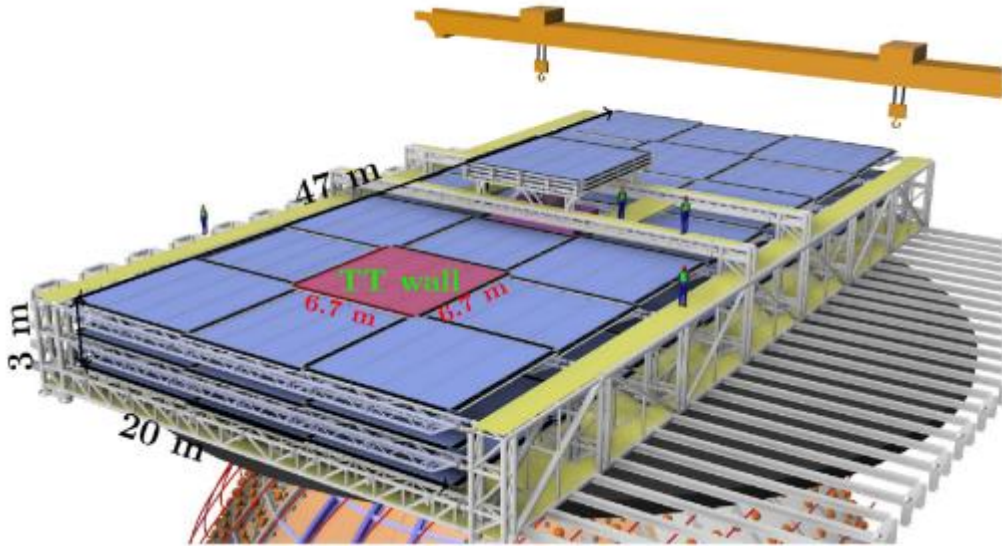
Water system is almost ready for commissioning

35 kton of ultrapure water serving as passive shield and water Cherenkov detector.

- 2400 20-inch MCP PMTs, detection efficiency of cosmic muons larger than **99.5%**
- Keep the temperature uniformity **21°C ± 1°C**
- Quality: ²²²Rn < **10 mBq/m³**, attenuation length **30~40 m**

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

Veto Detector (Top Tracker)



Plastic scintillator from the OPERA experiment

- About **60% coverage** on the top, three layers to reduce accidental coincidence
- All scintillator panels arrived on site in 2019
- Provide control muon samples to validate the track reconstruction and study cosmogenic backgrounds

Status:

- The TT scintillator detector is onsite
- The TT support bridge is ready for production.

■ Challenges for 20 kton LS

- Most transparent LS: **attn. >20 m**
- Ultra-low radioactivity: **U/Th < 10⁻¹⁷ g/g (< 10 mg dust)**

Need be achieved in the first place, otherwise online circulation is difficult

■ The most complex system designed and built, using four purification technologies

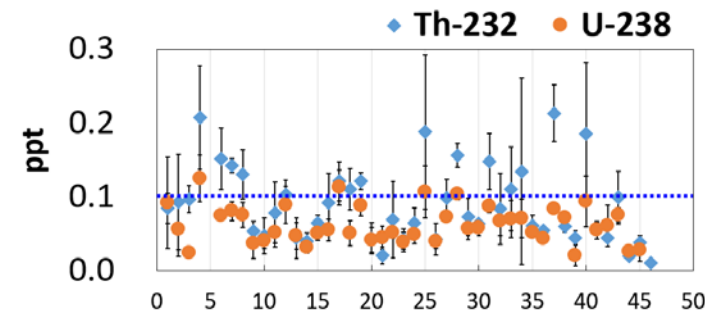
- Al₂O₃ filtration
- Distillation
- Gas tripping
- Water extraction

Joint commissioning ongoing

■ Raw material control

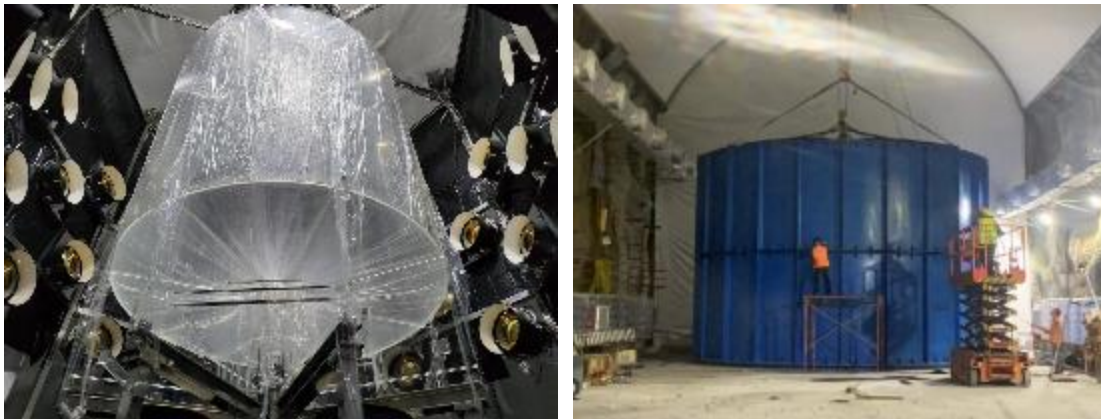
(LS recipe: LAB + 2.5 g/L PPO + 3 mg/L bis-MSB)

- Highly transparent LAB: **$\lambda_{\text{attn}} \sim 22\text{-}23 \text{ m}$**
- Ultra-low radioactivity PPO: **U/Th < 0.1 ppt**
- Ultra-pure water for liquid-liquid extraction: **< 10⁻¹⁶ g/g**



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

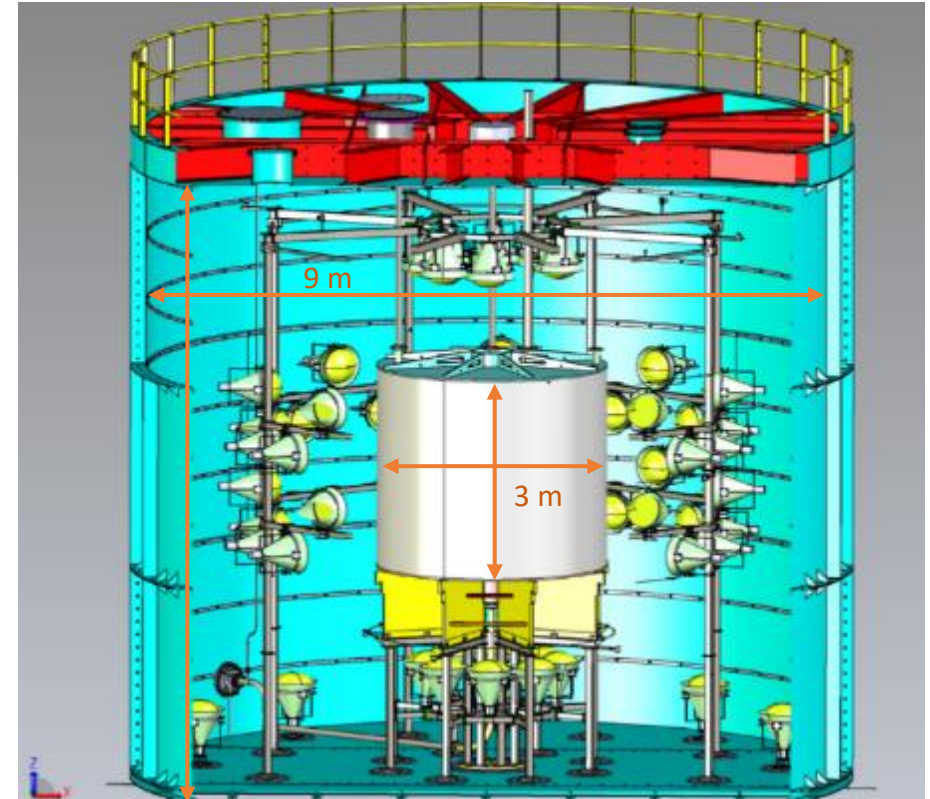
- Few days: U/Th (Bi-Po) $\sim 1 \times 10^{-15}$ g/g (reactor baseline case)
- 2~3 weeks: U/Th (Bi-Po) $\sim 1 \times 10^{-17}$ g/g (solar ideal case)
- Other radiopurity can also be measured: ^{14}C , ^{210}Po and ^{85}Kr



Commissioning ongoing



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Possible upgrade to Serappis (SEArch for RAre PP-neutrinos In Scintillator): [arXiv: 2109.10782](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.10782)

- ✓ A precision measurement of the flux of solar pp neutrinos on the few-percent level

Synergetic 20-inch and 3-inch PMT systems to ensure energy resolution and charge linearity



Clearance between PMTs: 3 mm →

Assembly precision: < 1 mm

w/ protection cover (JINST 18 (2023) 02, P02013)

~7200 LPMT and ~9300 SPMT have been installed

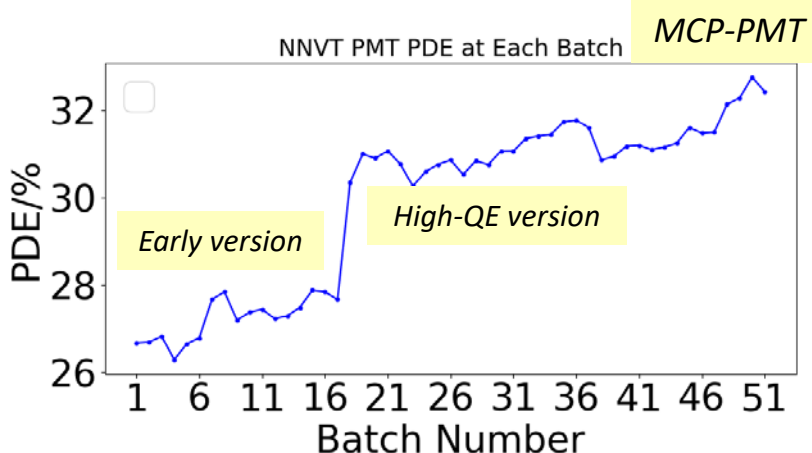
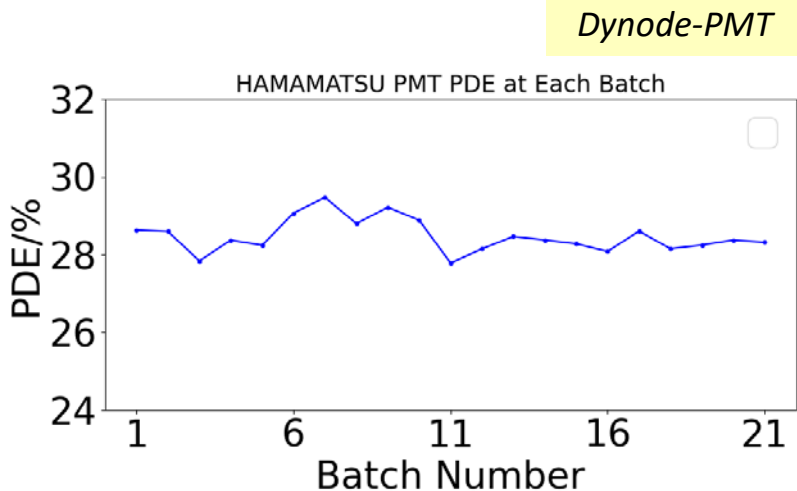
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Photomultiplier Tubes

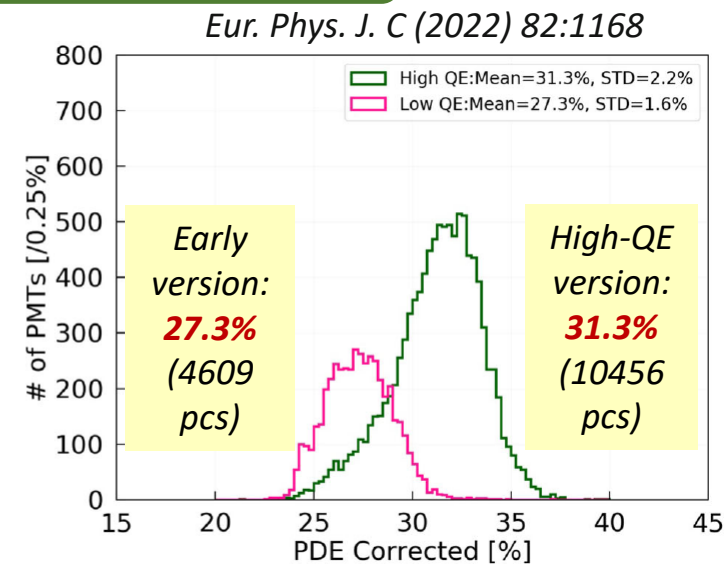
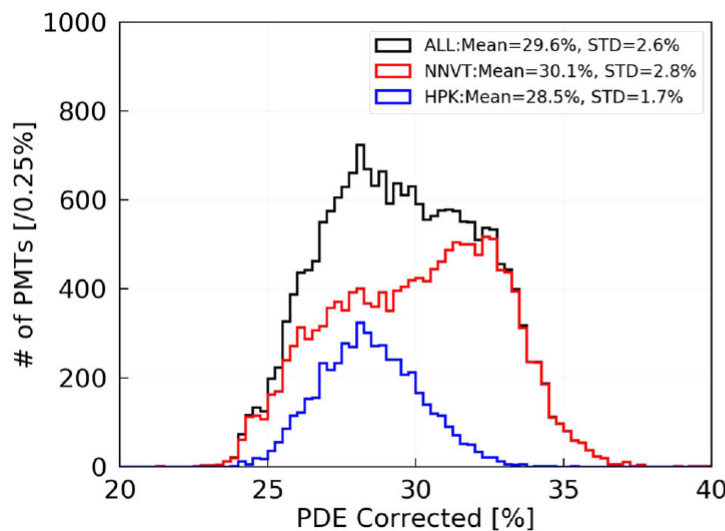
All PMTs produced, tested, and instrumented with waterproof potting

12.6k NNVT PMTs with highest PDE are selected for light collection from LS and the rest are used in the Water Cherenkov detector.



An innovative PMT optical model:
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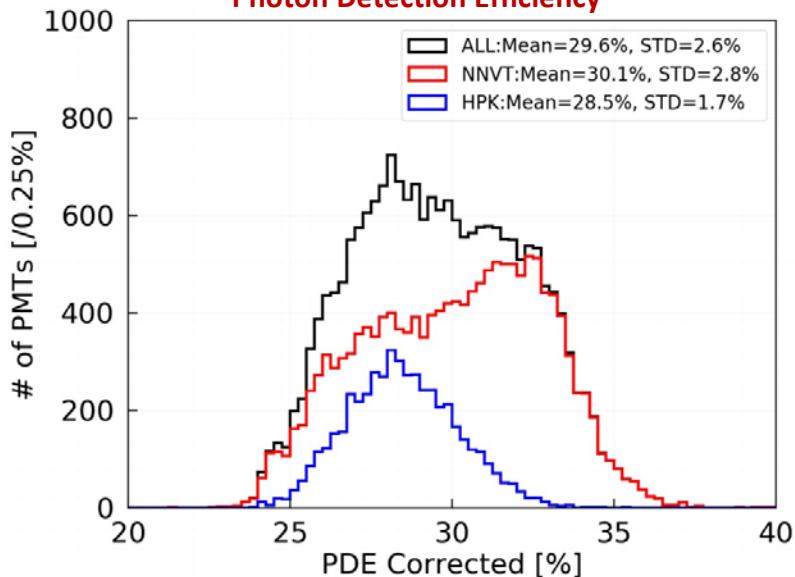
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	Hamamatsu	NNVT	HZC
Quantity	5000	15012	25600
Charge Collection	Dynode	MCP	Dynode
Photon Detection Efficiency	28.5%	30.1%	25%



