

Photodetector system of the JUNO experiment

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JUNO: Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory



JUNO is a 20 kton multi-purpose underground

Main goal is the measurement of **Neutrino Mass**

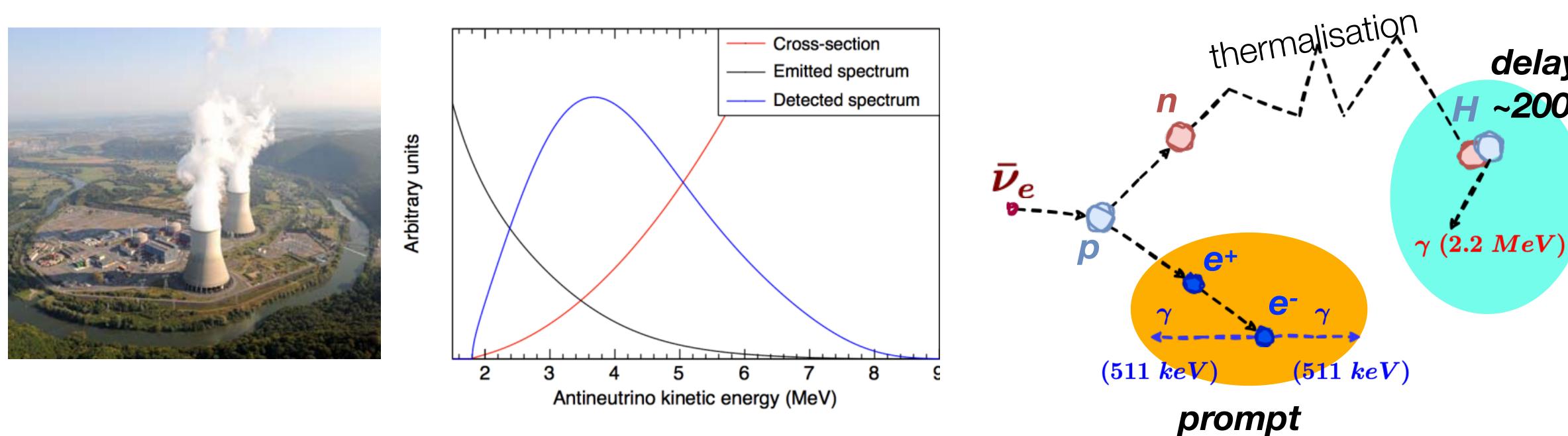






Reactor anti-neutrinos

Nuclear reactors are extremely intense, well understood and $\bar{\nu}_e$ -pure source



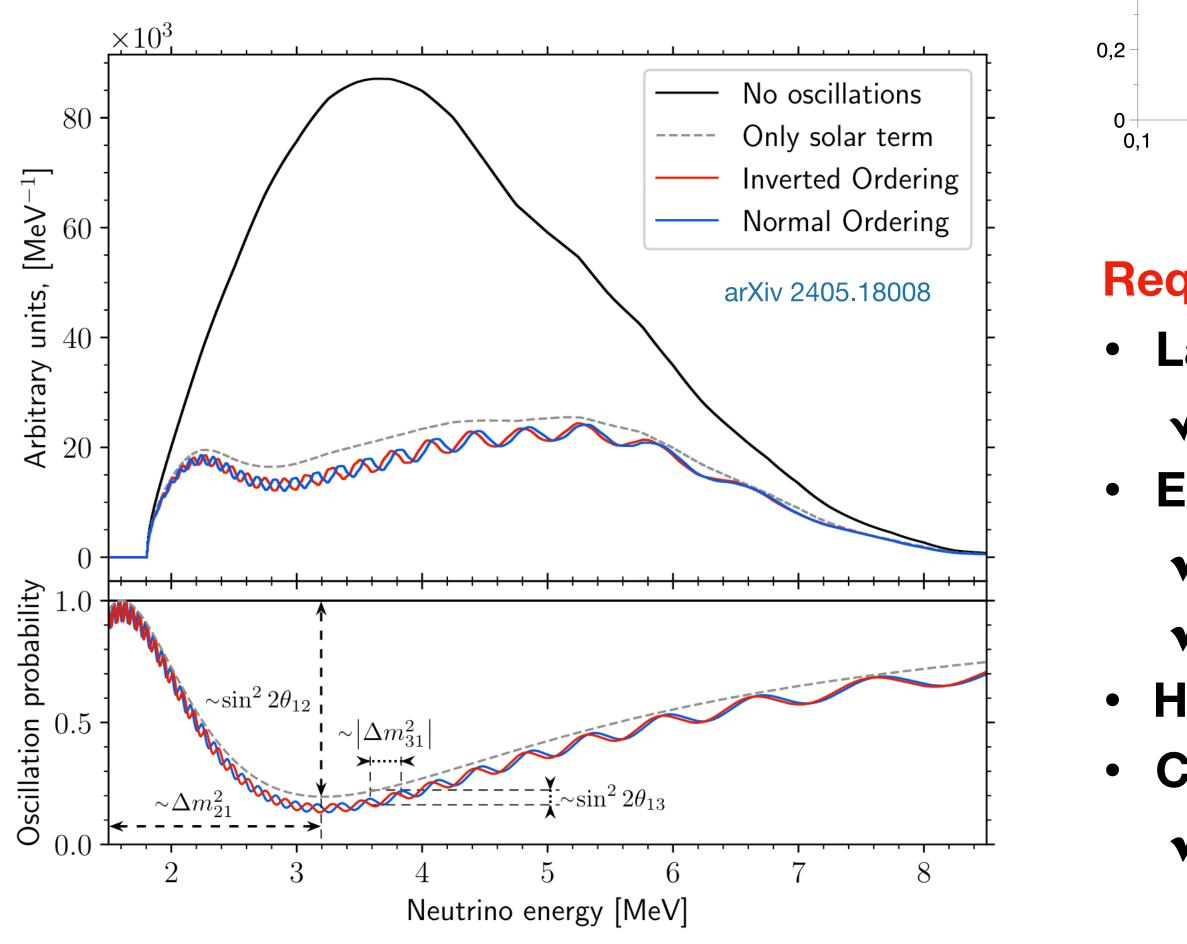
- Typical flux ~ 2 x 10²⁰ $\bar{\nu}_e$ /sec/GW_{th}
- Reactor neutrino allows for a wide range of experimental baseline (few m to 100 km) to explore different oscillation feature

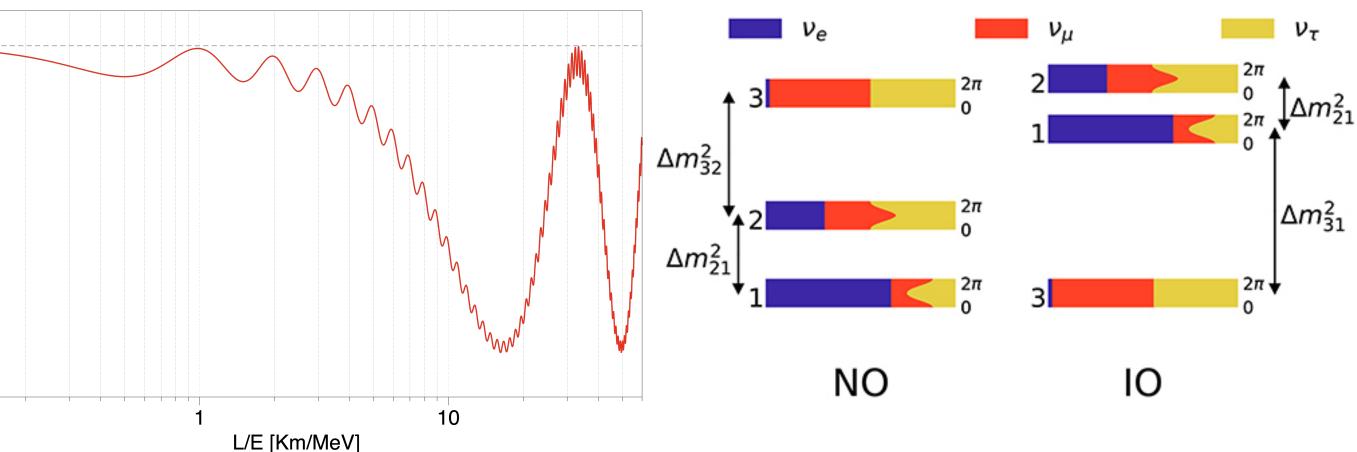
- Detection via Inverse Beta Decay
- Prompt-delayed coincidence: energy, time, space
- Neutrino energy: $E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \sim E_{prompt} + 0.78 \; MeV$



JUNO experiments main goal

Measure the reactor neutrino spectrum at 52.2 km from NPPs (first "solar" minima) to resolve the fast 0.8 oscillation driven by the interference between 9,0 ^e→[[] Δm_{31}^2 , Δm_{32}^2 and extract NMO 0,4