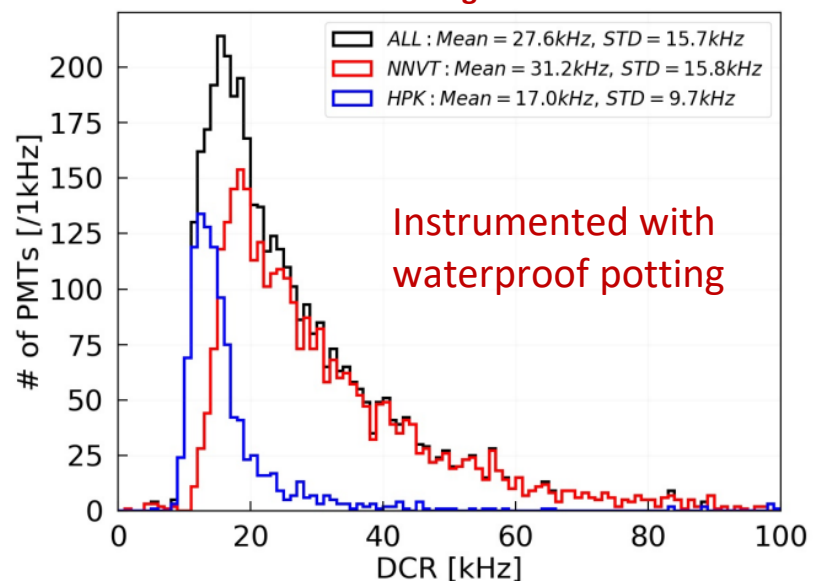


Photomultiplier Tubes

Photon Detection Efficiency



Dark Counting Rate



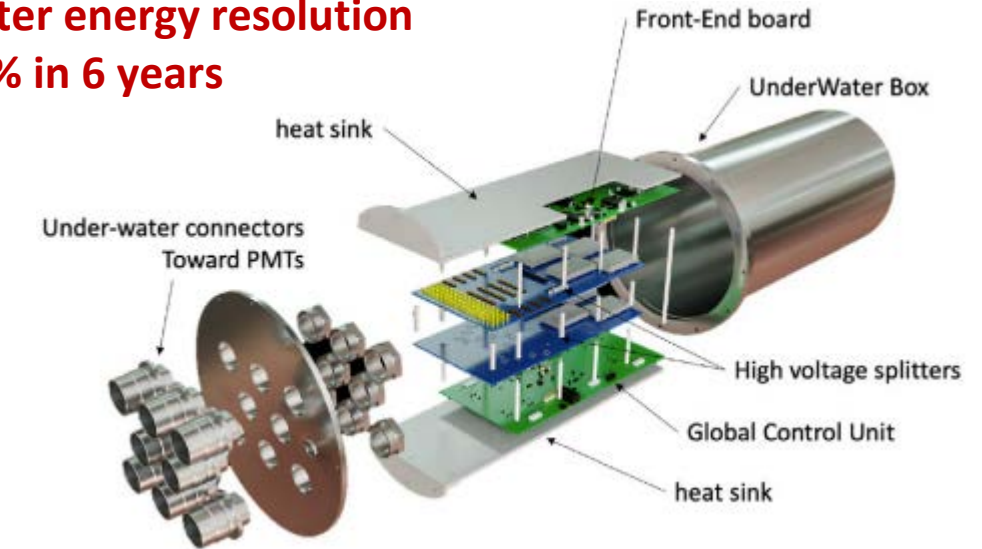
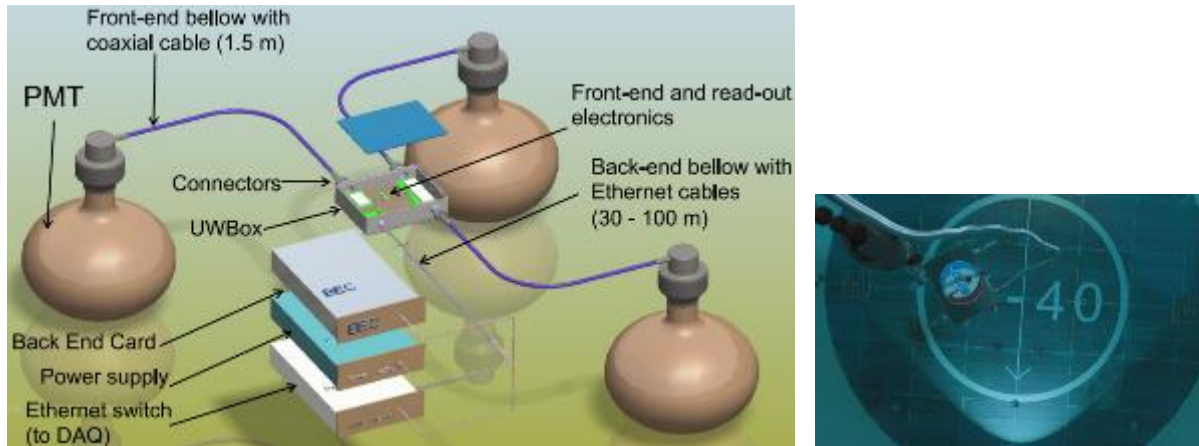
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Mean Dark Count Rate [kHz]	Bare: 15.3 Potted: 17.0	49.3 31.2	0.5
Transit Time Spread (σ) [ns]	1.3	7.0	1.6
Dynamic range for [0-10] MeV	[0, 100] PEs		[0, 2] PEs
Coverage	75%		3%
Reference	arXiv: 2205.08629		NIM.A 1005 (2021) 165347

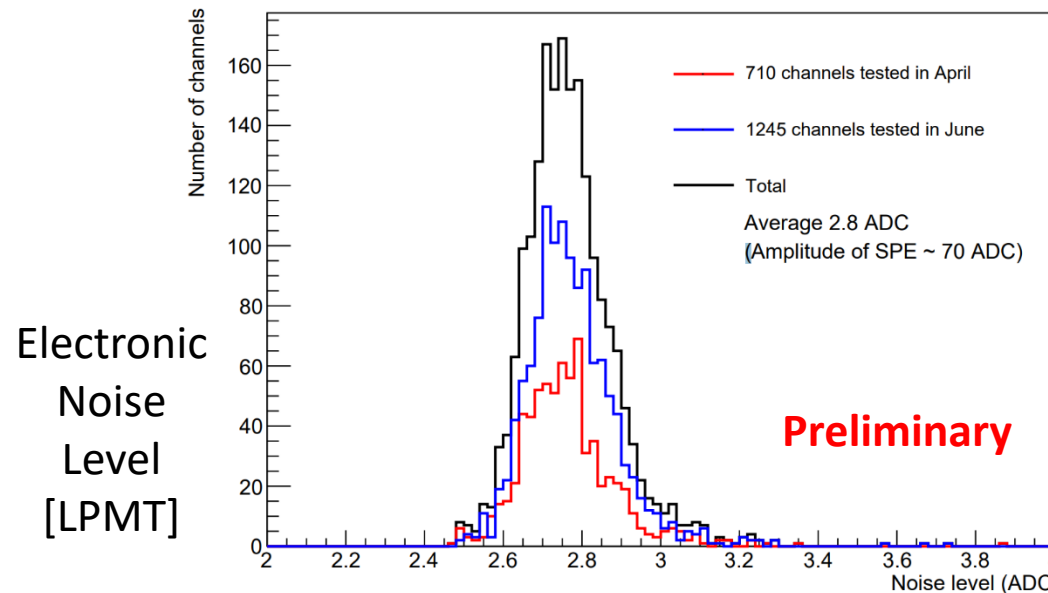
Failure rate requirement: <0.5% in 6 yrs, while same for underwater Elec.

Underwater electronics to improve signal-to-noise ratio for better energy resolution 1 GHz waveform digitization, expected loss rate < 0.5% in 6 years



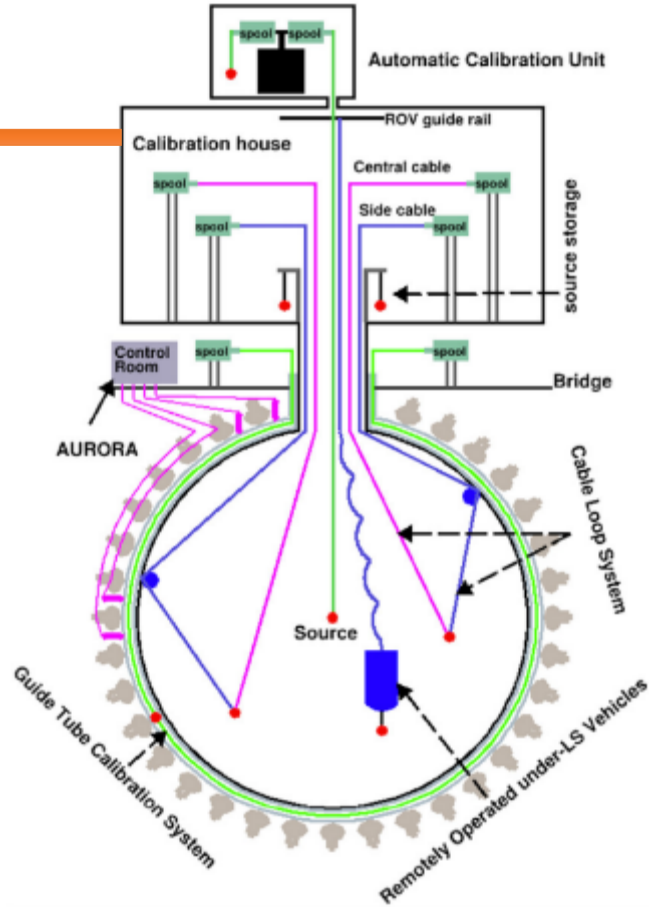
3 20-inch PMTs connected to one underwater box

128 3-inch PMTs connected to one underwater box



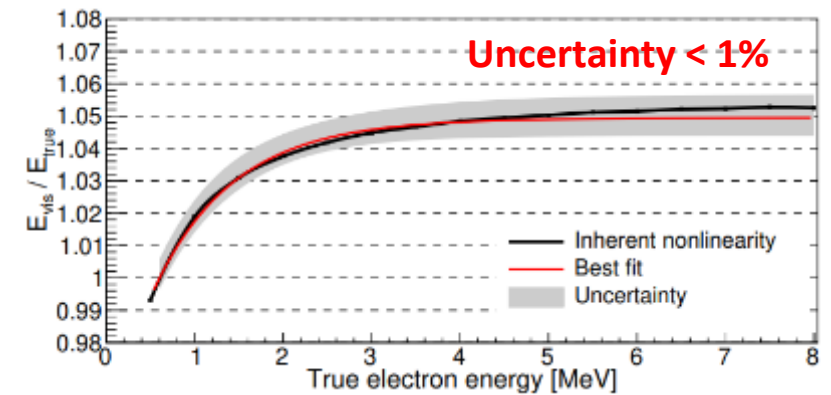
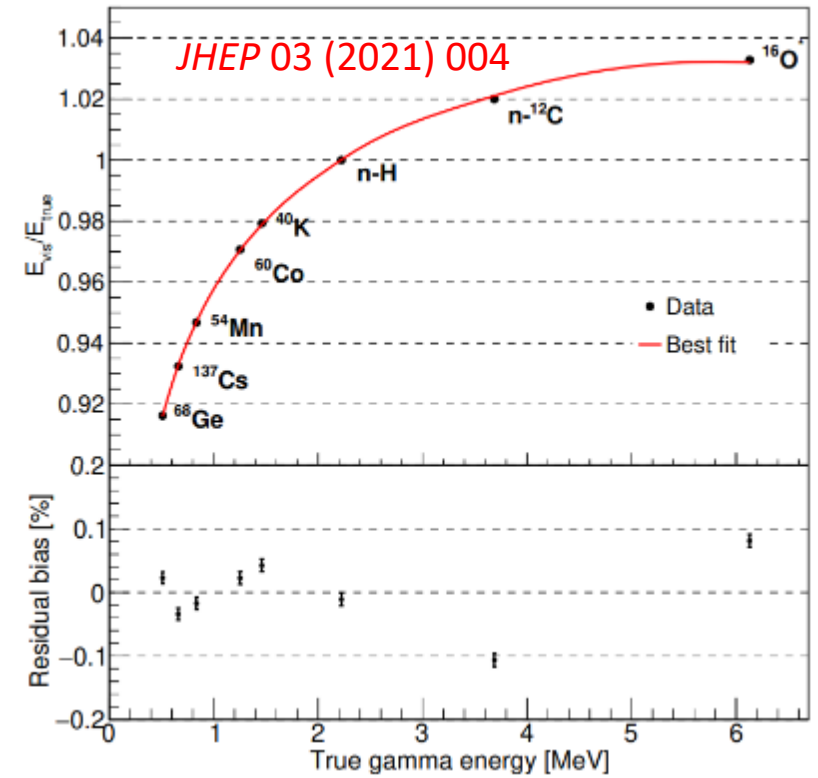
- 6862 boards produced and tested before installation
- Ongoing test campaign during installation
- Careful design & excellent grounding: **noise level: 4% at 1 photoelectron** better than specs: 10% at 1 p.e.

1D,2D,3D scan systems with multiple calibration sources to control the energy scale, detector response non-uniformity, and $< 1\%$ energy non-linearity



Cable system prototype

Shadowing effect uncertainty from Teflon capsule of radioactive sources: $< 0.15\%$



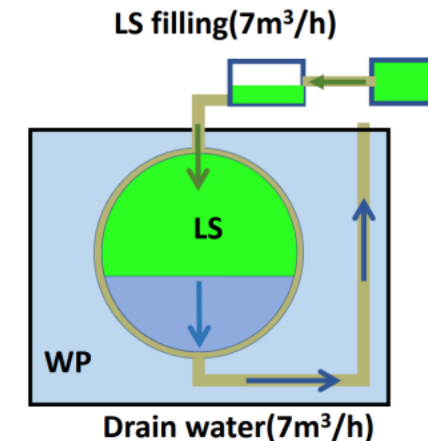
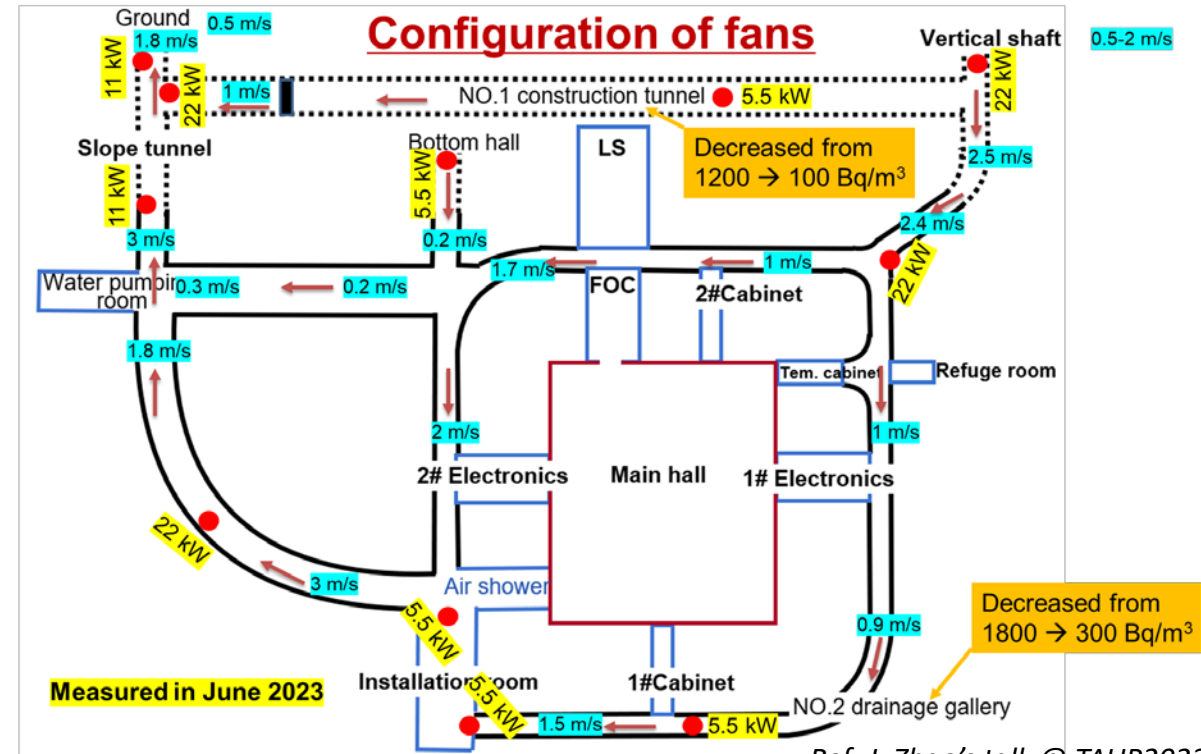
■ Environmental Radon control

- Large amount of underground water at JUNO site: **450 m³ /h with 120,000 Bq/m³ radon in water** → underground water is a large radon source
- Continuous improvement of ventilation → radon in Exp-Hall reduce to **100-200 Bq/m³**

■ Materials control & cleanness → <7.2 Hz in FV (spec: 10 Hz)

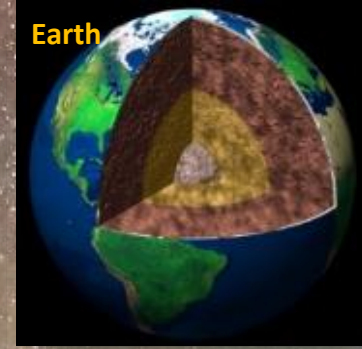
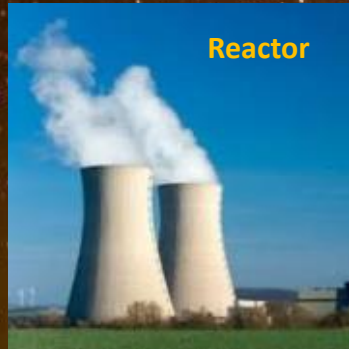
- LS (LAB, PPO, bisMSB)
- Acrylic
- PMT glass
- SS Struss
- PMT readout Electronics
- Ultra-pure water (micro-bubbling tech.)

■ Cleanness control during installation & Filling



Physics sensitivities

For topics not covered here, please refer to *PPNP 123 (2022) 103927*



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New physics

~60 IBDs per day

Several per day

Hundreds per day

~5000 IBDs for
CCSN @10 kpc

Several IBDs per day

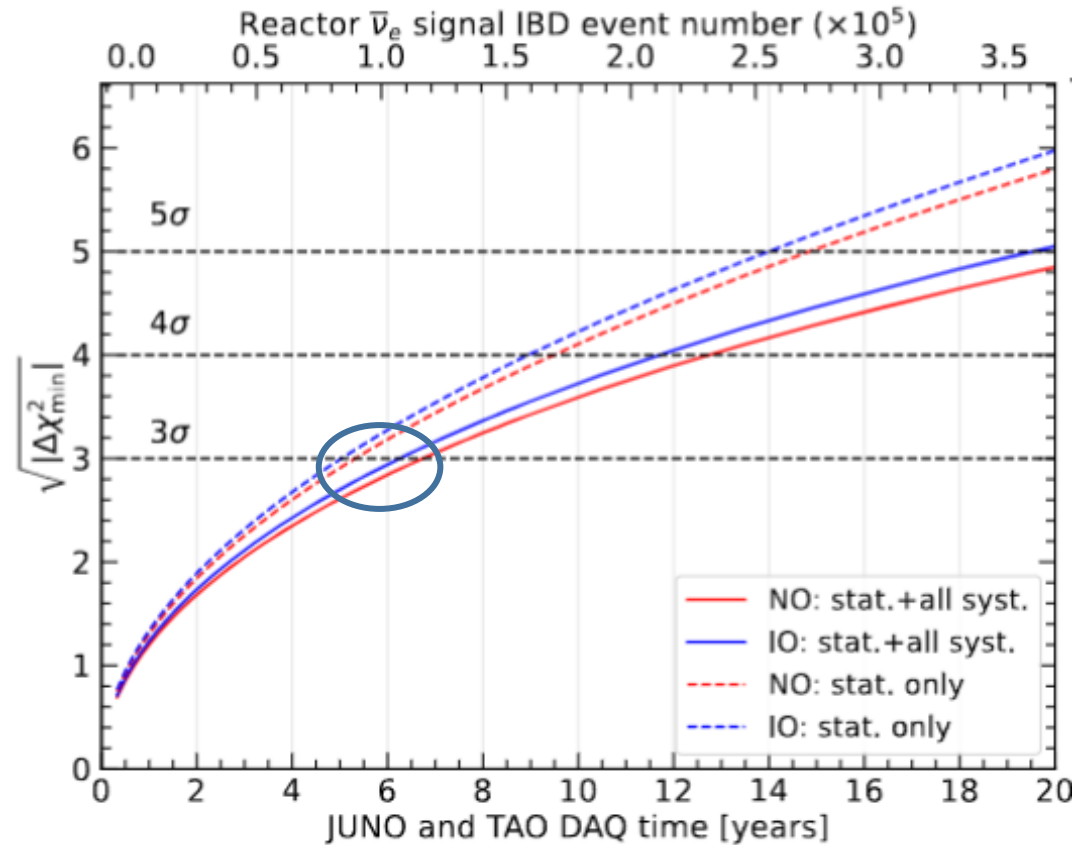
*IBD: inverse beta decay
CCSN: core-collapse supernova
DSNB: Diffused Supernova
Neutrino Background*

Neutrino oscillation & properties

Neutrinos as a probe



Neutrino Mass Ordering w/ reactors



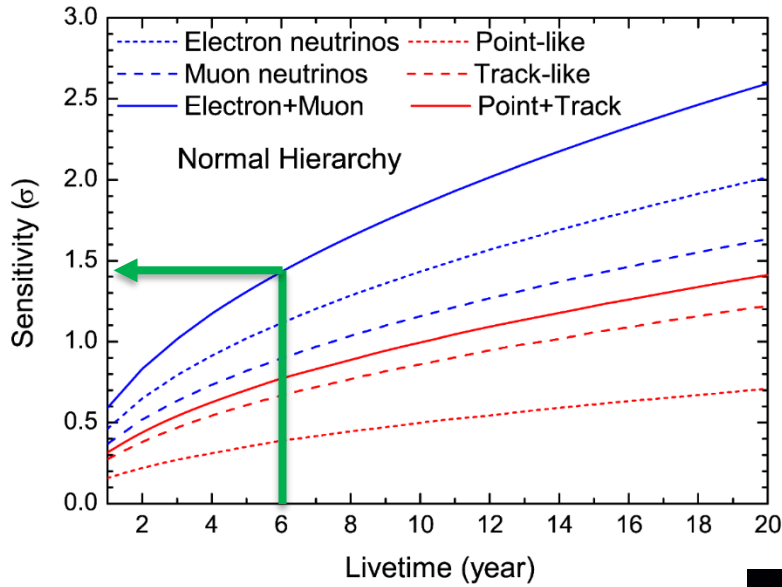
	Design *	Now
Thermal Power	36 GW _{th}	26.6 GW _{th} (26%↓)
Overburden	~700 m	~ 650 m
Muon flux in LS	3 Hz	4 Hz (33%↑)
Muon veto efficiency	83%	91.6% (11%↑)
Signal rate	60 /day	47.1 /day (22%↓)
Backgrounds	3.75 /day	4.11 /day (10%↑)
Energy resolution	3% @ 1 MeV	2.95% @ 1 MeV
Shape uncertainty	1%	JUNO+TAO
3σ NMO sens. exposure	< 6 yrs × 35.8 GW_{th}	~ 6 yrs × 26.6 GW_{th}

* J. Phys. G 43:030401 (2016)

- JUNO NMO sensitivity: **3σ (reactors only) @ ~6 yrs * 26.6 GW_{th} exposure**
- Combined **reactor + atmospheric** neutrino analysis is **in progress**: further improve the NMO sensitivity

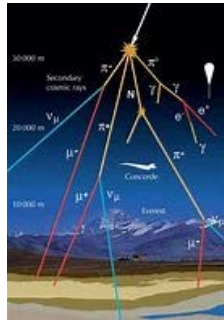


NMO synergy at JUNO



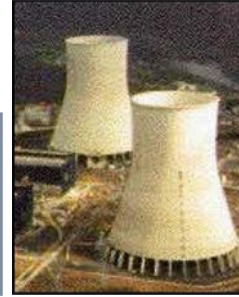
Conservative 6 yrs sensitivity on NMO:
0.8~1.4 σ (atmospheric only)
J. Phys. G43:030401 (2016)

Ongoing efforts to improve the reconstruction (e.g., [2310.06281](#)) & Particle ID of atmospheric neutrinos



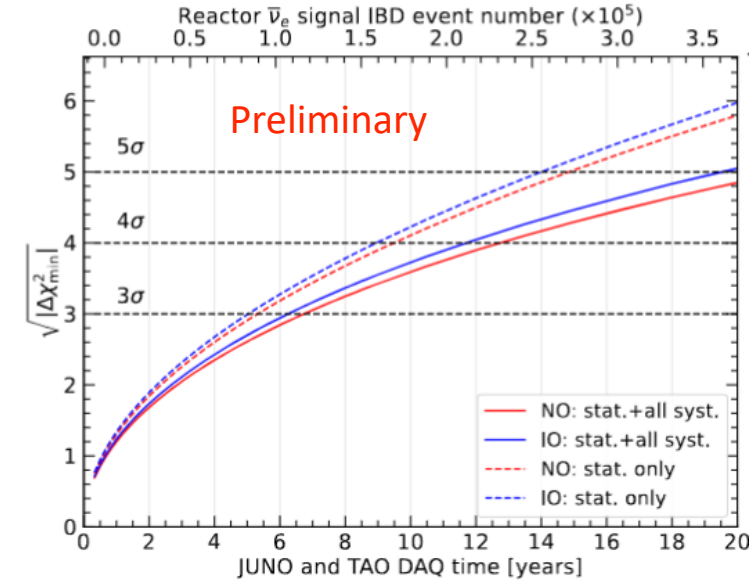
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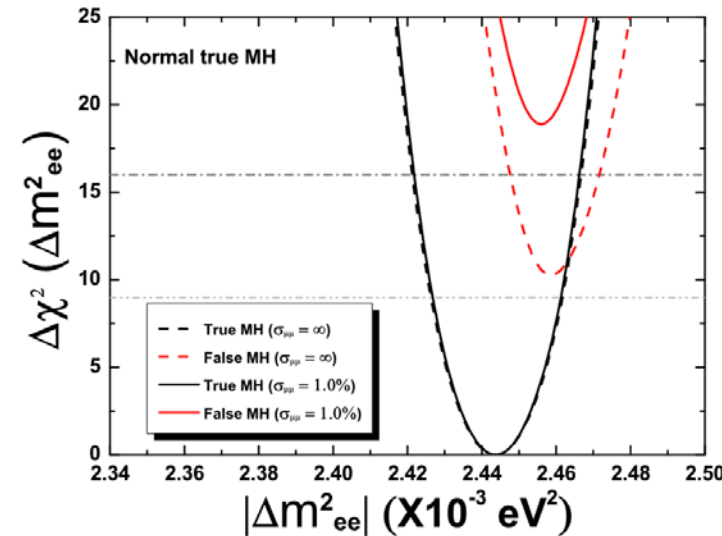


Neutrino Mass Ordering

$|\Delta m^2_{\alpha\alpha}|$



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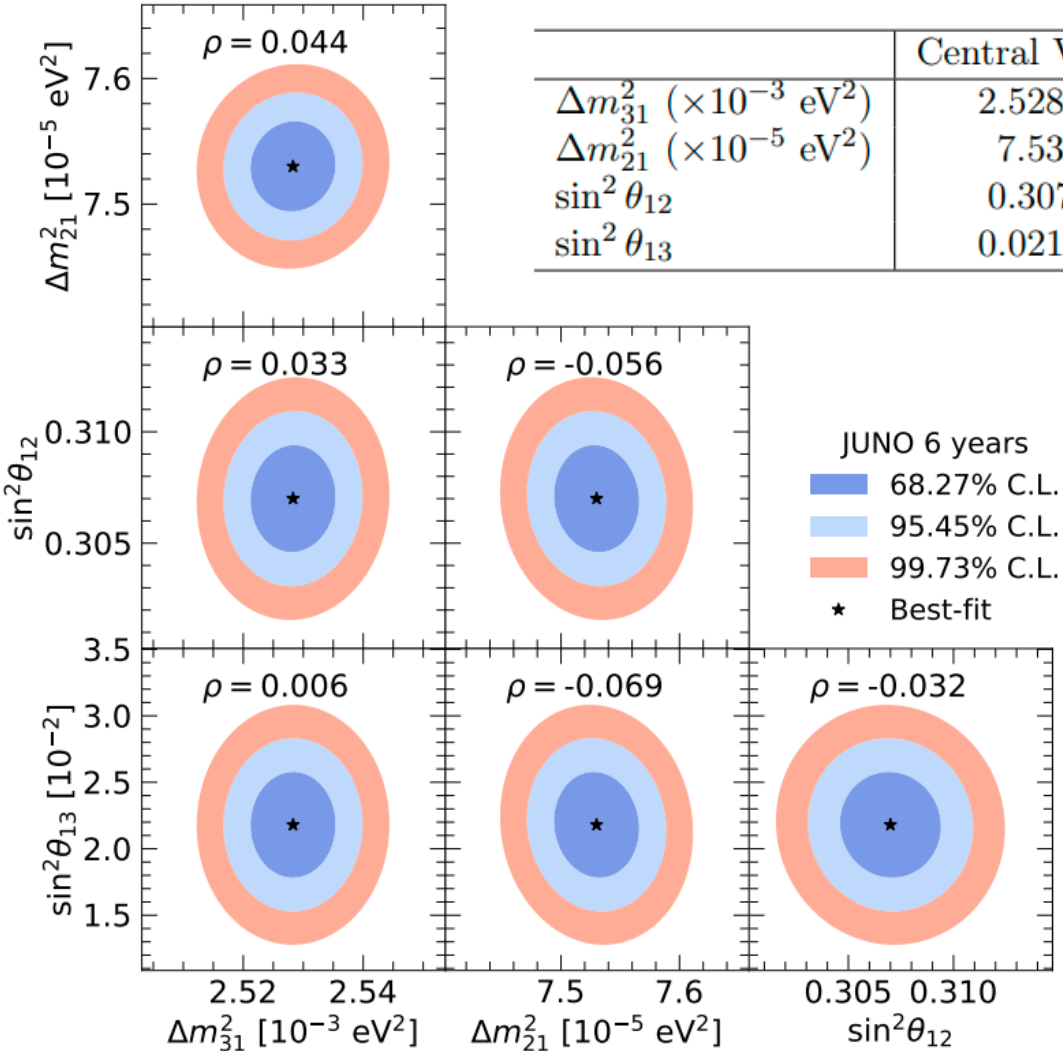




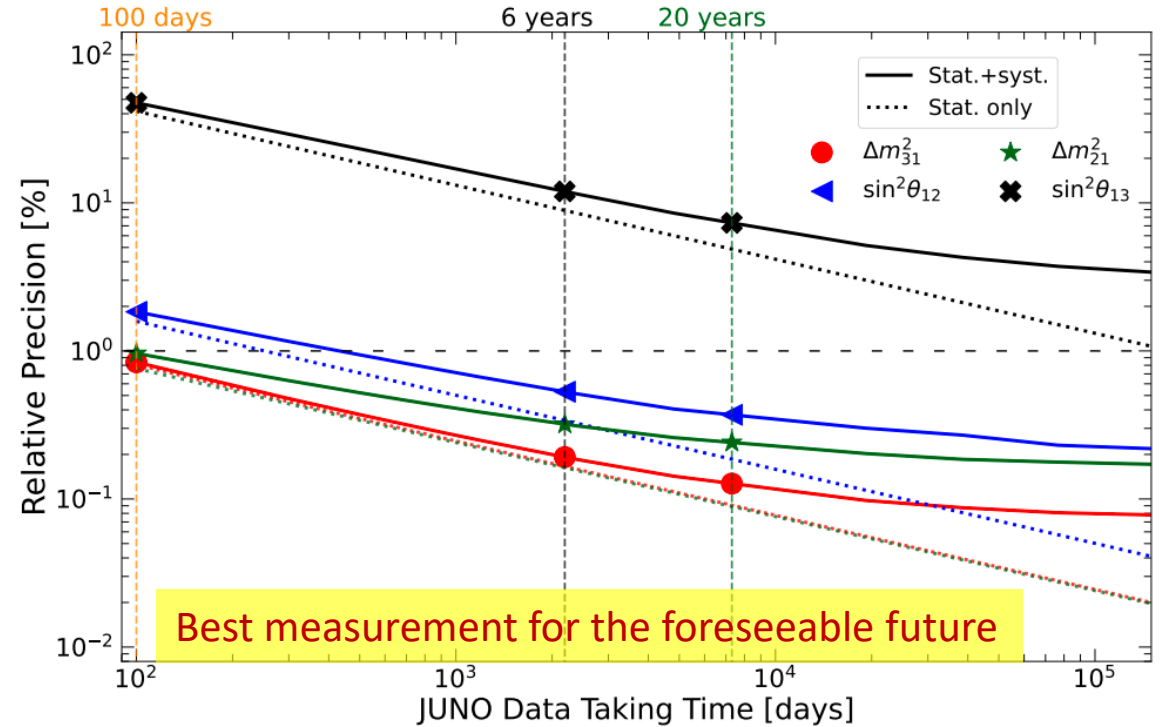
Neutrino oscillation parameters w/ reactors

arXiv:2204.13249, Chin. Phys. C 46 (2022) 123001

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



	Central Value	PDG2020	100 days	6 years	Direct Measurement
Δm_{31}^2 ($\times 10^{-3}$ eV ²)	2.5283	± 0.034 (1.3%)	± 0.021 (0.8%)	± 0.0047 (0.2%)	2.3% ($ \Delta m_{32}^2 $, DYB)
Δm_{21}^2 ($\times 10^{-5}$ eV ²)	7.53	± 0.18 (2.4%)	± 0.074 (1.0%)	± 0.024 (0.3%)	2.5% (KamLAND)
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	0.307	± 0.013 (4.2%)	± 0.0058 (1.9%)	± 0.0016 (0.5%)	5% (SNO)
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	0.0218	± 0.0007 (3.2%)	± 0.010 (47.9%)	± 0.0026 (12.1%)	



The improvement in precision over existing constraints will be about one order of magnitude except for θ_{13}



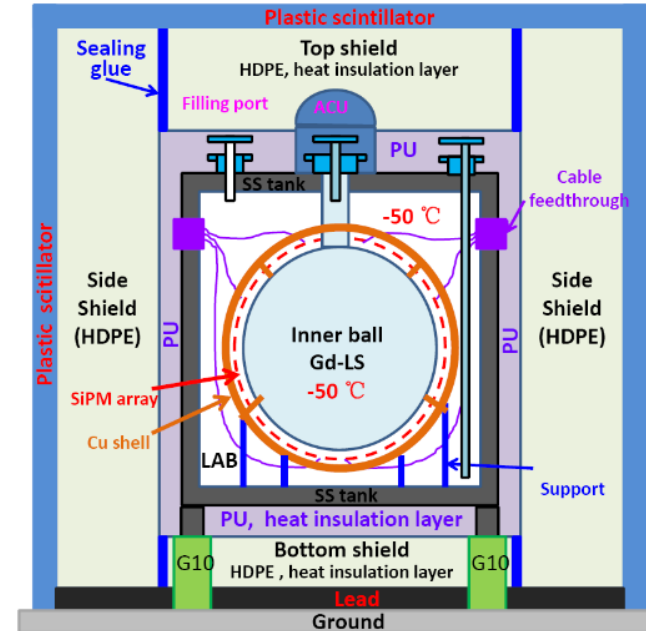
Fine Structures in the Spectrum (JUNO-TAO)

- **Taishan Antineutrino Observatory (TAO)**, a ton-level, high energy resolution LS detector at 30 m from the 4.6 GW_{th} core, a satellite exp. of **JUNO**.
- Measure reactor neutrino spectrum w/ **high E resolution**.
 - **Model-independent reference spectrum for JUNO**
 - **A benchmark for testing the nuclear database**

Detector Features

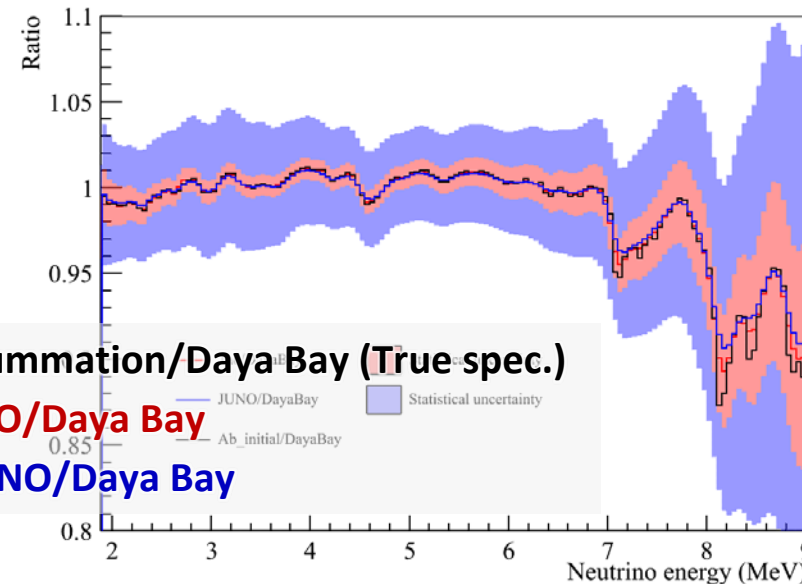
- 2.8 ton Gd-LS, 10 m² SiPM (84.6% photocathode coverage) w/ PDE > 50%
- Operate at -50 °C (suppress SiPM dark noise)
- 4500 p.e./MeV, <2% resolution @ 1MeV