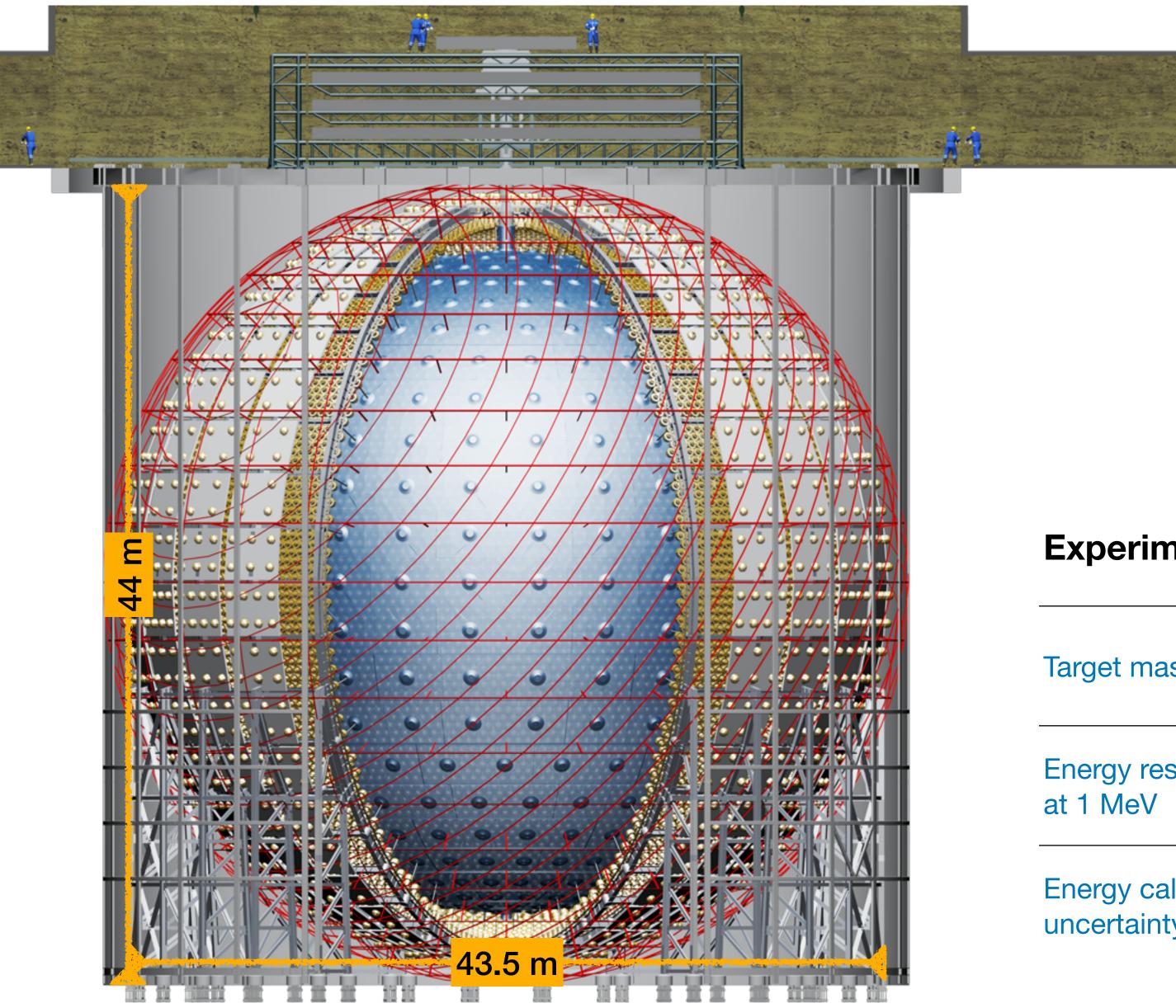
Requirement of the experiment

- Large target mass: 20 kton liquid scintillator (LS)
 - \checkmark Large statistics
 - Excellent energy resolution: 3% at 1 MeV
 - ✓ Large photocathode coverage
 - ✓ High photon detection efficiency
 - **Highly transparent liquid scintillator**
 - **Control of energy scale and systematics**
 - \checkmark Calibration and quality control of PMTs





JUNO detector design



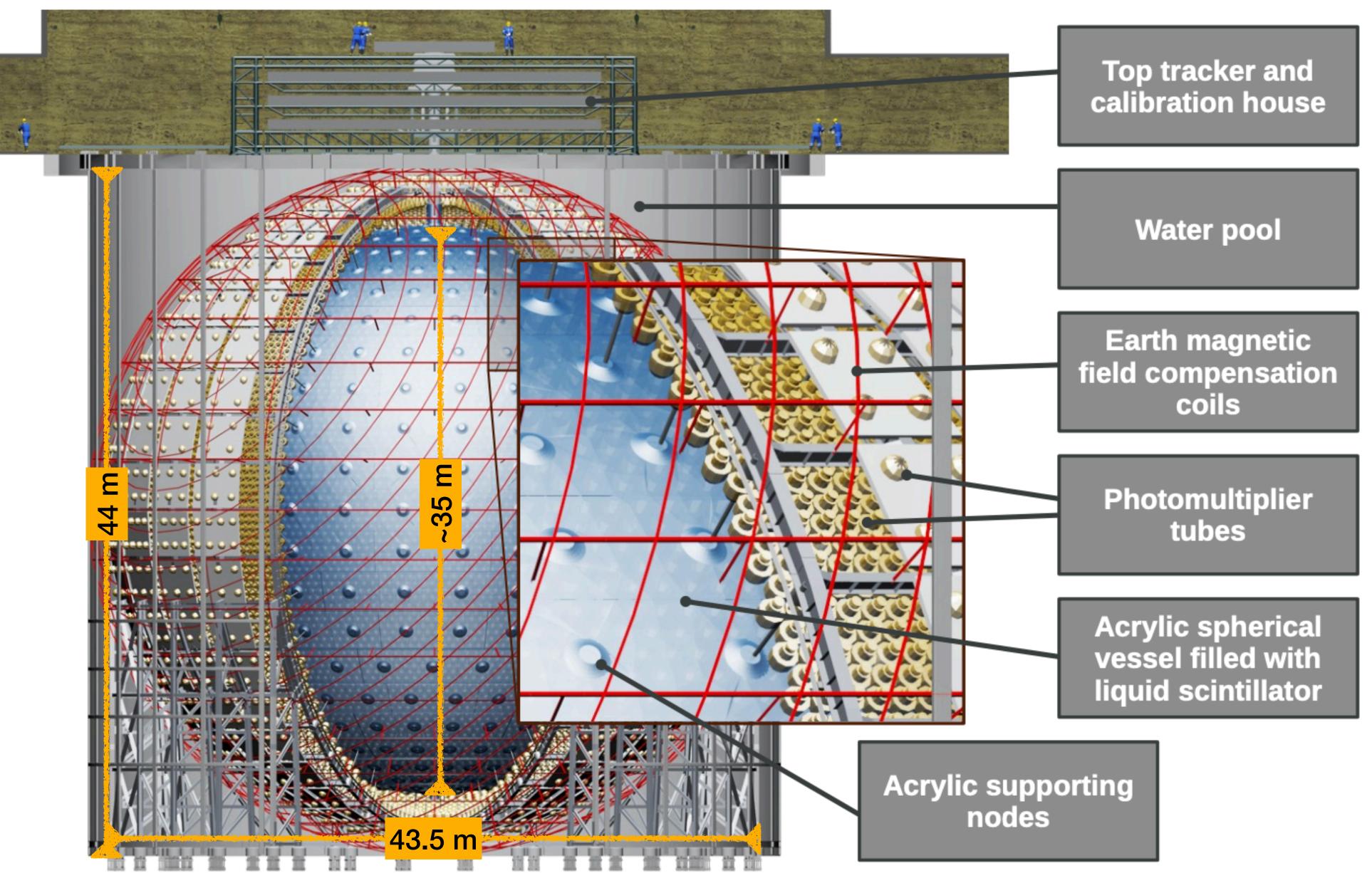
- Huge homogenous calorimeter
- 20 kton Liquid Scintillator
 - √ @ 52 km from NPP ~2.3 reactor IBD/day/kton
- Precise and accurate energy reconstruction ✓ Energy resolution: < 3% @ 1 MeV</p> ✓ Energy calibration: < 1%</p>

Experiment	DayaBay	Borexino	KamLAND	JUNO
Target mass [t]	20	300	1000	20000
Energy resolution at 1 MeV	~8.5%	~5%	~6%	< 3%
Energy calibration uncertainty	0.5%	1.0%	2.0%	< 1%





JUNO detector design





Photomultipliers system

To ensure high photon statistics to reach required energy resolution and mitigate possible systematics JUNO is equipped with 2 PMT system:

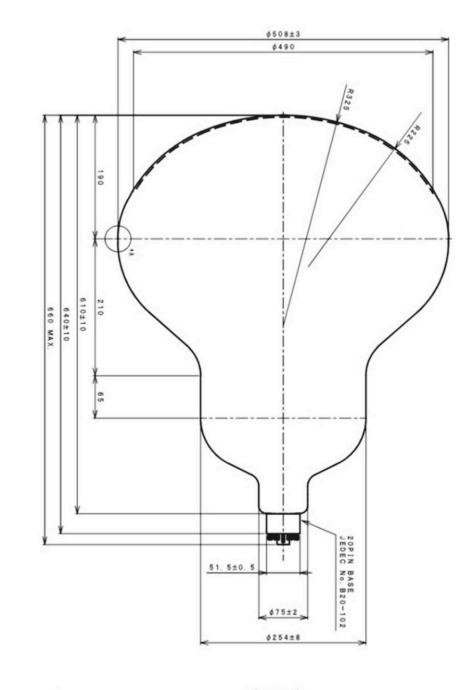
20" PMTs and 3" PMTs

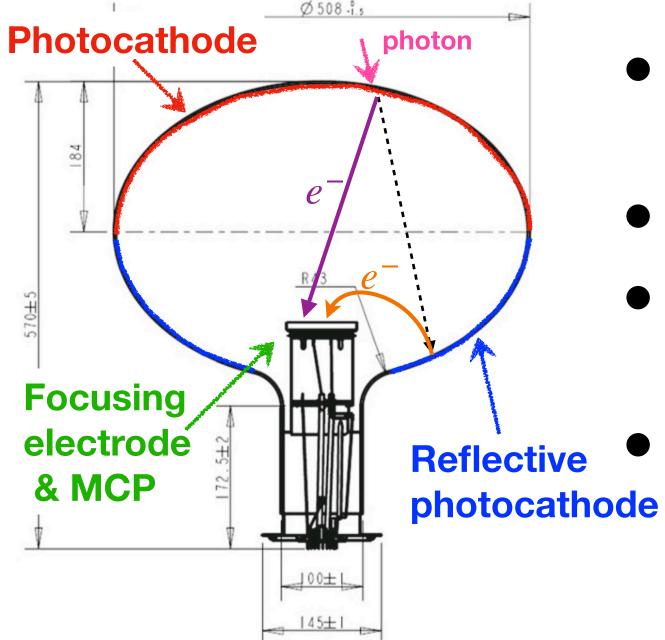
	20" PI	3" PMT		
	Hamamatsu	NNVT	HZC	
Quantity	5000	12612 + 2400	25600	
Charge collection	Dynode	MCP	Dynode	
Photo detection efficiency	28.5%	30.1 %	25%	
Dynamic range [0-10] MeV	[0, 100] PEs		[0, 2] PEs	
Coverage	75%		3%	
Reference	Eur.Phys.J.C 82 (2022) 12, 1168		NIM.A 1005 (2021) 165347	

✓ Photocathode coverage ~78 %

✓ light level of **1660 pe/MeV**







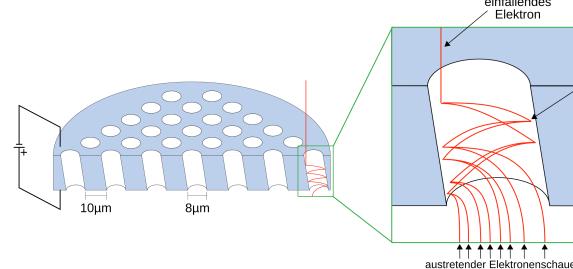
20" PMTs

- Hamamatsu Photonics **R12860-50 HQE** (SBA)
- Box and linear-focused dynode PMT
- **Excellent time resolution** for vertex reconstruction
- High detection efficiency
- **5000 PMTs** in the central detector only

- IHEP & NNVT jointly developed technologies & prototypes
- **Microchannel plate** (MCP) technology for amplification
- Optimised collection efficiency via transmission + reflection photo cathode
- 12612 in the central detector + 2400 in the veto









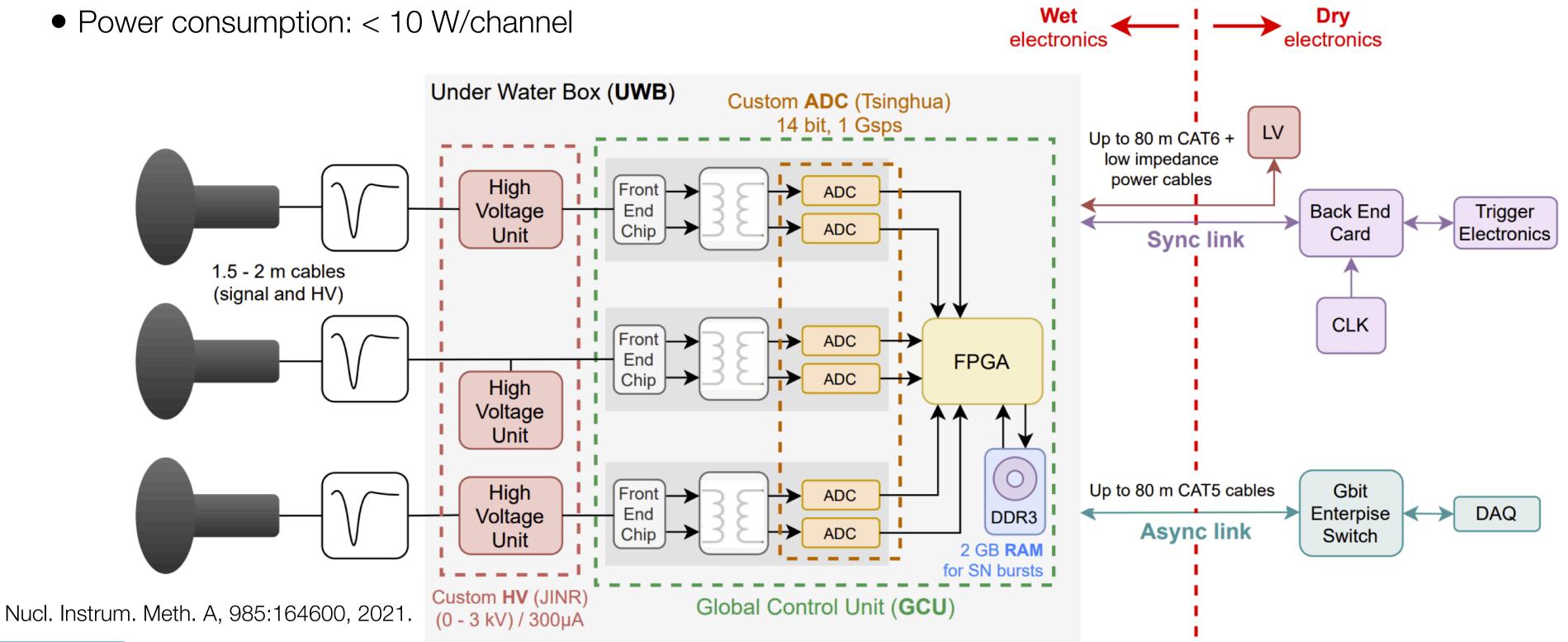


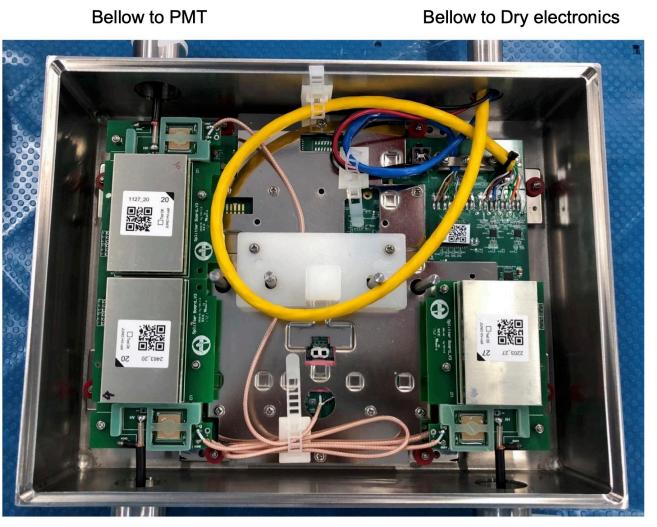




20" PMT Electronics

- 1 Gsps, 12-14 bits ADC
- Energy resolution 10% @ 1-100 pe, 1% @ >100 pe
- Large dynamic range: 1-4000 pe
 - Low gain (8:1) 0~7.5V (0-4000 pe)
 - High gain (1:1) 0~960 mV (0-128 pe)
- Excellent **photon time stamp**
- Global and self-trigger support
- **Negligible dead-time** for supernova event
- Aerospace-grade reliability: < 0.5% underwater electronics failure in 6 years
- Power consumption: < 10 W/channel