■ **Expected online in 2024**



CDR:
2005.08745

Calibration strategy:
2204.03256



Solid: Summation/Daya Bay (True spec.)
 RED: TAO/Daya Bay
 Blue: JUNO/Daya Bay

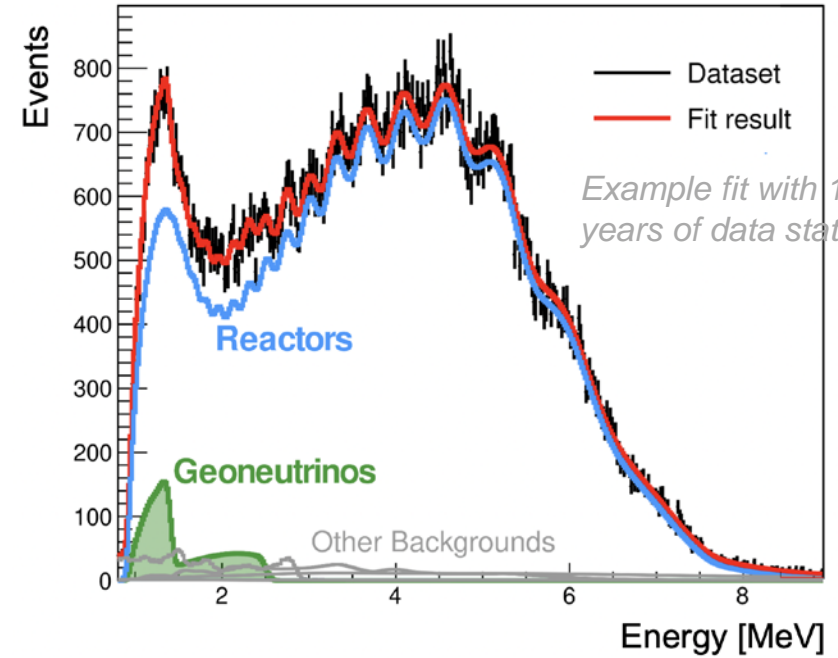
Constrain the fine structure in [2.5, 6] MeV to < 1%

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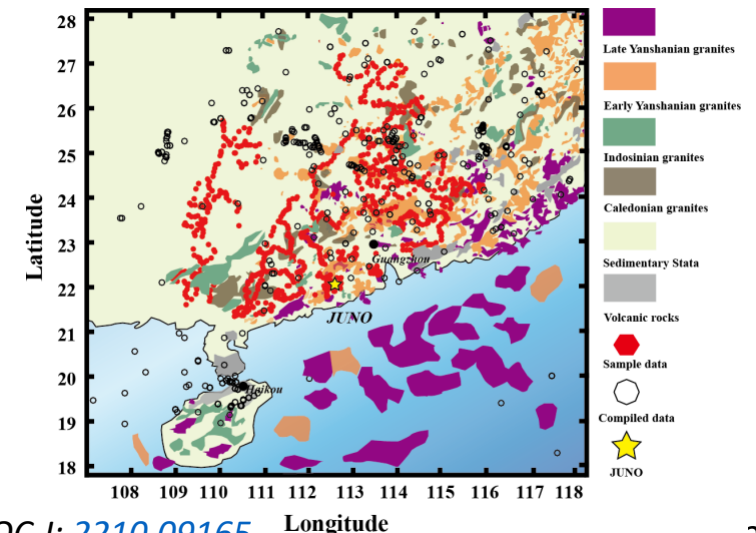
Geo-neutrino sensitivity

- ~400 geo-v/year (based on GLOBAL model)
- Significant updates since [YB](#) & [PPNP 123, 103927 \(2022\)](#)
 - Same updates as for NMO and precision measurement
 - Updated geo-v model, e.g., JULO(-I) predict ~30% more v
 - Updated detector inputs, spectrum uncertainties
- Expected precision for U+Th, U, Th, Th/U ratio and mantle obtained
- Mantle discovery potential is under ongoing
 - Mantle = Total Geonu Measurement – Lithosphere Prediction



Expected geoneutrino precision (assuming Th/U mass ratio fixed to 3.9)	
1 year	~22%
6 years	~10%
10 years	~8%

	6 years	10 years
^{232}Th :	~40%	~35%
^{238}U :	~35%	~30%
$^{232}\text{Th}+^{238}\text{U}$:	~18%	~15%
$^{232}\text{Th}/^{238}\text{U}$ ratio:	~70%	~55%



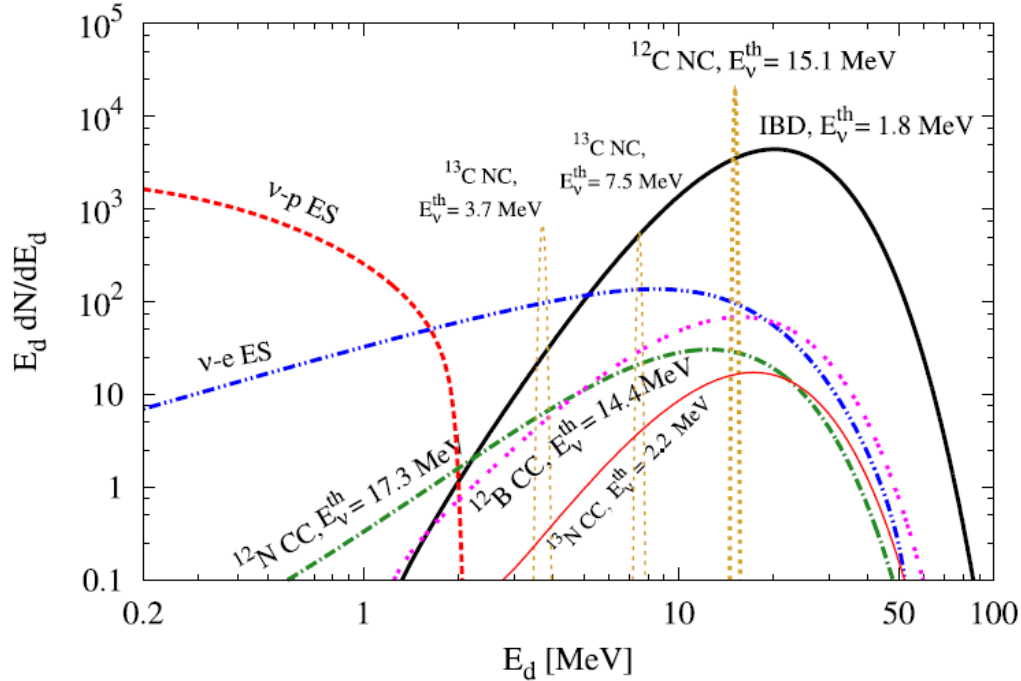
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Core-collapse Supernova Neutrinos (CCSN)

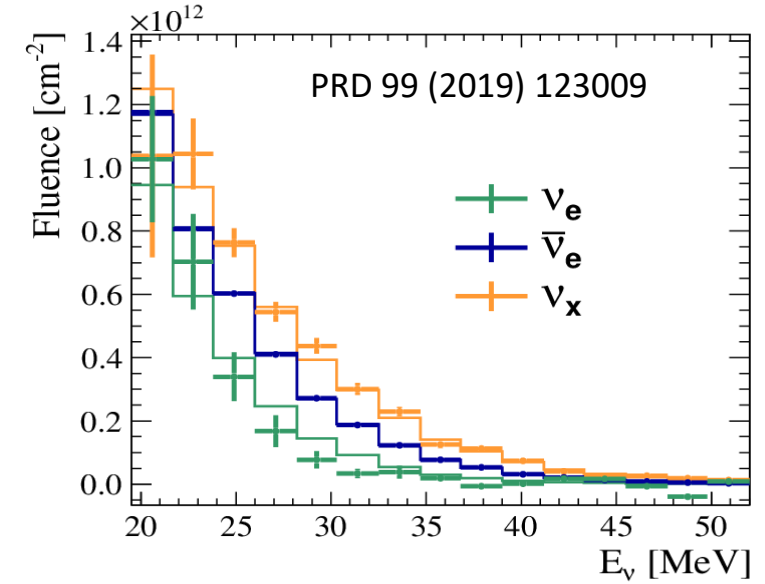
Multi-channel detection, all flavors of CCSN:

~5000 IBD, ~300 eES, ~2000 pES, ~200 ^{12}C CC, ~300 ^{12}C NC @10 kpc



Allow model-independent reconstruction of the energy spectra of $\bar{\nu}_e$, ν_e , ν_x via unfolding approach →

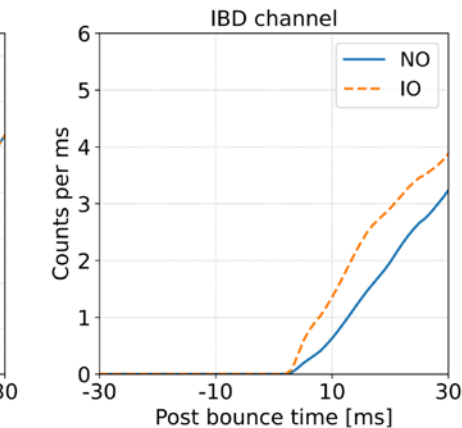
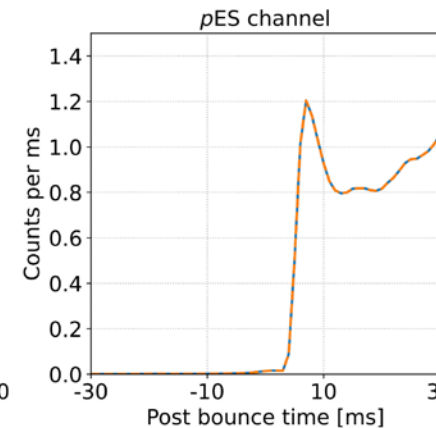
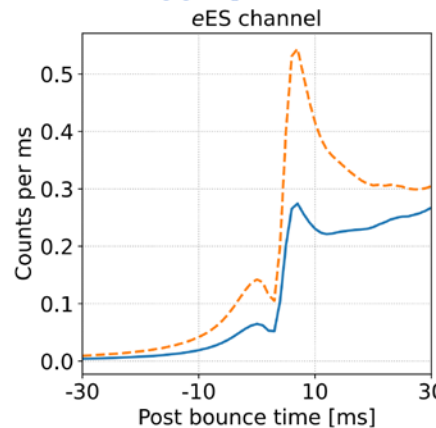
Full chain Monte Carlo analysis ongoing



Other physics Potentials

- Neutrino mass ordering : using MSW matter effect, **pES channel to anchor the bounce time**
- Absolute neutrino masses: probing the **mass of ν_x** (rather than ν_e) with pES channel, or absolute masses from black hole forming CCSNe

Important effects: **Model dependency and Threshold**

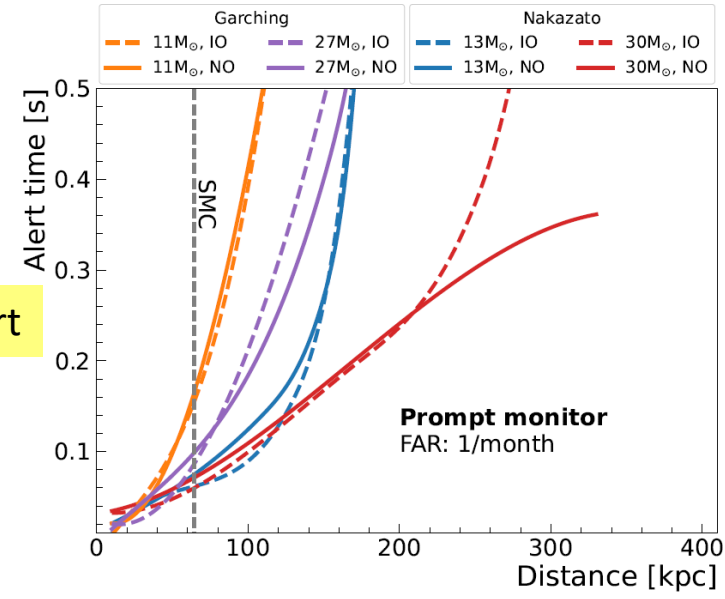
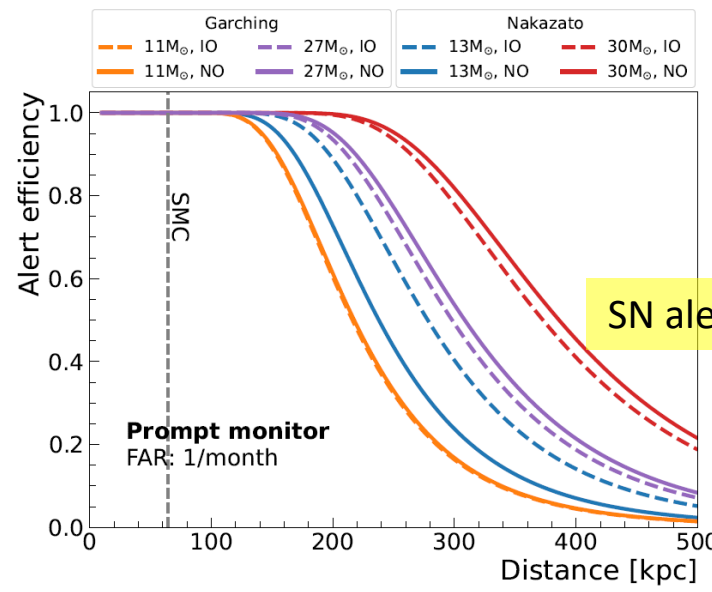


Garching group, 1D simulation, LS220 EoS , 27 solar mass

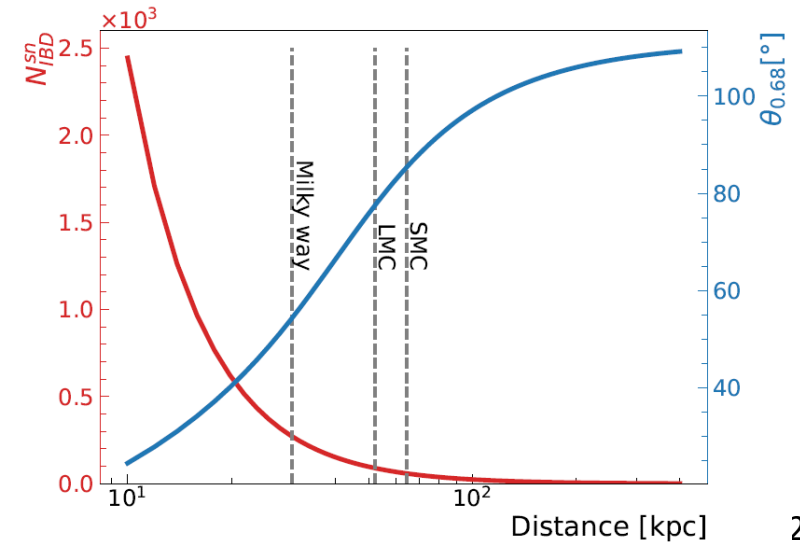
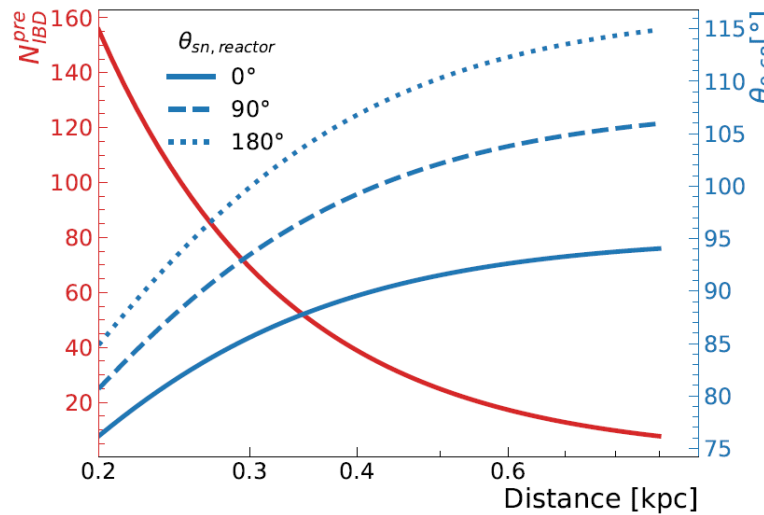
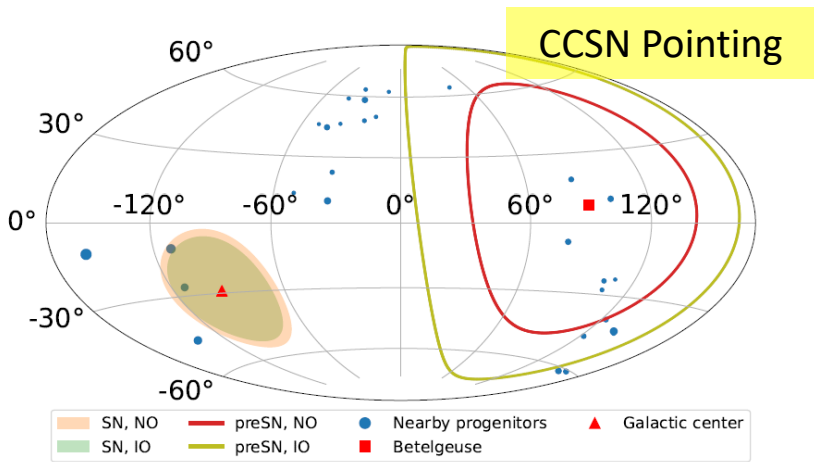


Core-collapse Supernova Neutrinos (CCSN)

- Excellent capability of early warning
- CCSN
 - reach 220 ~ 400 kpc w/ 50% prob.
 - alert in 10 ~ 30 ms for typical 10 kpc
- pre-SN:
 - reach 0.6 ~ 1.7 kpc w/ 50% prob.
 - >~ 100 hr in advance if 0.2 kpc



[2309.07109], accepted by JCAP





Diffused Supernova Neutrino Background (DSNB)

■ DSNB: 2-4 events in JUNO per year

✓ **Not detected yet**

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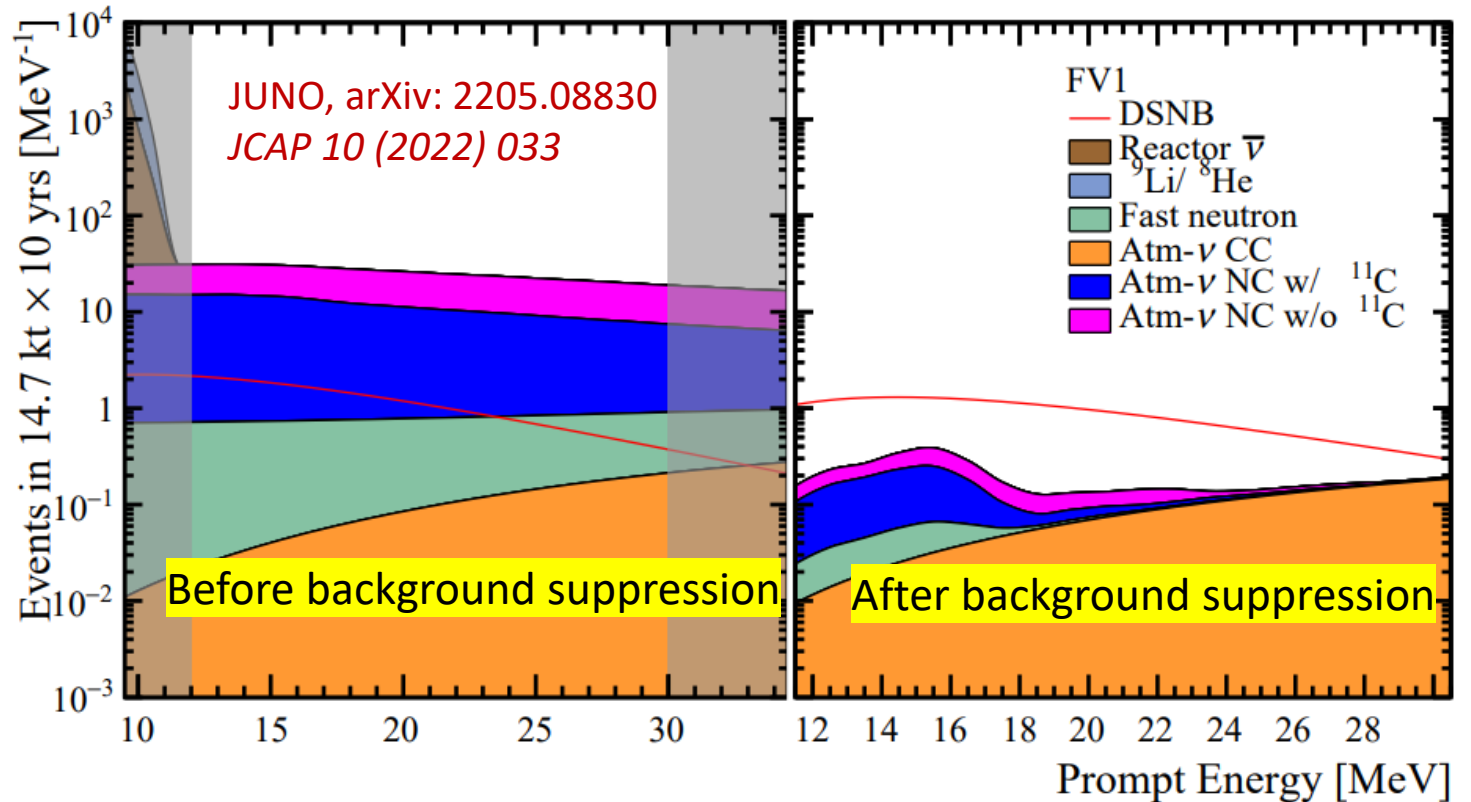
- ▶ Supernova (SN) rate ($R_{SN}(0)$)
- ▶ Average energy of SN neutrinos ($\langle E_\nu \rangle$)
- ▶ Fraction of black hole (f_{BH})

■ Dominant background (above 12 MeV):

✓ **Atm- ν NC interactions**

■ Highlights on background suppression

- ✓ Muon veto
- ✓ Pulse shape discrimination (PSD) technique
- ✓ Triple coincidence (^{11}C delayed decay)

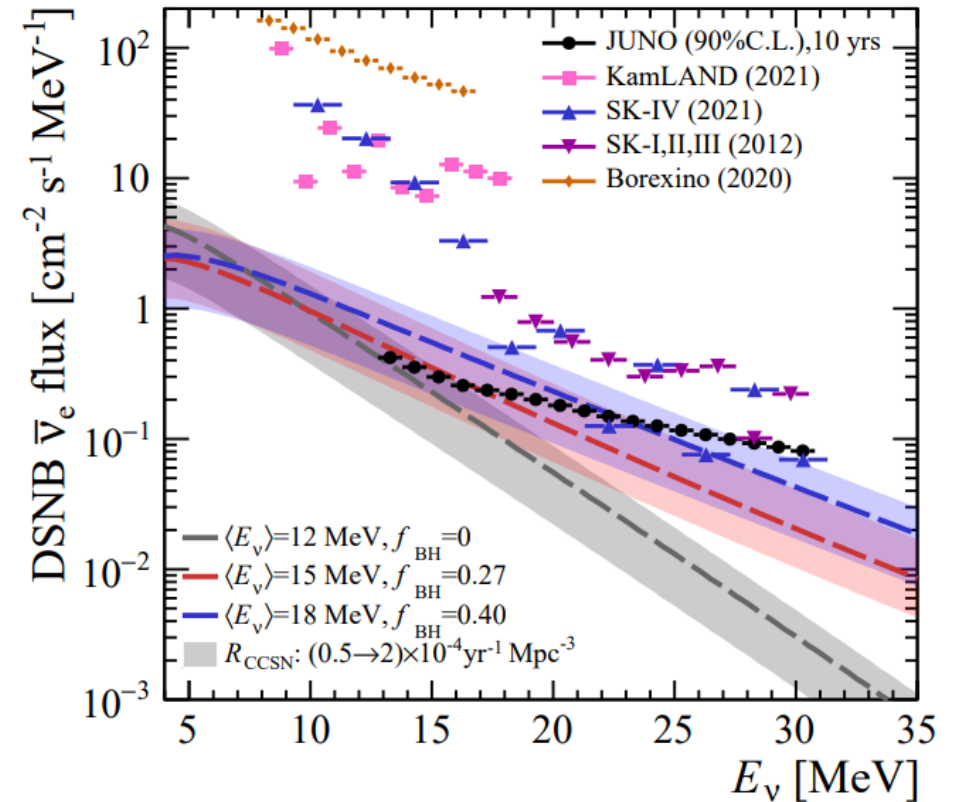
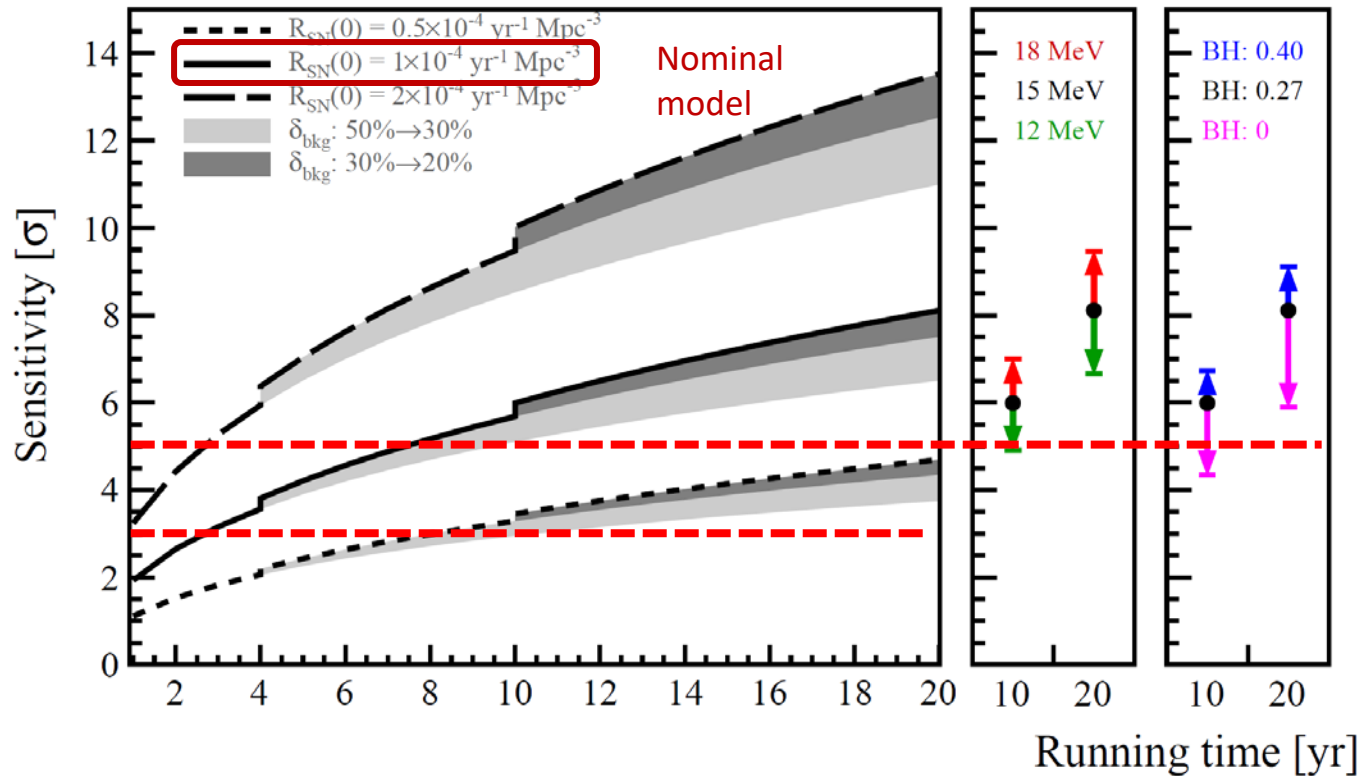


Improvements compared to JUNO physics book *J. Phys. G43:030401(2016)* :

- ✓ **Background evaluation:** 0.7 per year \rightarrow **0.54** per year
- ✓ **PSD:** signal efficiency 50% \rightarrow **80%** (1% residual background)
- ✓ **Realistic DSNB signal model:** **non-zero fraction of failed Supernova**

➔ S/B improved from **2 to 3.5**

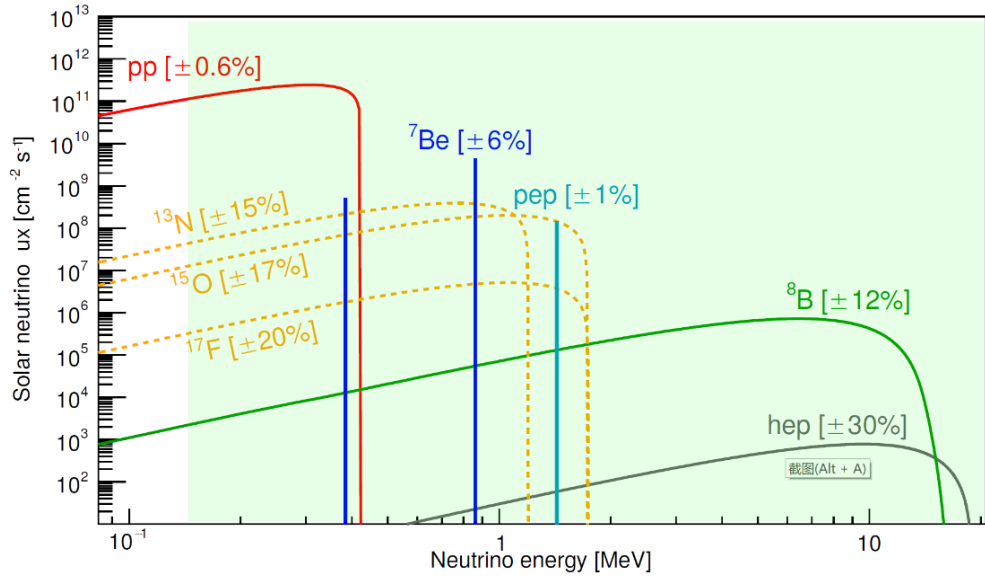
arXiv: 2205.08830, JCAP 10 (2022) 033



- If no positive observation, JUNO can set the world-leading best limits of DSNB flux
- With the nominal model (black solid curve (left plot)): 3σ (3 yrs) and 6σ (10 yrs)



Sensitivities to Intermediate energy solar ν



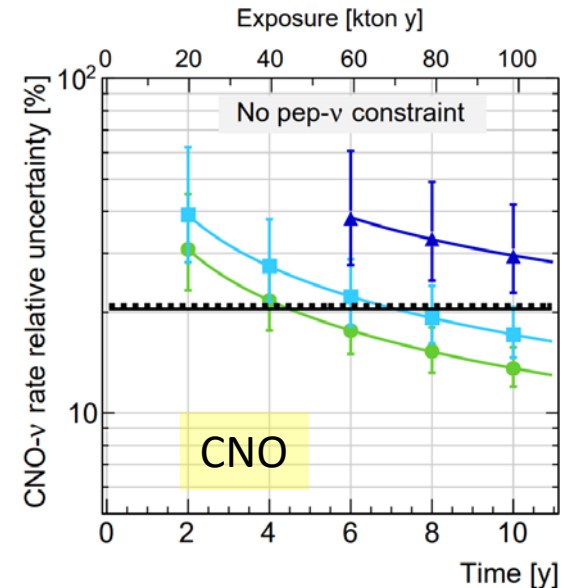
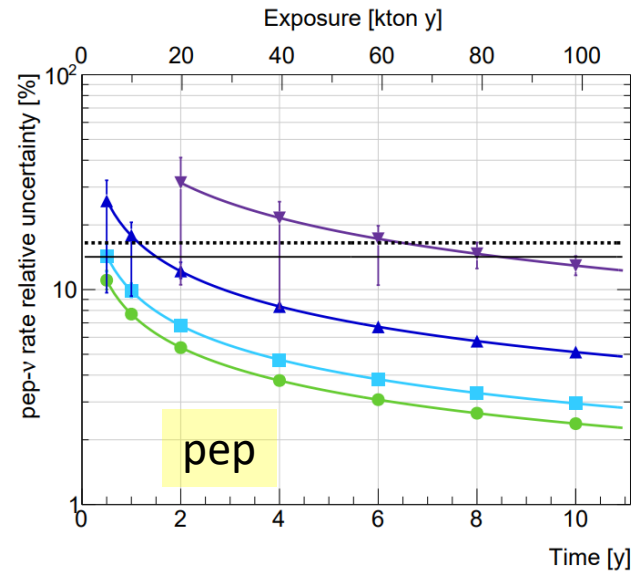
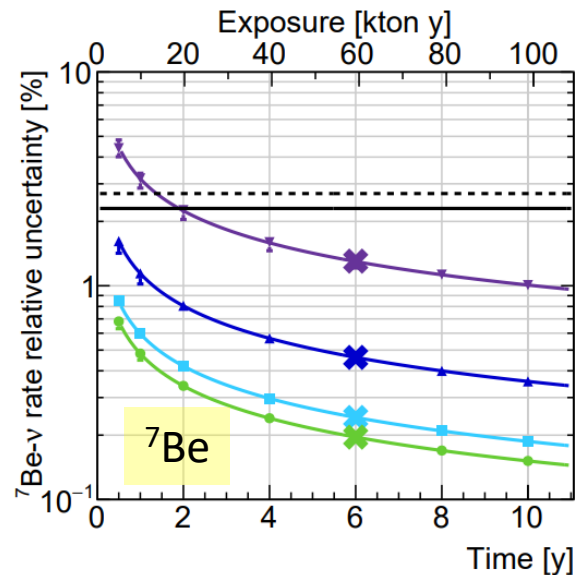
- Improving the understanding of neutrino-emitting solar processes, significant better precision on **^7Be** , **pep**
- First **CNO** measurement without external constraints

[2303.03910] JCAP 10 (2023) 022

Radiopurity is the key

	$^{238}\text{U}, ^{232}\text{Th}$
Borexino-like	10^{-19} g/g
Ideal	10^{-17} g/g
Baseline	10^{-16} g/g
Reactor	10^{-15} g/g

— BX stat. BX stat.+syst.