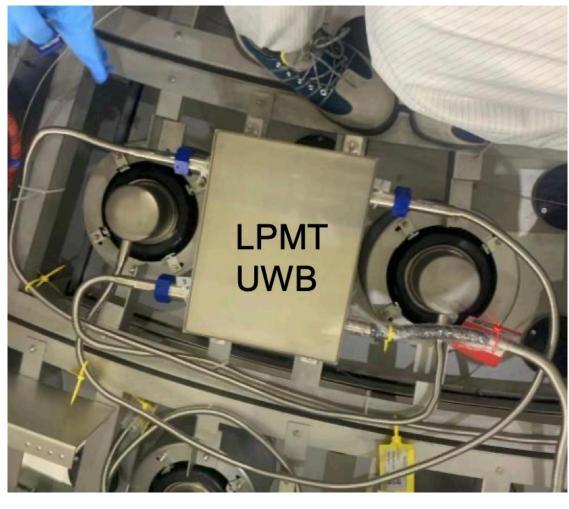


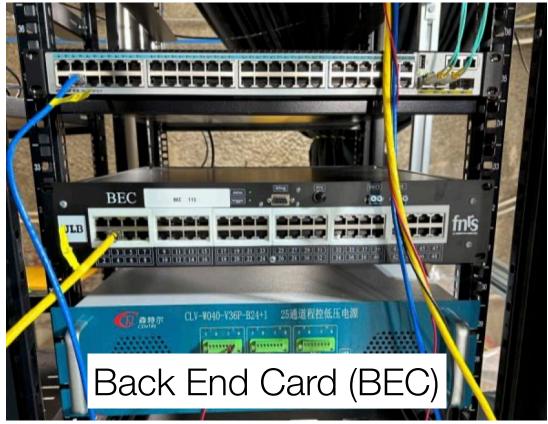


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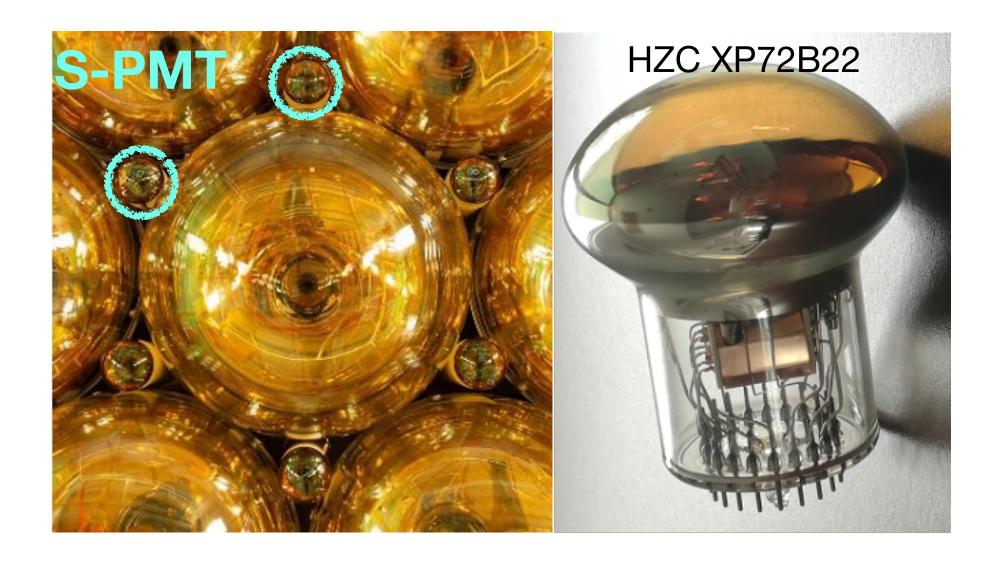








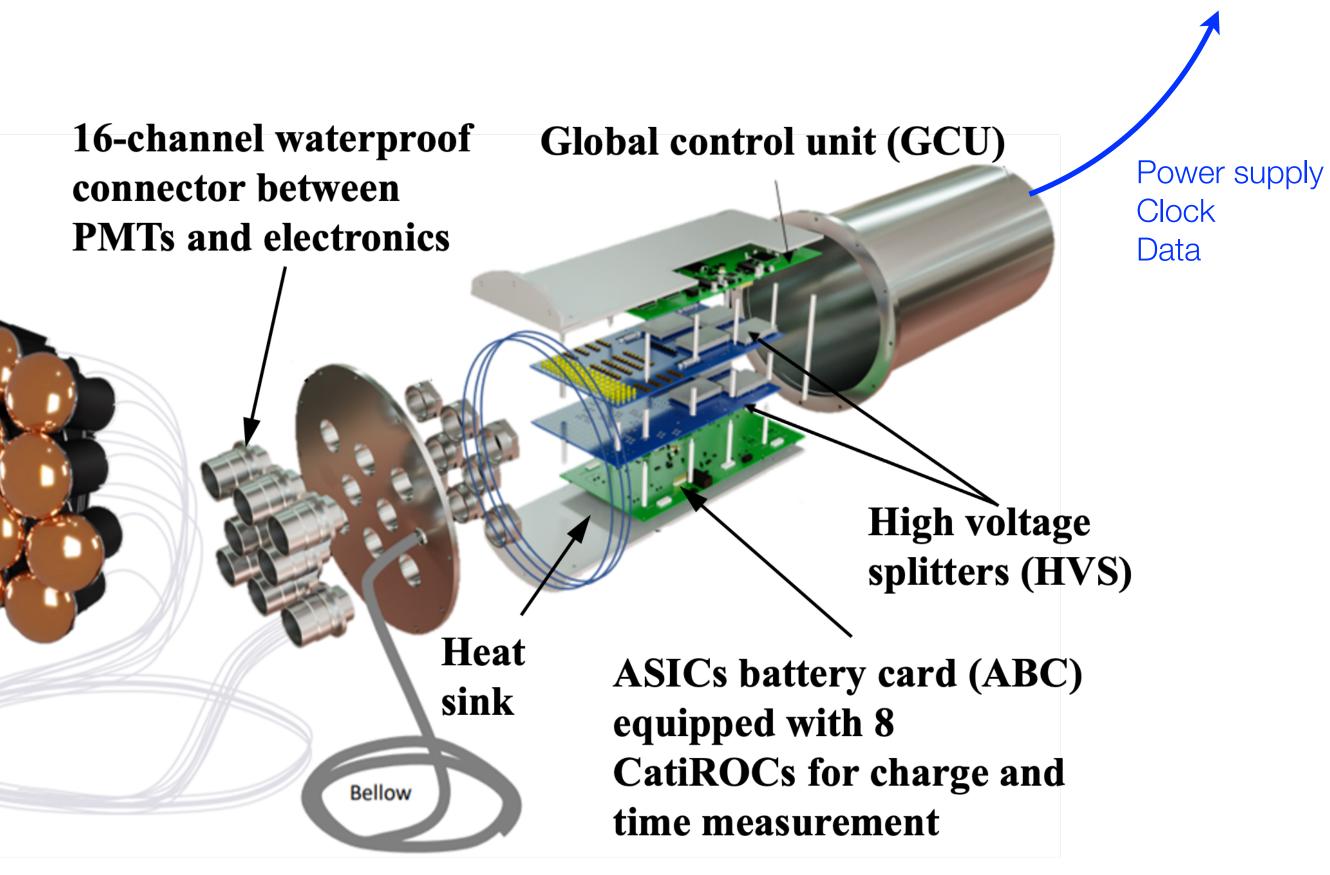
3" PMT Electronics





- Calibrating charge non-linearity of 20" PMTs and their electronics \checkmark photon-counting vs. waveform deconvolution \checkmark more in Akira Takenaka talk of this workshop • Extend JUNO energy and rate range: muons, nearby supernoval
- Semi-independent measurement of θ_{12} , Δm_{21}^2

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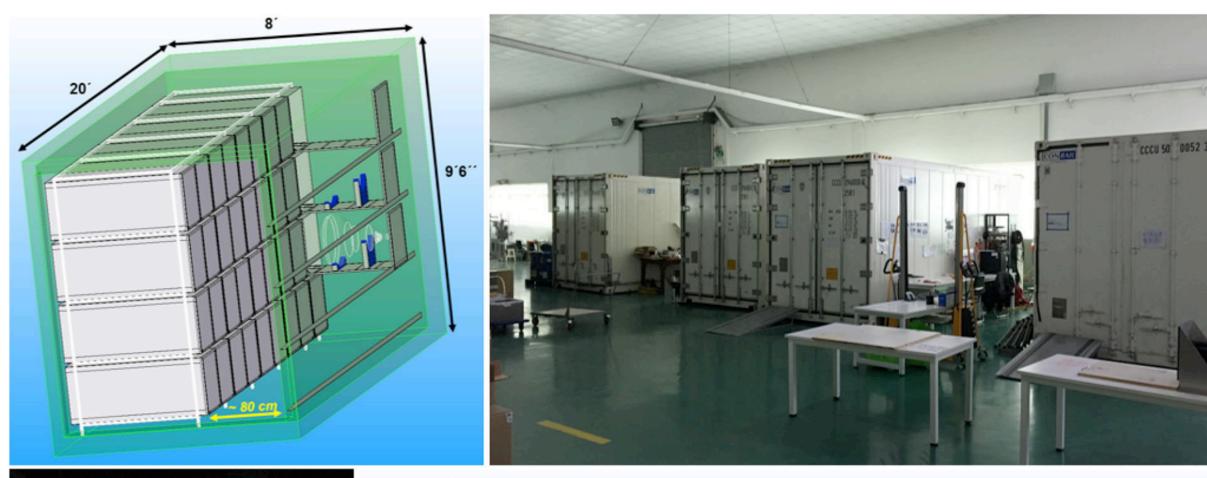
SPMT Under Water Box