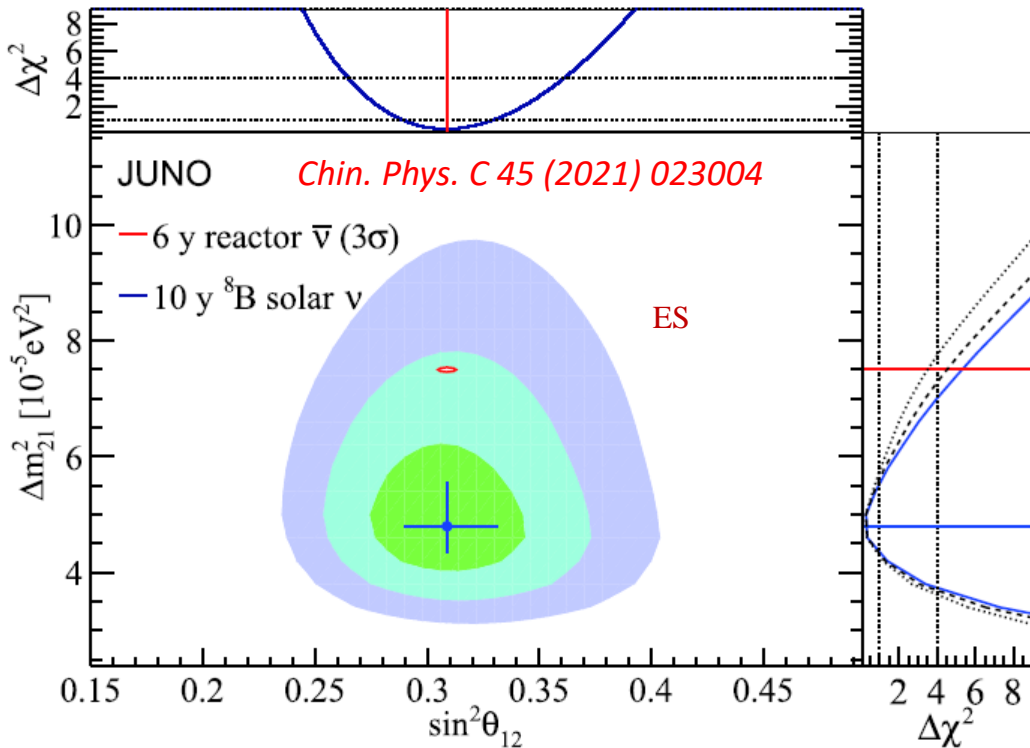




Sensitivities to ^8B solar ν

Low visible energy threshold: $E_{\text{th}} \sim 2 \text{ MeV}$
 Day-Night-Asy precision: 0.9% in 10 yr

Solar & reactor measurement in Δm_{21}^2
 with one single detector

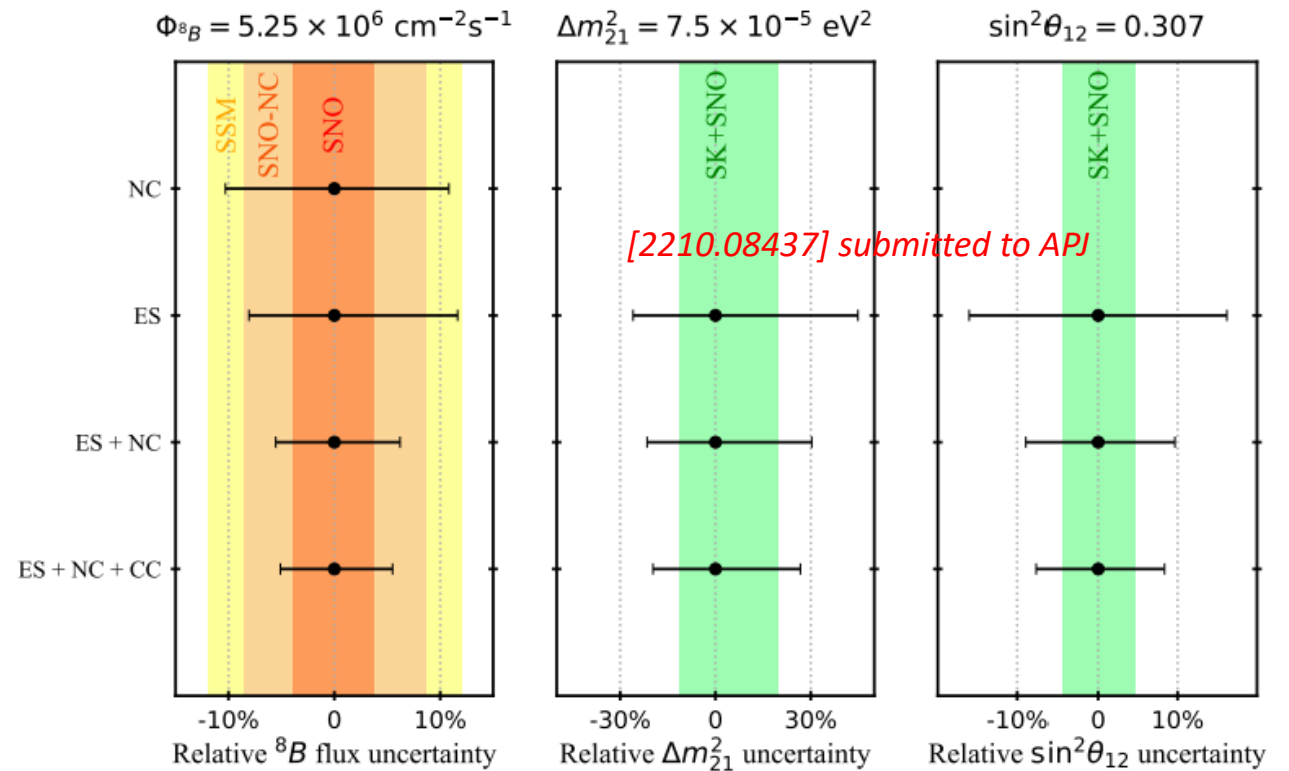


Model independent measurement of ^8B - ν flux
 ($\sim 5\%$) and oscillation parameters

Correlated \leftarrow

Single

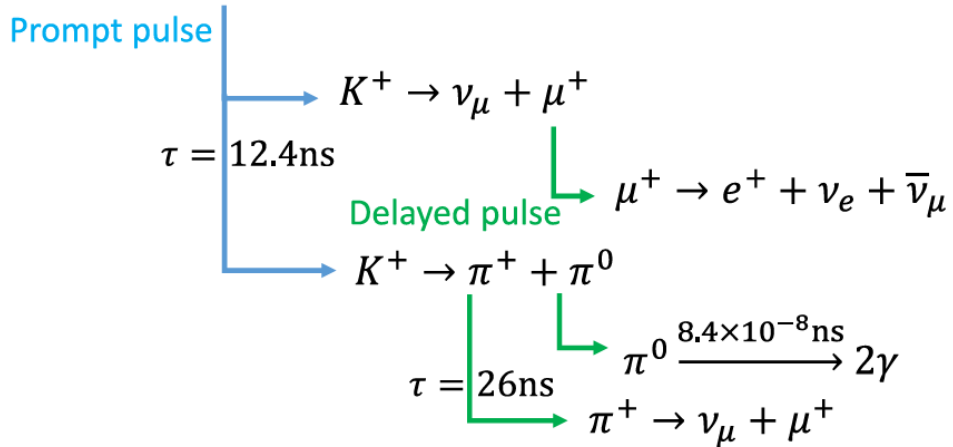
	Channels	Threshold [MeV]	Signal
CC	$\nu_e + ^{13}\text{C} \rightarrow e^- + ^{13}\text{N} (\frac{1}{2}^-; \text{gnd})$	2.2 MeV	$e^- + ^{13}\text{N}$ decay
NC	$\nu_x + ^{13}\text{C} \rightarrow \nu_x + ^{13}\text{C} (\frac{3}{2}^-; 3.685 \text{ MeV})$	3.685 MeV	γ
ES	$\nu_x + e \rightarrow \nu_x + e$	0	e^-





Nucleon Decay

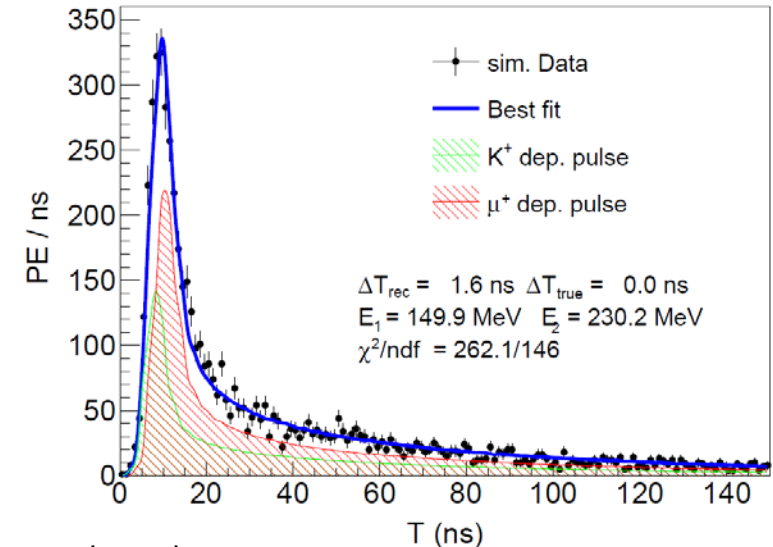
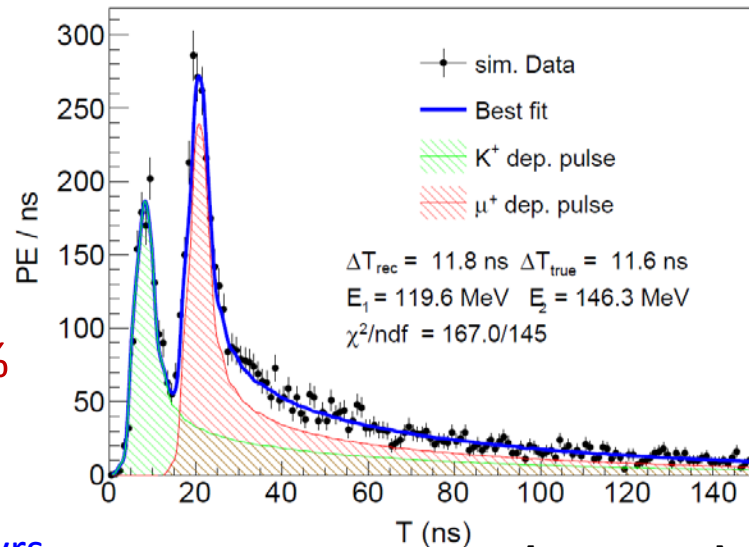
$$p \rightarrow K^+ + \bar{\nu}$$



- **Signature:** three-fold coincidence
- **Dominant background:** atmospheric neutrino interactions

Type	Ratio (%)	Ratio with E_{vis} in [100 MeV, 600 MeV](%)	Interaction	Signal characteristics
NCES	20.2	15.8	$\nu + n \rightarrow \nu + n$ $\nu + p \rightarrow \nu + p$	Single Pulse
CCQE	45.2	64.2	$\bar{\nu}_l + p \rightarrow n + l^+$ $\nu_l + n \rightarrow p + l^-$	Single Pulse
Pion Production	33.5	19.8	$\nu_l + p \rightarrow l^- + p + \pi^+$ $\nu + p \rightarrow \nu + n + \pi^+$	Approximate Single Pulse (Second pulse too low)
Kaon Production	1.1	0.2	$\nu_l + n \rightarrow l^- + \Lambda + K^+$ $\nu_l + p \rightarrow l^- + p + K^+$	Double Pulse

- Disentangle pile-up of signals with 3-inch PMTs
- Multiplicity, spatial distribution of Michel e- and neutrons
- **Expect sensitivity: 9.6×10^{33} years (90% C.L.) for 193 kton*yr fiducial exposure**



Super-K (2014): $>5.9 \times 10^{33}$ yrs @ 260 kton·yr



Physics Potentials with JUNO

JUNO has great potentials on the physics topics below, although except for CP phases, θ_{23} Octant

Exp.	Time	Mass ordering	CP phases	Precision Meas.	CCSN burst @ 10 kpc	DSNB	Geo-v	Solar	Proton Decay (sensitivity@10 y)
JUNO (20 kt)	2024	3-4 σ 6 y	—	$\sin^2\theta_{12}$ (0.5%), Δm_{21}^2 (0.3%), Δm_{31}^2 (0.2%), 6 y	all-flavor ν (IBD, eES, pES)	3σ, 3 y	~400/y	^7Be, pep, CNO, ^8B	> 9.6x10³³ y ($\bar{\nu}K^+$)
DUNE (17 kt*4)	2030	>5 σ 1-3 y	5 σ (50%) 10 y	Δm_{32}^2 ~0.4%, $\sin^2\theta_{23}$ ~1.1% *, 15 y	^{40}Ar CC & NC, eES	^{40}Ar CC	—	^8B , hep	>8.7x10³³ y ($e^+\pi^0$) >1.3x10³⁴ y ($\bar{\nu}K^+$)
HyperK (260 kt)	2027	3-5 σ 10 y	5σ (60%) 10 y	Δm_{32}^2 ~0.6%, $\sin^2\theta_{23}$ ~1.6% *, 10 y	eES, IBD	<u>3σ, 6 y</u>	—	^8B , hep	>7.8x10³⁴ y ($e^+\pi^0$) >3.2x10³⁴ y ($\bar{\nu}K^+$)
ORCA (7 Mt)	Un-known	2-4 σ 3 y	—	Δm_{32}^2 ~2% , 3 y	rate excess			—	
IceCube Upgrade	2026	2-4 σ 7 y	—	Δm_{32}^2 ~1.3% , 3 y	rate excess			—	

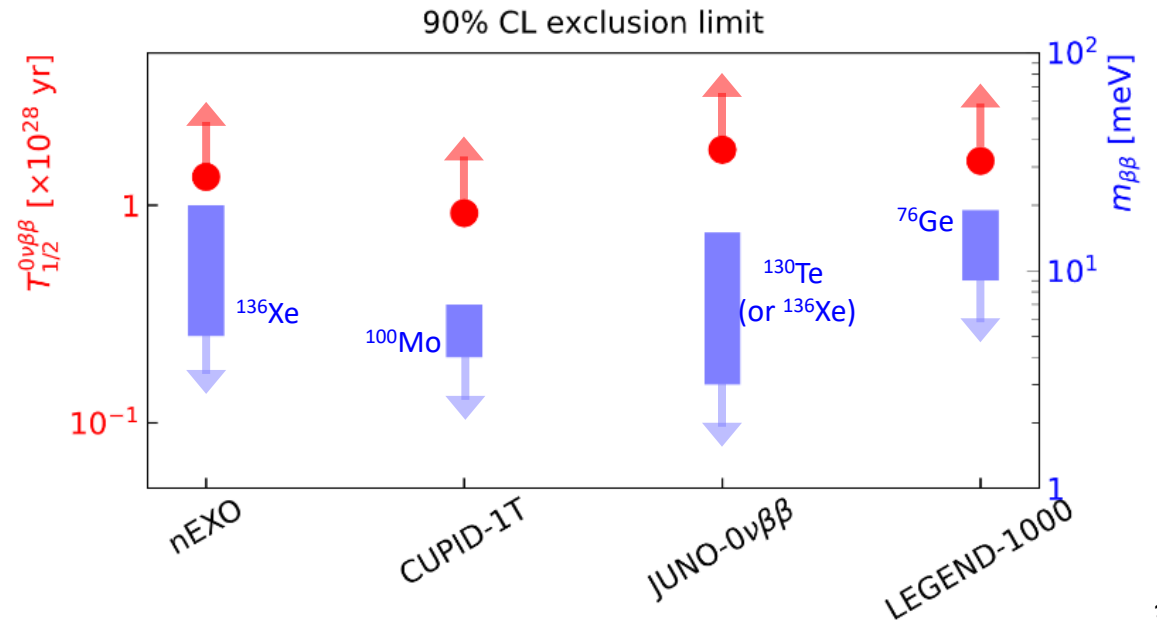
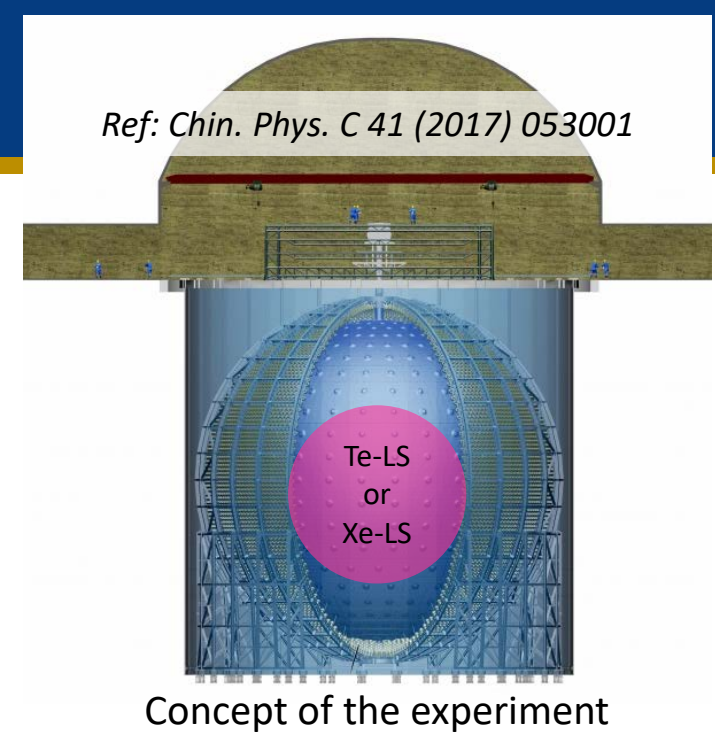
* Upper octant assumption

eES: ν -electron scattering, pES: ν -proton scattering, IBD: inverse beta decay

- JUNO offers an unique opportunity to search for $0\nu\beta\beta$ after completion of mass ordering measurements (~ 2030)
 - Large target mass: 20 kton LS \rightarrow **100-ton scale isotope loading** (e.g., Tellurium, no enrichment, cost effective)
 - Excellent clean LS shielding \rightarrow **Low background**
 - Energy resolution $< 3\%$ @ 1 MeV
- \rightarrow Potential to explore normal mass ordering parameter space of Majorana neutrino mass. [Snowmass2021 LOI](#)

■ Critical R&D in progress

- **Te-loaded LS** (requirements: high light yield, transparency and solubility and stability)
- **Background rejection** (^8B solar neutrinos, Te muon-spallation products)
- **Xenon enrichment** w/ a company, aiming at 200 kg/yr