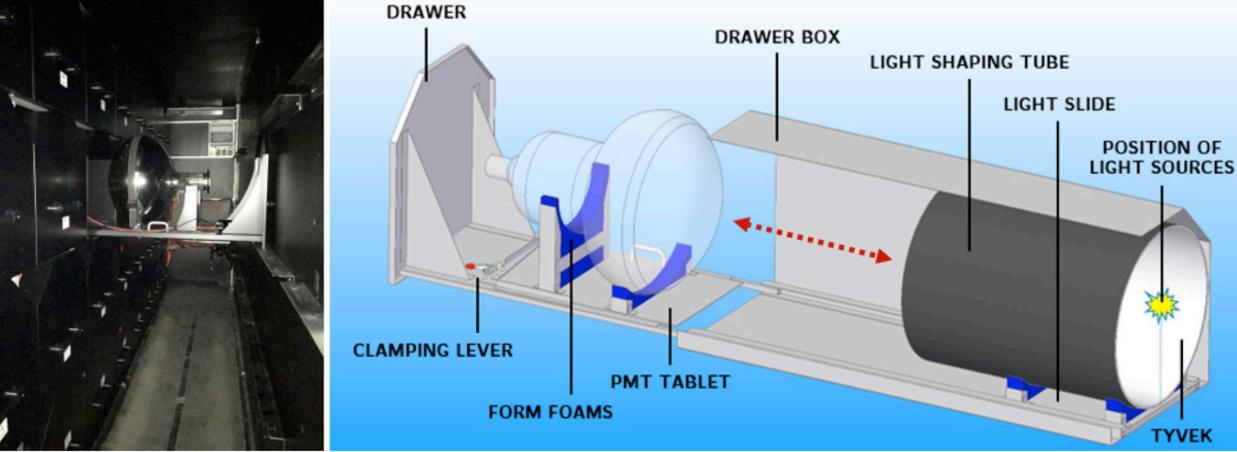
- 128 ch. PMTs,
- 8 connectors, 16PMTs/connector
- 8 High voltage modules + 8 spares
- 2 High voltage splitter boards
- 1 Front-End + digitalisation Electronics (ABC)
- 1 Global Control Unit (GCU)



20" PMT testing & characterisation

To ensure the required quality all 20" PMTs have been tested and selected base on stringent criteria





Parameter	HPK R12860-50	NNVT GDB-6201
	Average (limit)	Average (limit)
QE	30.3% (≥ 27%)	28.5% (≥ 26.5%)
CE	95.6%	98% (≥ 96%)
Effective area ratio	96% (93%)	97% (≥ 96%)
Gain	107	107
HV (for a 107 gain)	2000 V (≤ 2500 V)	2500 V (≤ 2800 V)
QE uniformity	5% (≤ 15% inside 70)	(≤ 8 10%)
	20% (≤ 30% inside 80)	
TTS (FWHM)	2.7 ns (≤ 3.5 ns)	12 ns (≤ 15 ns)
P/V ratio	3 (≥ 2.5)	3.5
Pre-pulse ratio (80 ns window main pulse 160 p.e.)	0.8% (≤ 1%)	0.5% (≤ 1%)
After-pulse ratio (0.5 ~ 20 μs window main pulse 160 p.e.)	10% (≤ 15%)	10% (≤ 15%)
Dark count rate (0.25 p.e., 22 C)	10 kHz (≤ 50 kHz)	≤ 50 kHz (if 24% ≤ PDE < 27%)
		≤ 60 kHz (if 27% ≤ PDE < 28%)
		≤ 80 kHz (if 28% ≤ PDE < 29%)
		≤ 100 kHz (if 29% ≤ PDE)
Glass radioactivity	238U: < 400 ppb	238U: < 75 ppb
	232Th: < 400 ppb	232Th: < 75 ppb
	40K: < 40 ppb	40K: < 30 ppb
Pressure tolerance	≥ 0.8MPa	> 1MPa
Dimension tolerancea	508 (±3 mm) (diameter)	508 (±3 mm) (diameter)
	< 10 mm (height)	< 10 mm (height)
Lifetime	≥ 20 years	≥ 25 years

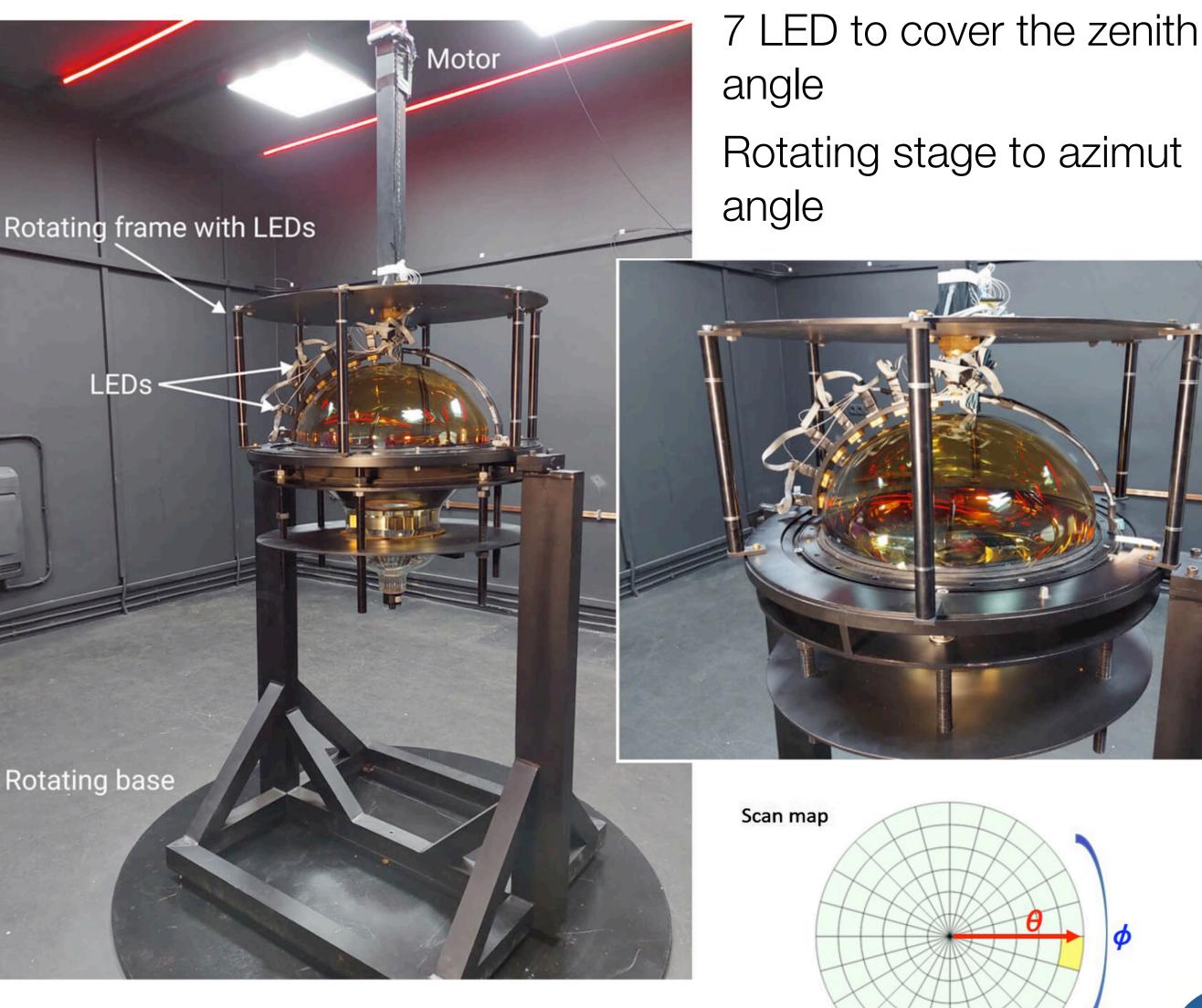


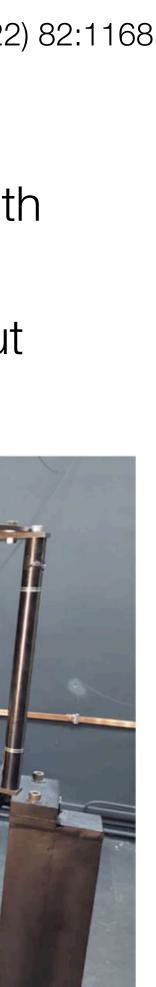
20" PMT testing & characterisation

Two dark rooms with rotating stage to scan the surface of the PMTs Scan on **5% of the PMTs**

Helmholtz coils to suppress to test the magnetic field sensitivity in the range \pm 50 μ T.