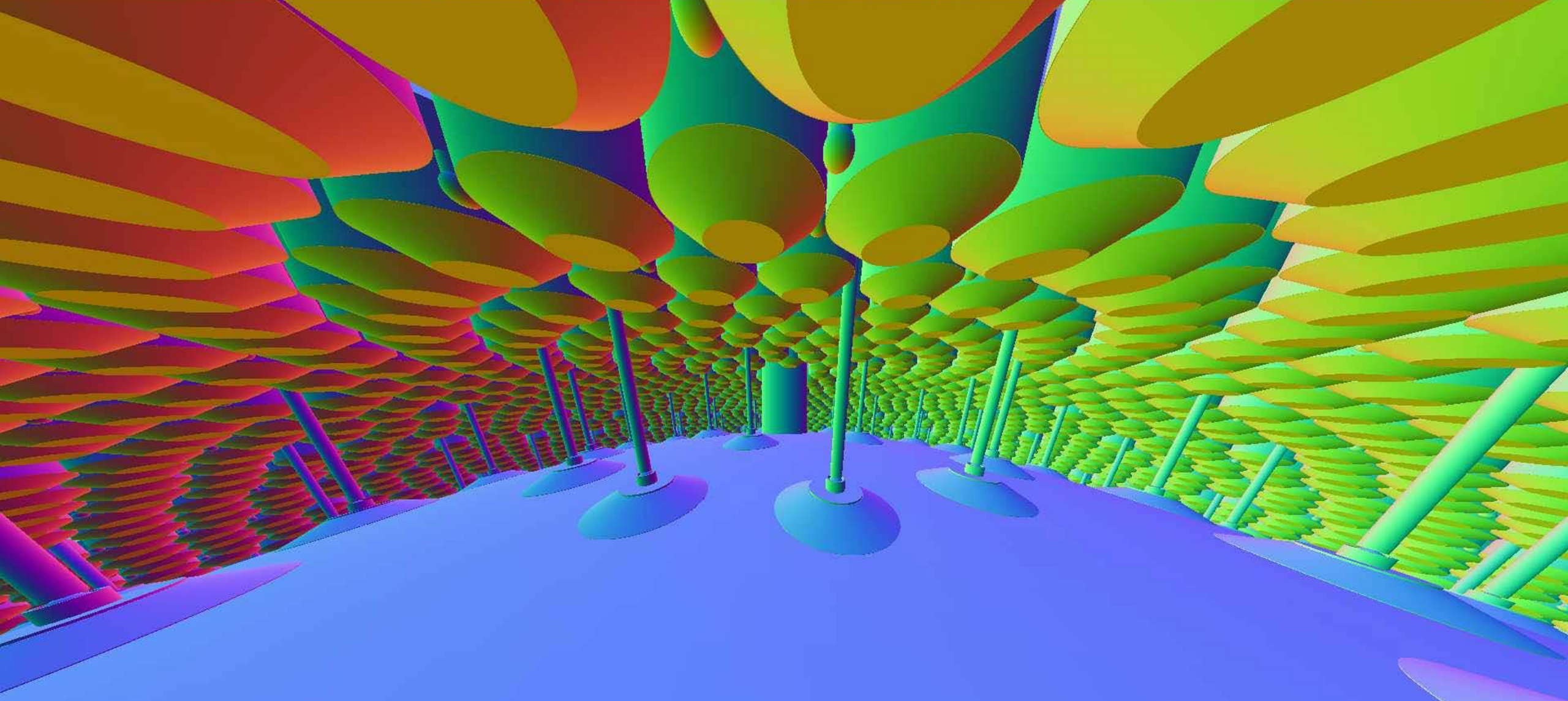




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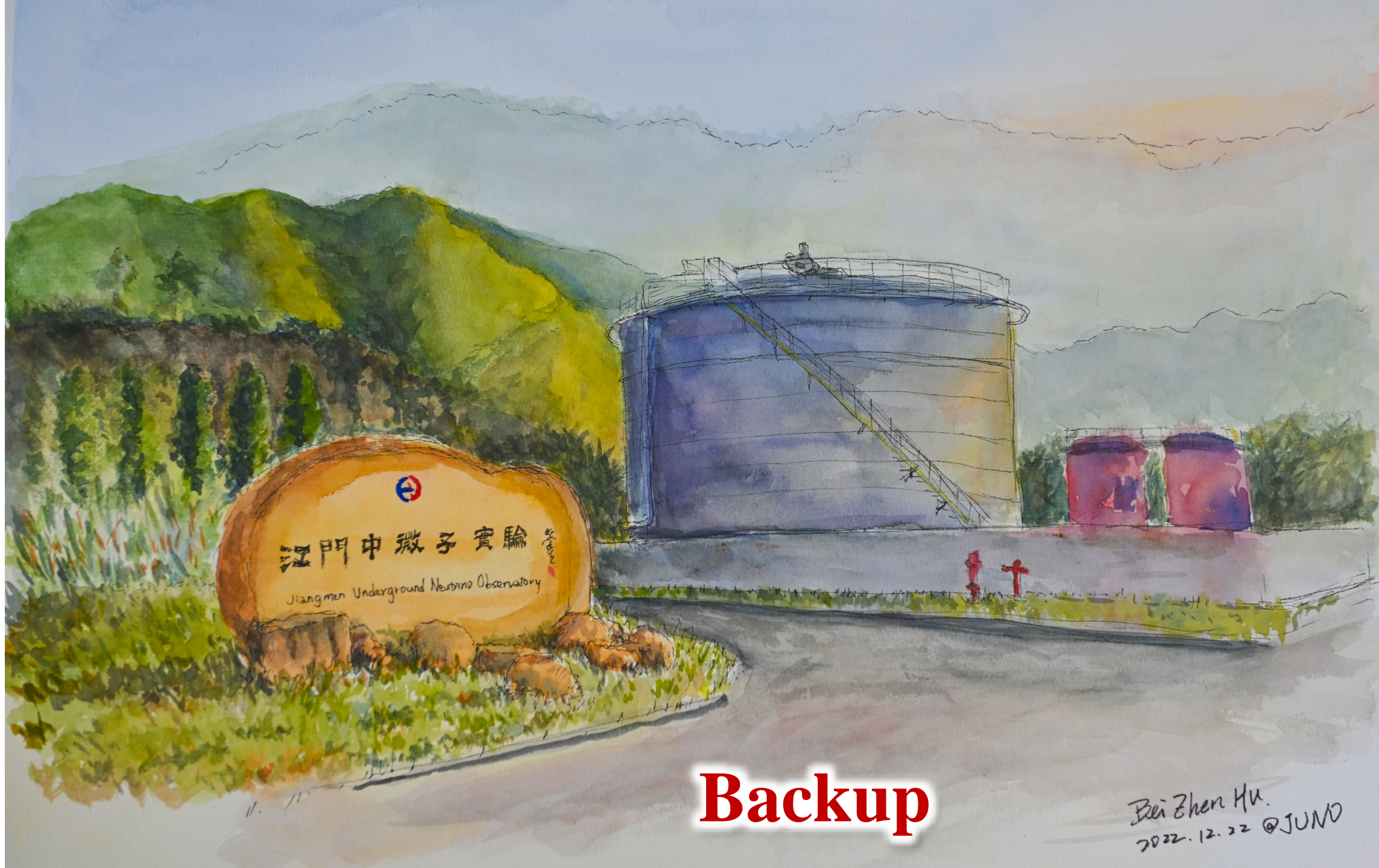
- Revealing the mysteries of **neutrinos are extremely important for understanding the two infinities**: particle physics and cosmology
- Neutrino oscillation studies entered **a precision era**, and there are still many unknowns about fundamental properties of neutrinos (**mass ordering, Majorana nature, absolute mass**, CP-violating phases, etc)
- JUNO has great potential on solving some of the problems. Its construction going on well. Expect first data in 2024.

- Stay tuned!



Courtesy: S. Blyth, T. Lin, Y. X. Hu
Opticks : GPU Optical Photon Simulation

Thank you!



Backup

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2022.12.22 @JUNO

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = & 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \left[\sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} + \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E} \right] \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \sin \frac{(\Delta m_{31}^2 + \Delta m_{32}^2) L}{4E}
 \end{aligned}$$

(matter effect contributes maximal
 $\sim 4\%$ correction at around 3 MeV,
arXiv:1605.00900,
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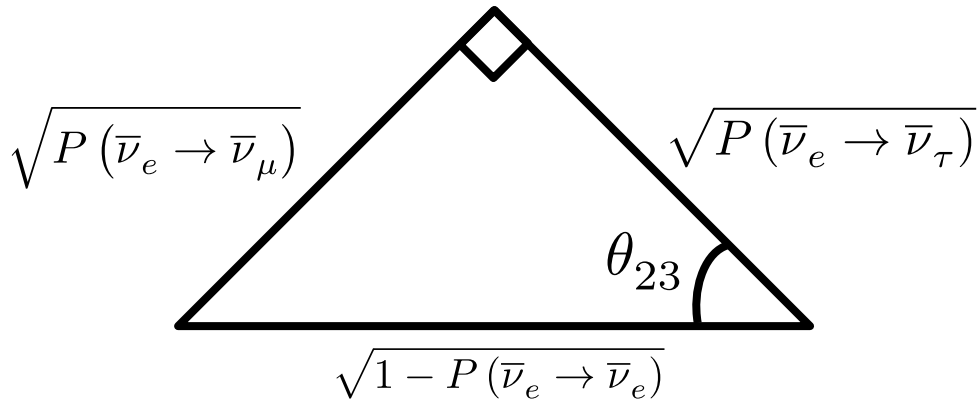
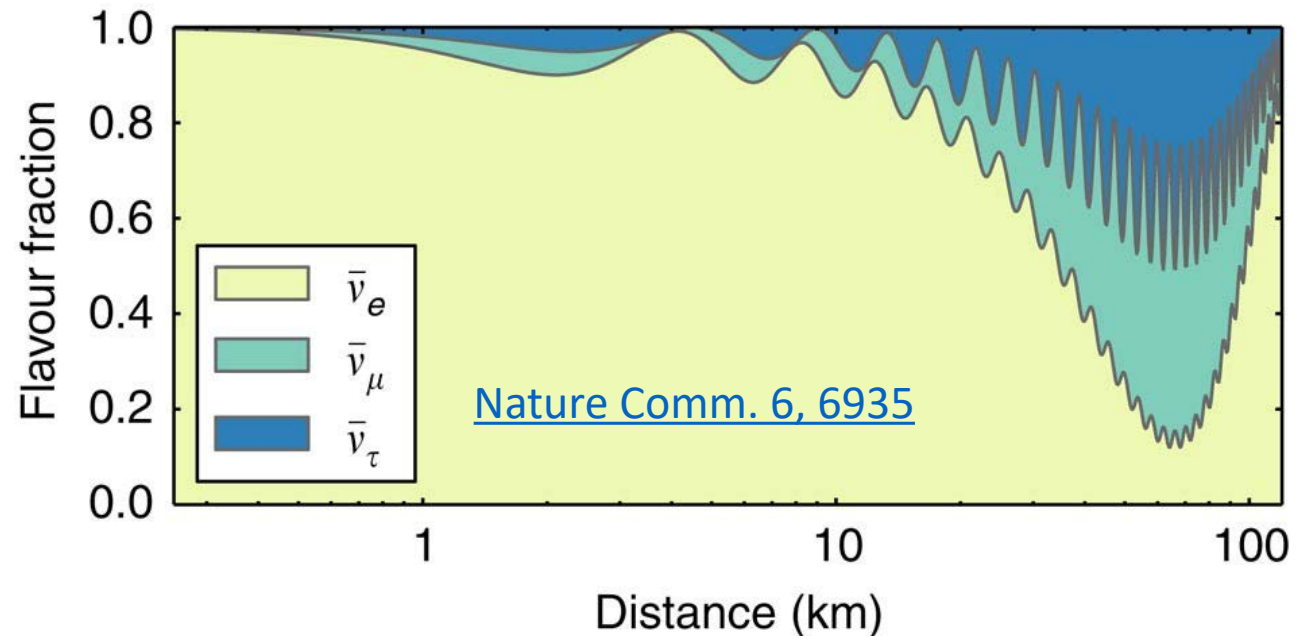


Illustration: Daya Bay Conversion Probability

Courtesy: Jihong Huang, Zhi-zhong Xing



Updated reactor neutrino models

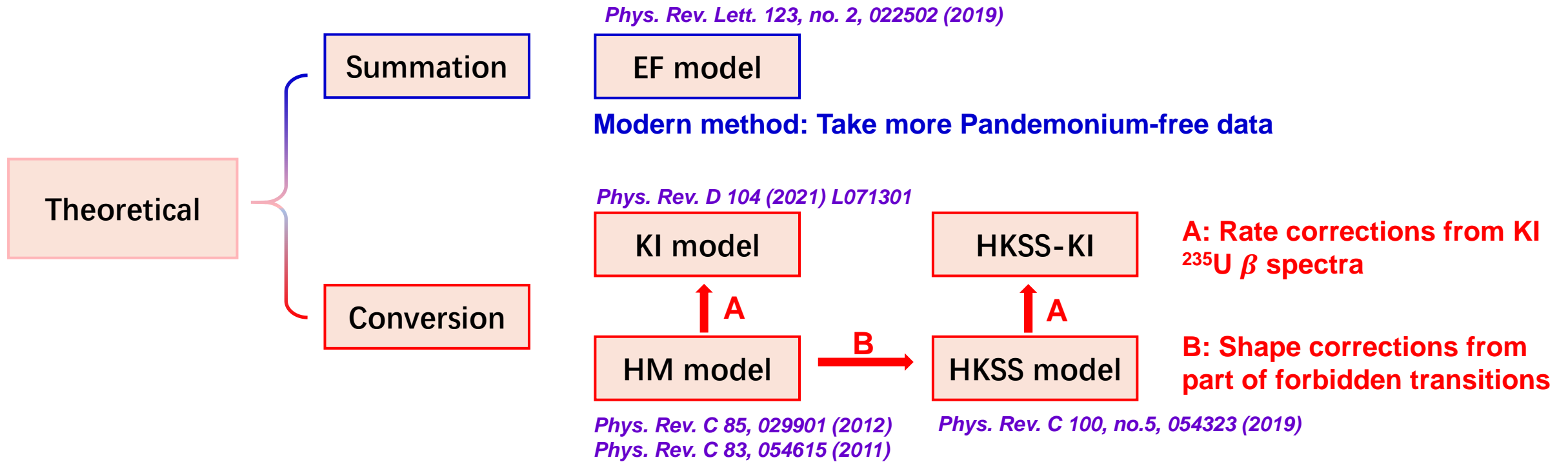


Diagram Courtesy: XIN Zhao

- Huber-Mueller model
- Hayen-Kostensalo-Severijns-Suhonen model
- Recent Kurchatov Institute measurements
- HM → KI model • HKSS → HKSS-KI model
- Estienne-Fallot summation model



Energy Resolution (current understanding)

Change	Light yield in detector center [PEs/MeV]	Energy resolution	Reference
Previous estimation	1345	3.0% @1MeV	JHEP03(2021)004
Photon Detection Efficiency (27%→30%)	+11% ↑		arXiv: 2205.08629
New Central Detector Geometries	+3% ↑	2.95% @ 1MeV	
New PMT Optical Model	+8% ↑		EPJC 82 329 (2022)

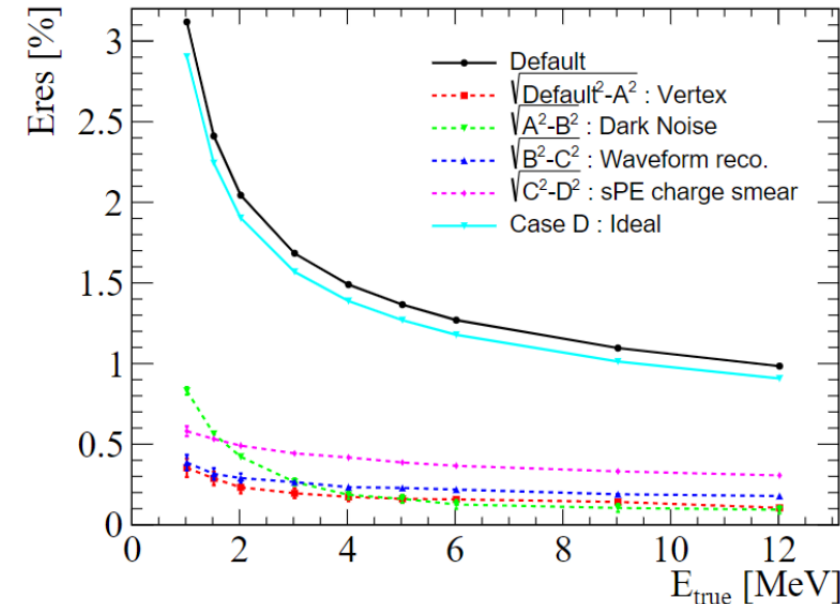
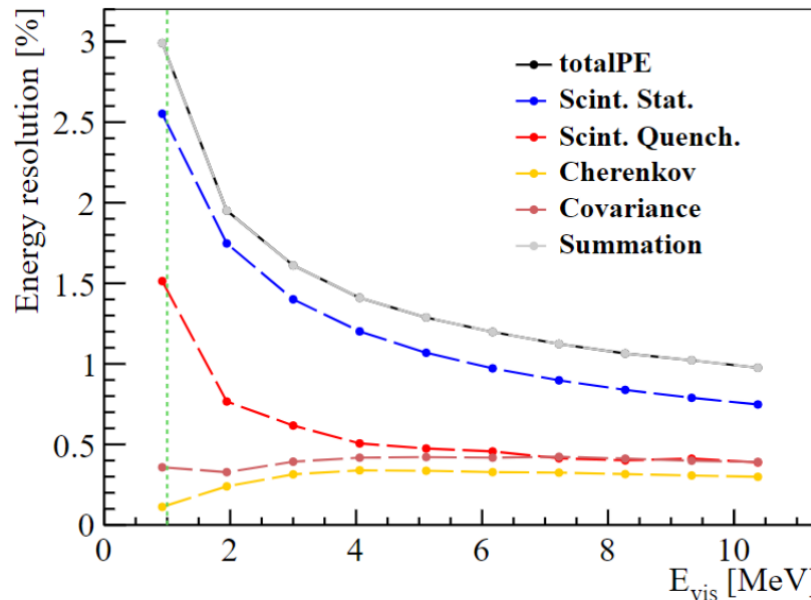
- **Scintillation quenching effect**