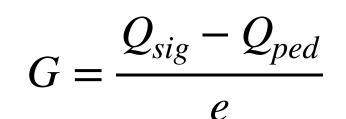


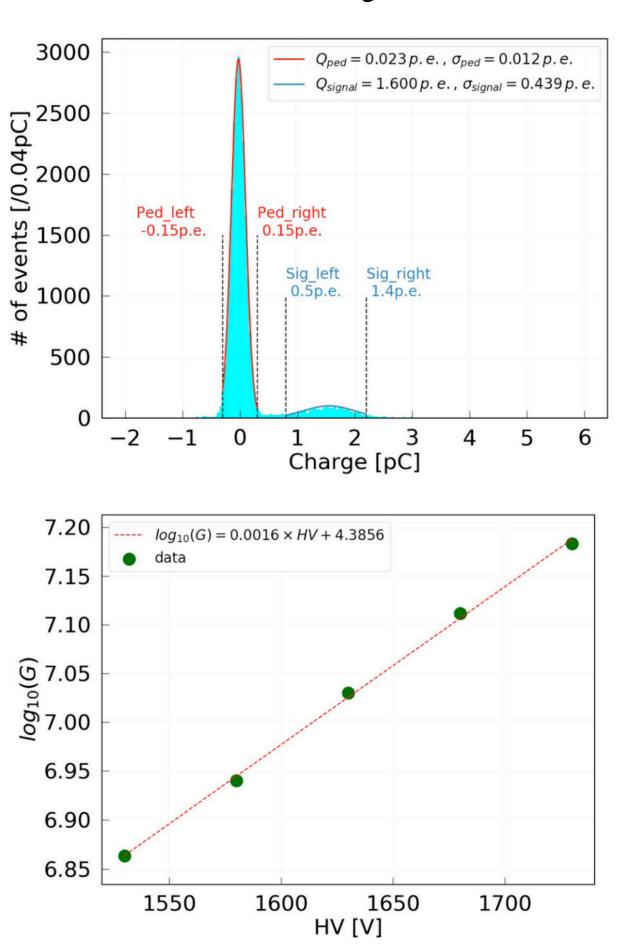


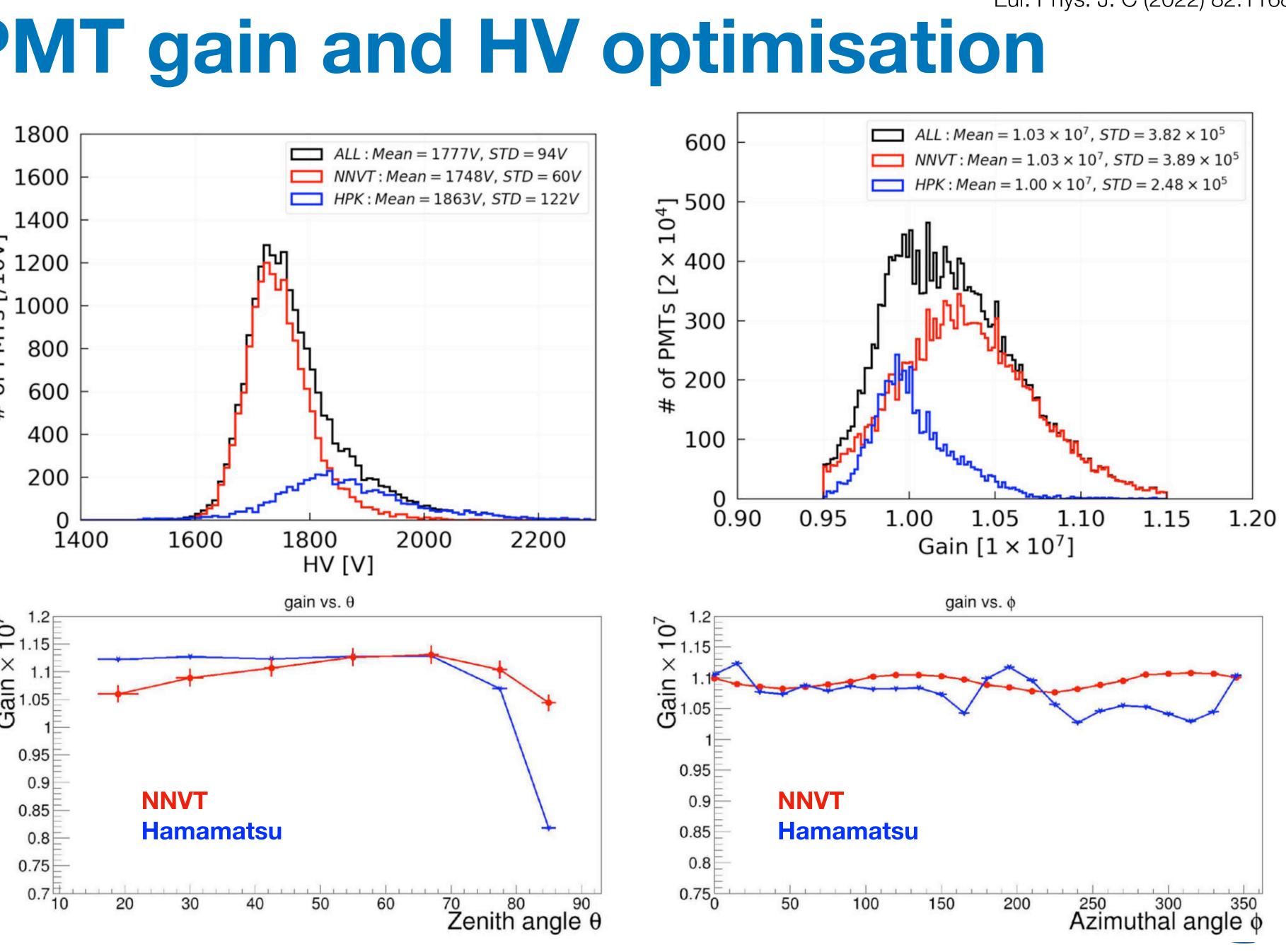


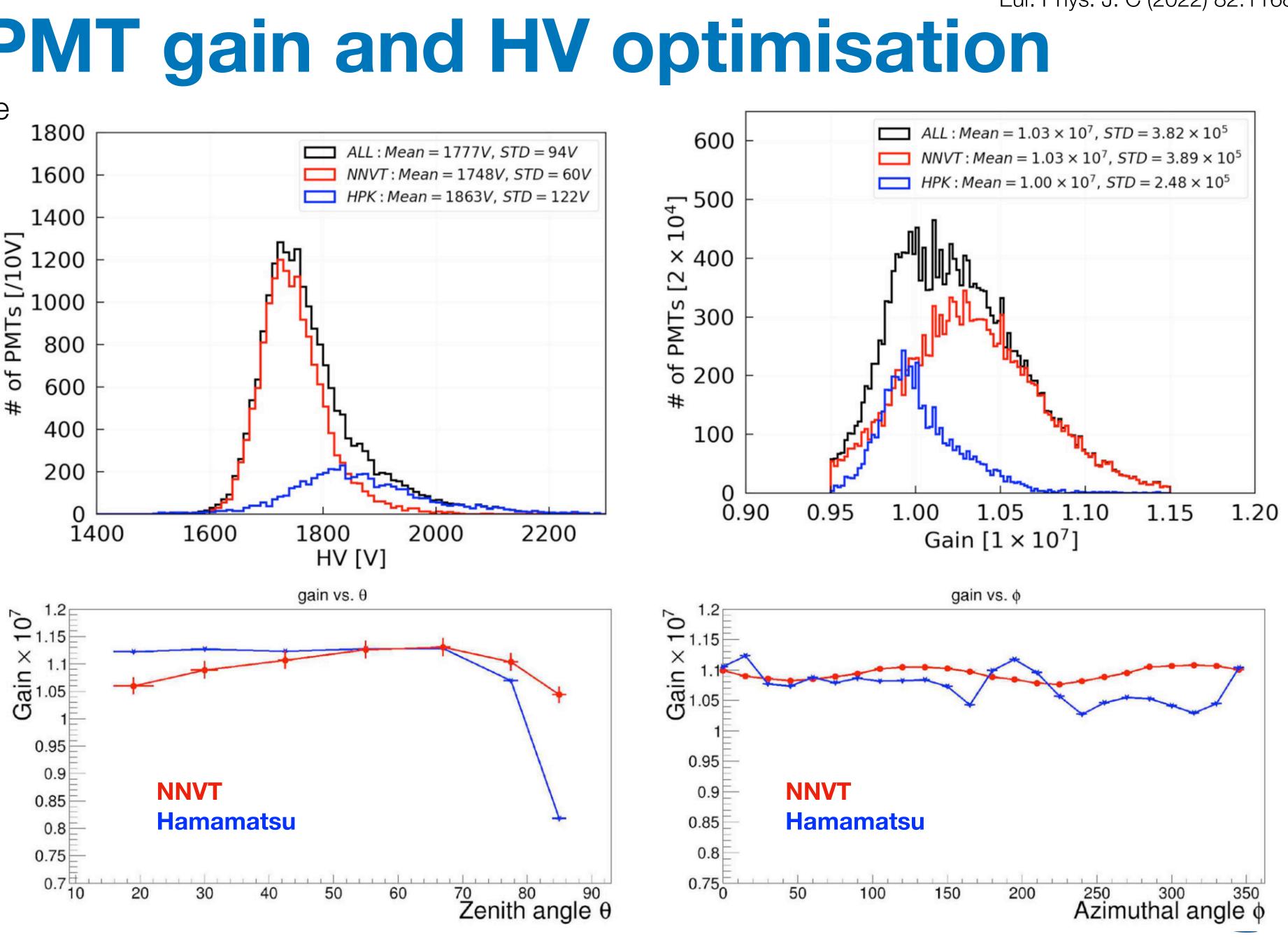
20" PMT gain and HV optimisation