- LS Birks constant from table-top measurements

- **Cherenkov radiation**

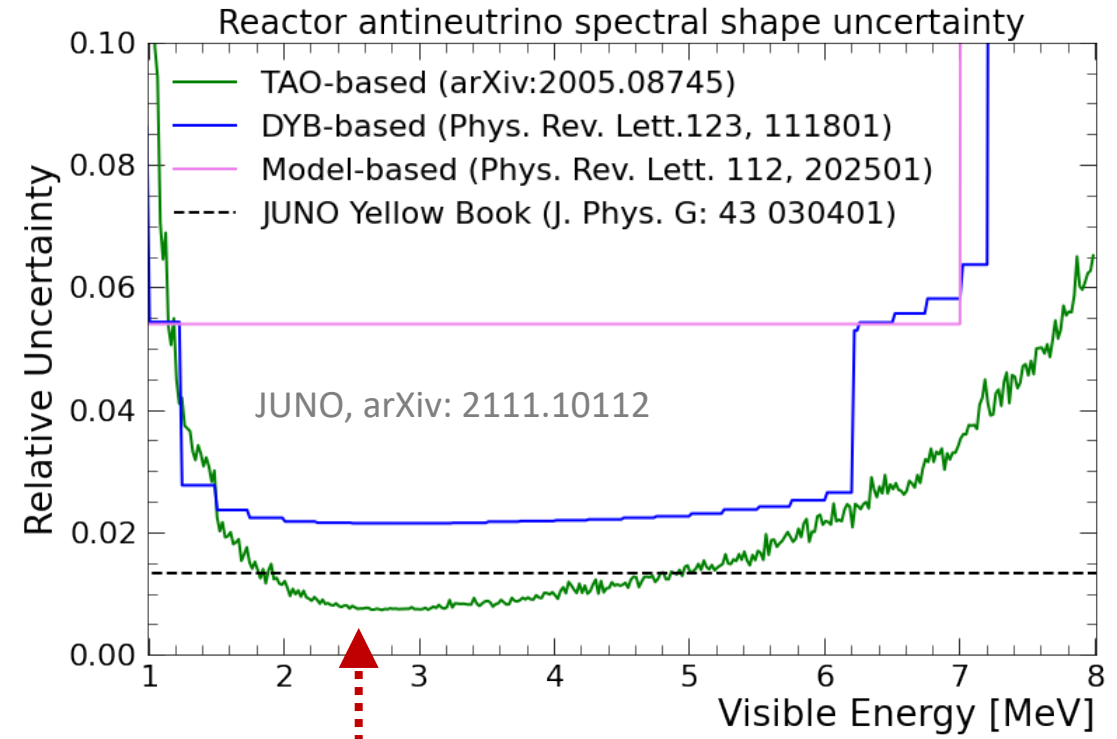
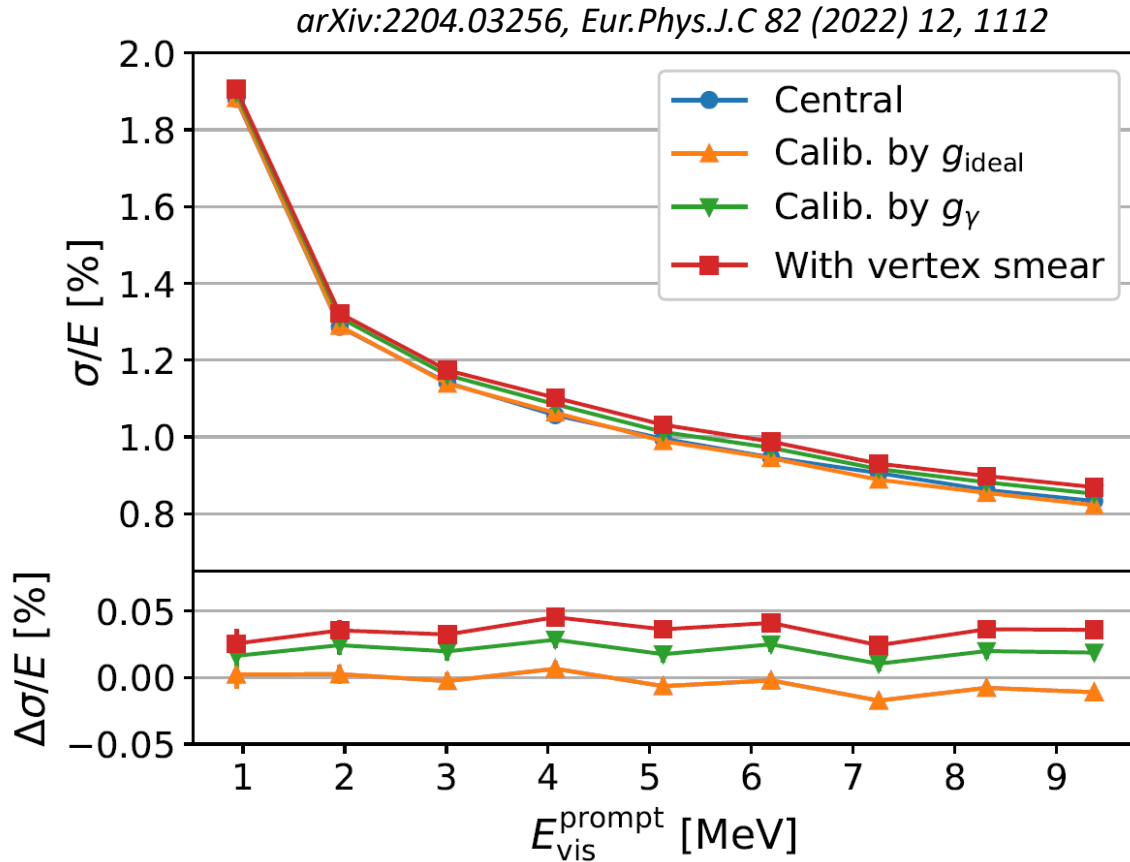
- Cherenkov yield factor (refractive index & re-emission probability) is re-constrained with Daya Bay LS non-linearity

- **Detector uniformity and reconstruction**



Strategy of measuring the energy resolution with calibration data is developed

Reactor Antineutrino Spectrum from TAO



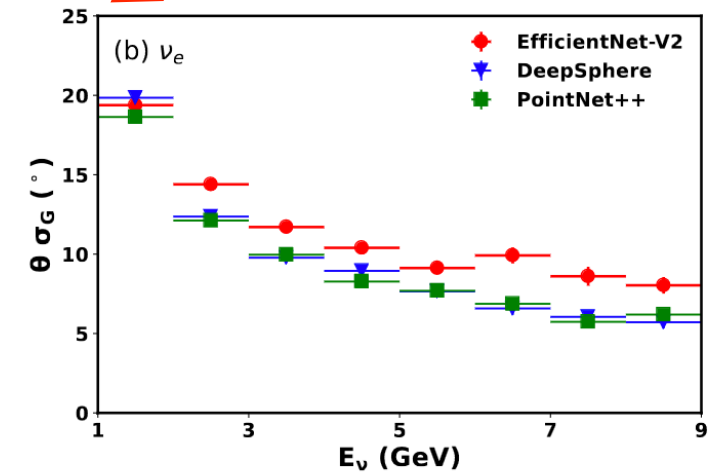
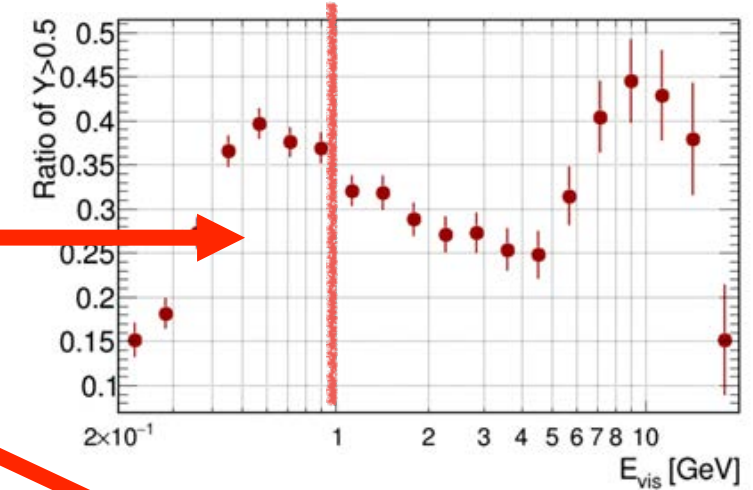
Shape uncertainty close to the assumption in the JUNO physics book *J. Phys. G43:030401(2016)*

- Precisely measure the unoscillated reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ spectrum
- ➔ good understanding of the shape uncertainty
- ➔ model-independent combined analysis with JUNO
- Also search for sterile neutrinos and measure spectra of dominant isotopes



Improvements on atmospheric neutrino analysis

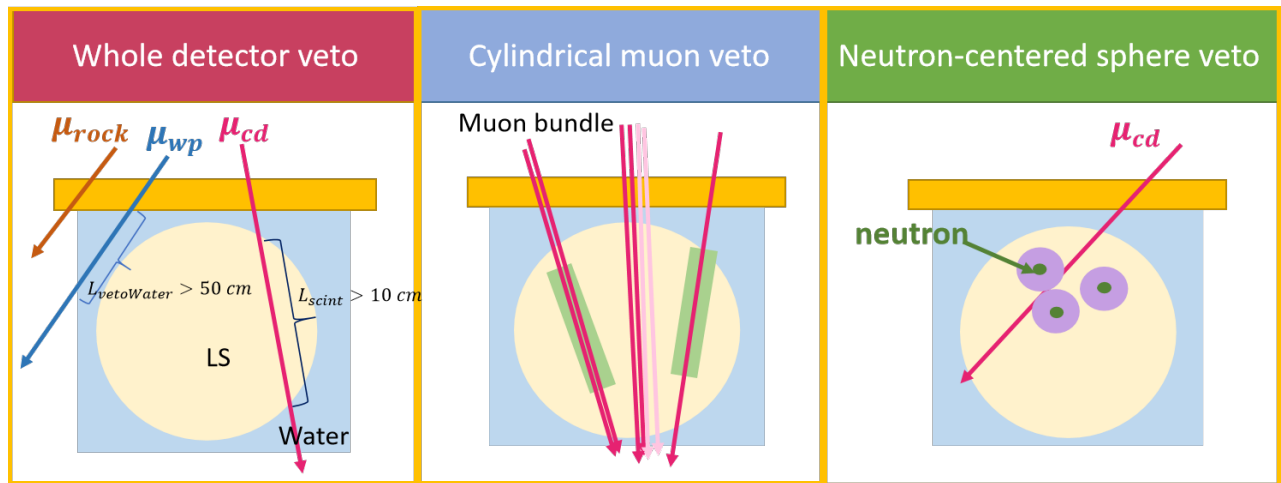
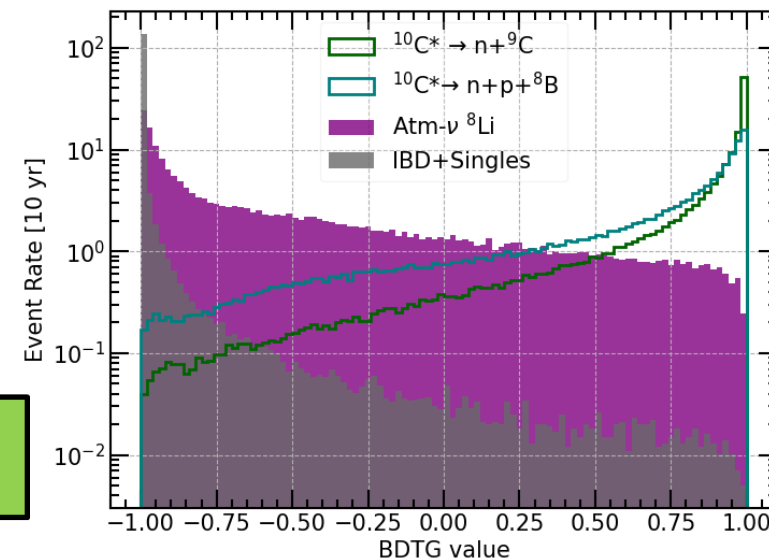
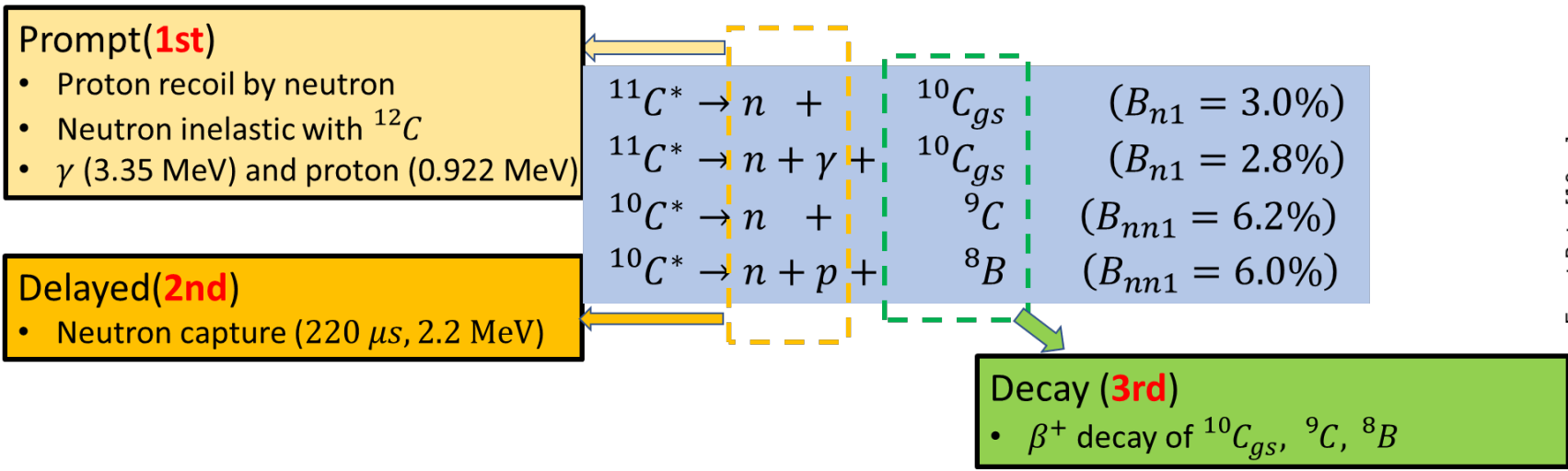
	Yellow Book assumptions	NEW developments	Potential improvement
Event Selection $\nu_e/\bar{\nu}_e$	$E_{vis} > 1\text{GeV}$ $Y_{vis} = E_h/E_{vis} < 0.5$	$E_{vis} > 1\text{GeV}$	~30% more stats.
Directionality	$\sigma_{\theta\mu} = 1^\circ$ $\sigma_{\theta\nu} = 10^\circ$	$\sigma_{\theta\nu} < 10^\circ$ ($E > 3\text{GeV}$)	Better resolution; E-dependent
Classification	CC-e / CC- μ / NC: 100% eff.	CC-e / CC- μ / NC: 80%~95% eff.	—
	ν vs $\bar{\nu}$: simple classification with $N_{\text{michel-e}}, Y_{vis}$	ν vs $\bar{\nu}$: 50%~80% eff.	Better ν vs $\bar{\nu}$ separation
Energy	$\sigma_{E_{vis}} = 1\%/ \sqrt{E}$	σ_{E_ν}	E_ν instead of E_{vis}





Invisible nucleon decay search

Triple-coincidence signatures from excited $^{11}\text{C}^*$, $^{10}\text{C}^*$ nuclei after **Invisible decay of bounded neutron(s) in ^{12}C**



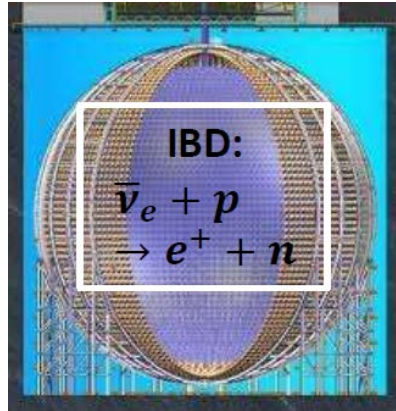
- Analyses ongoing, preliminary results show significantly better sensitivity than the current experimental limits

Decay mode	sensitivity or limit (90% CL) [yr]		
	JUNO (10 yrs)	SNO+	KamLAND
$n \rightarrow inv$	1.1×10^{31}	2.5×10^{29}	5.8×10^{29}
$nn \rightarrow inv$	1.5×10^{32}	1.3×10^{28}	1.4×10^{30}

PRD99.032008
~235 days

PhysRevLett.96.101802
~750 days

Indirect Dark Matter Search



- DM annihilation into neutrinos in the Milky Way
- DM masses: **15 - 100 MeV**
- Detection channel in JUNO: Inverse Beta Decay
- Backgrounds: **atm-ν NC/CC, DSNB, fast neutron, reactor**
 - PSD technique to suppress atm-ν NC and fast neutron