With a mean illumination $\mu = 0.1$ pe HV at which the gain G is 1×10^7







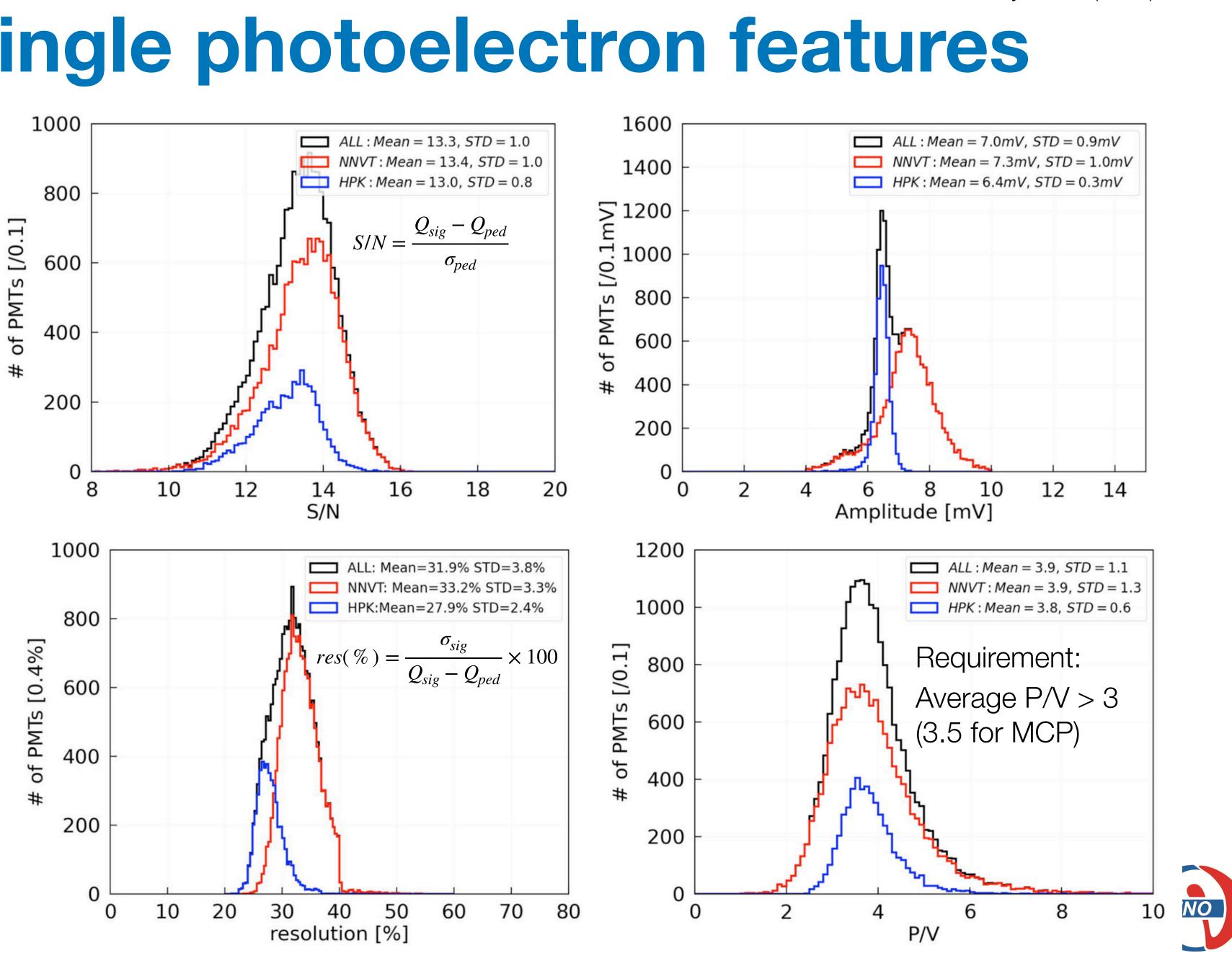


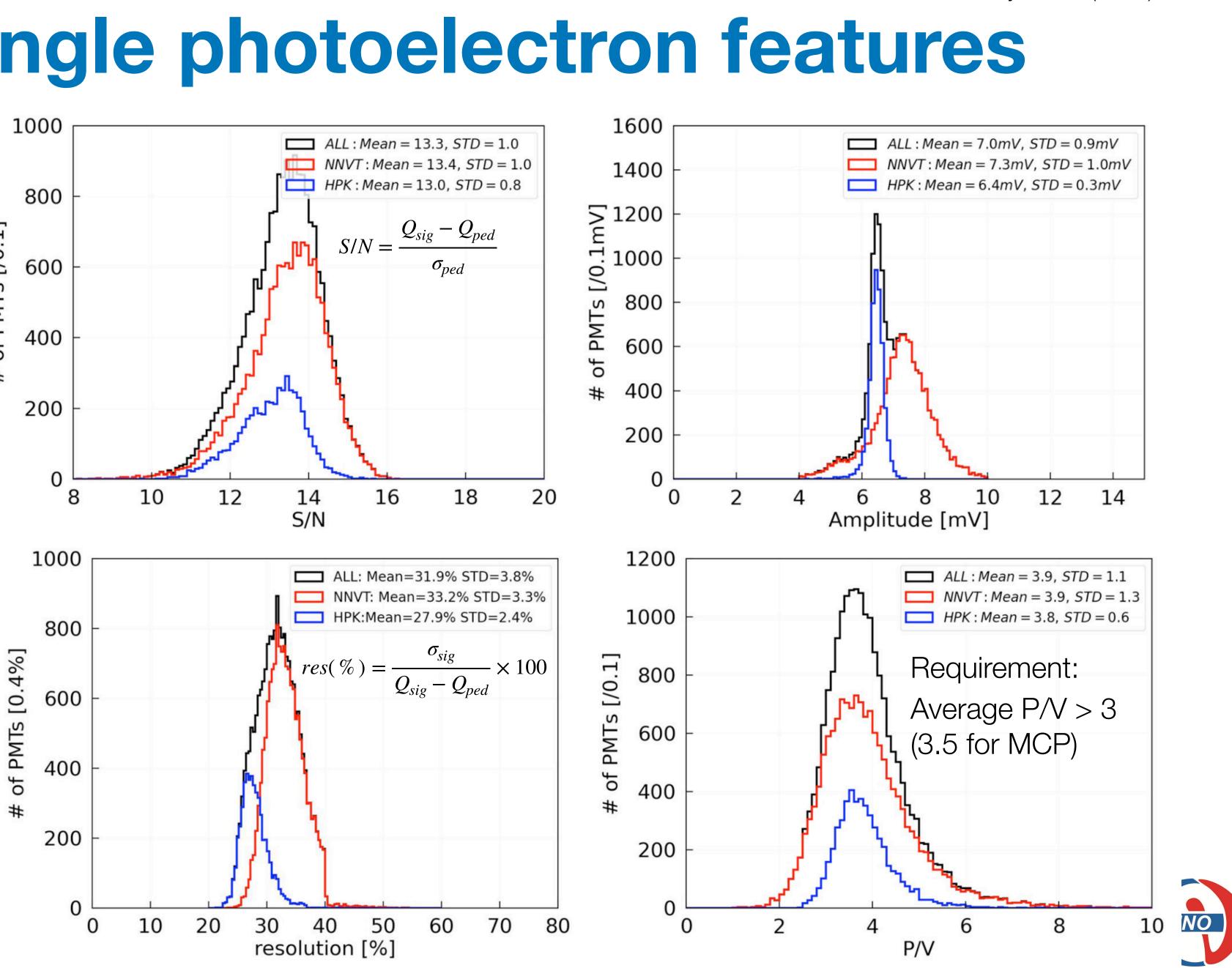
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20" PMT single photoelectron features

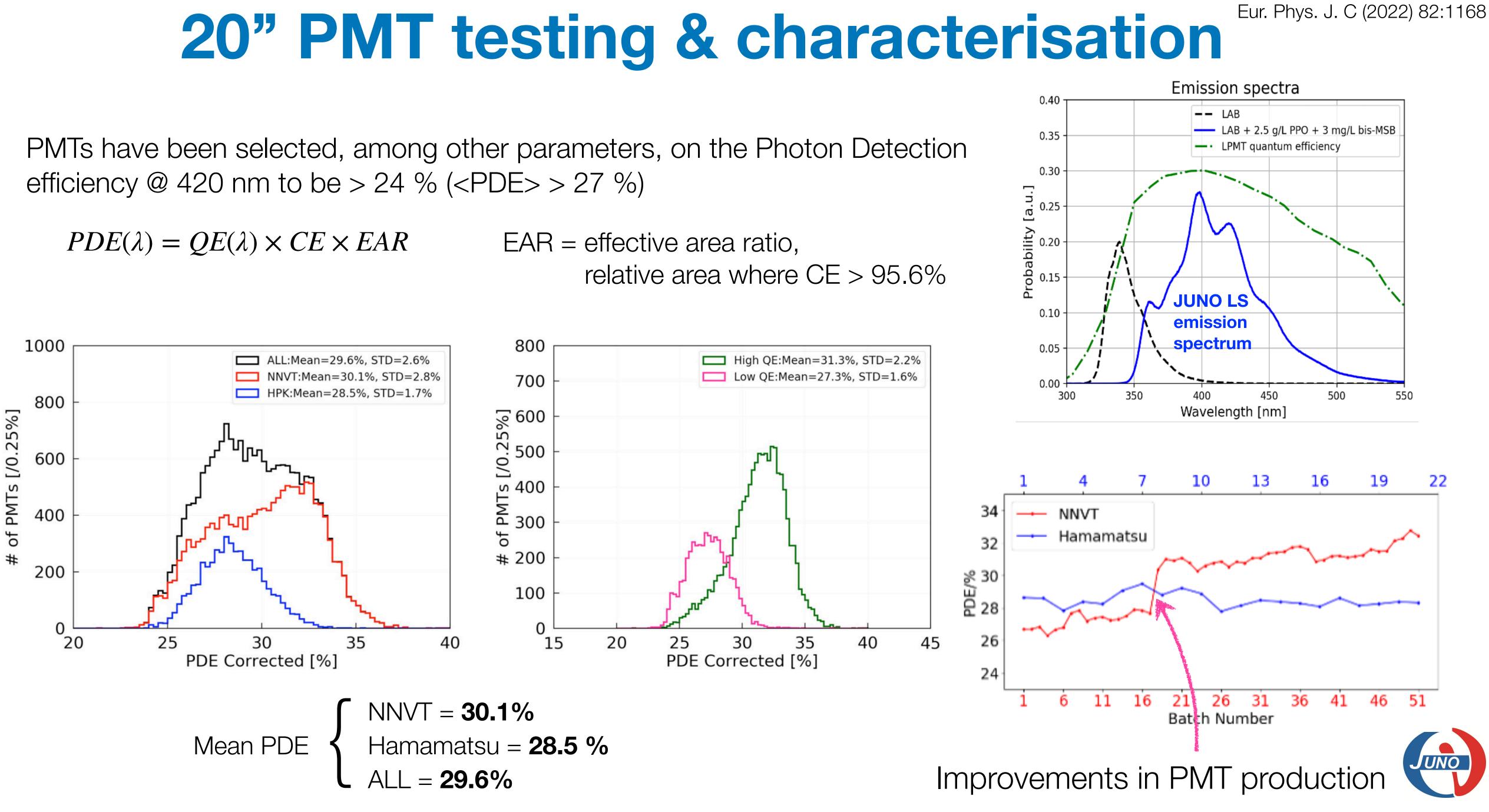
At the operating voltage ($G=10^7$) **20k waveforms** per PMT have been acquired with a mean illumination of $\mu = 0.1$ p.e. to extract the SPE characteristics

For MCP the SPE is not really Gaussian distributed due to long tail, but the resolution is anyway a good parameter to measure the relative spread of charge response. res < 40% for central detector







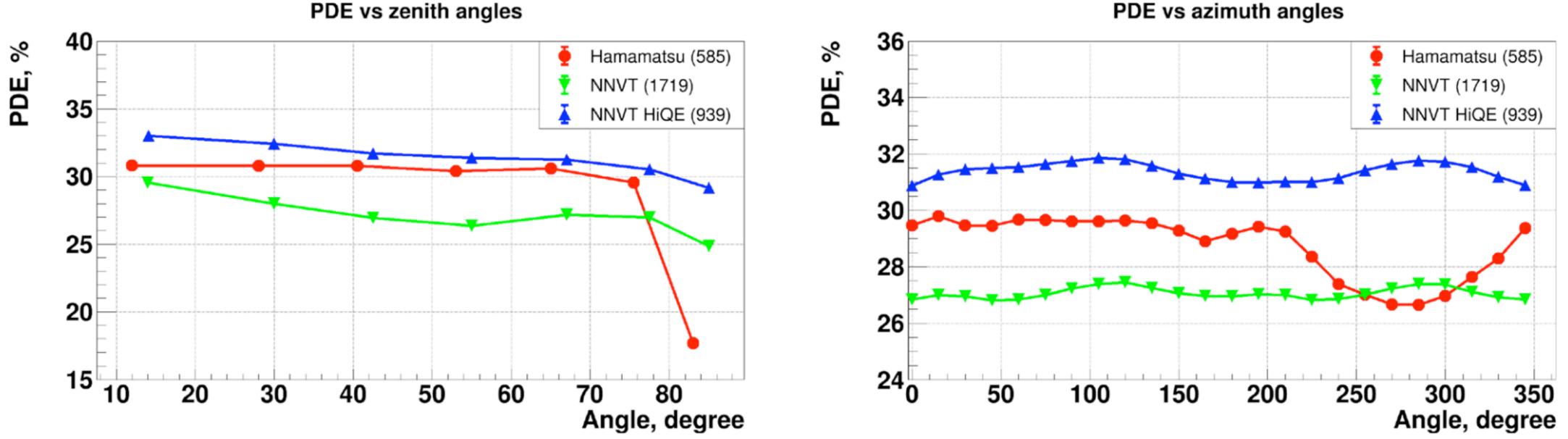


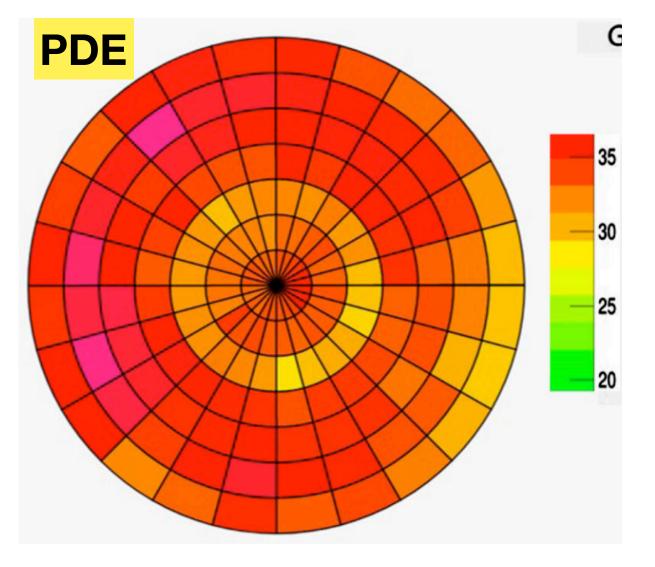
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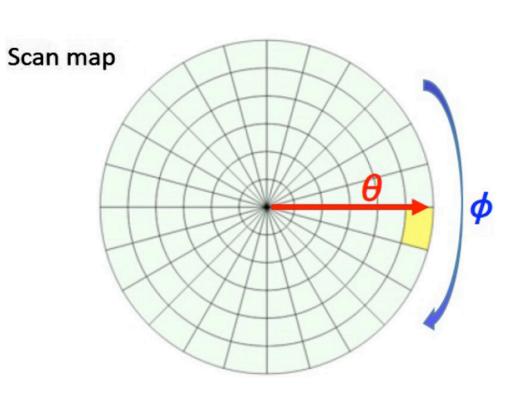
20" PMT testing & characterisation

About 3000 20" PMTs have been scanned to measure the uniformity of their response.

Very uniform PDE both in zenith and azimuthal.



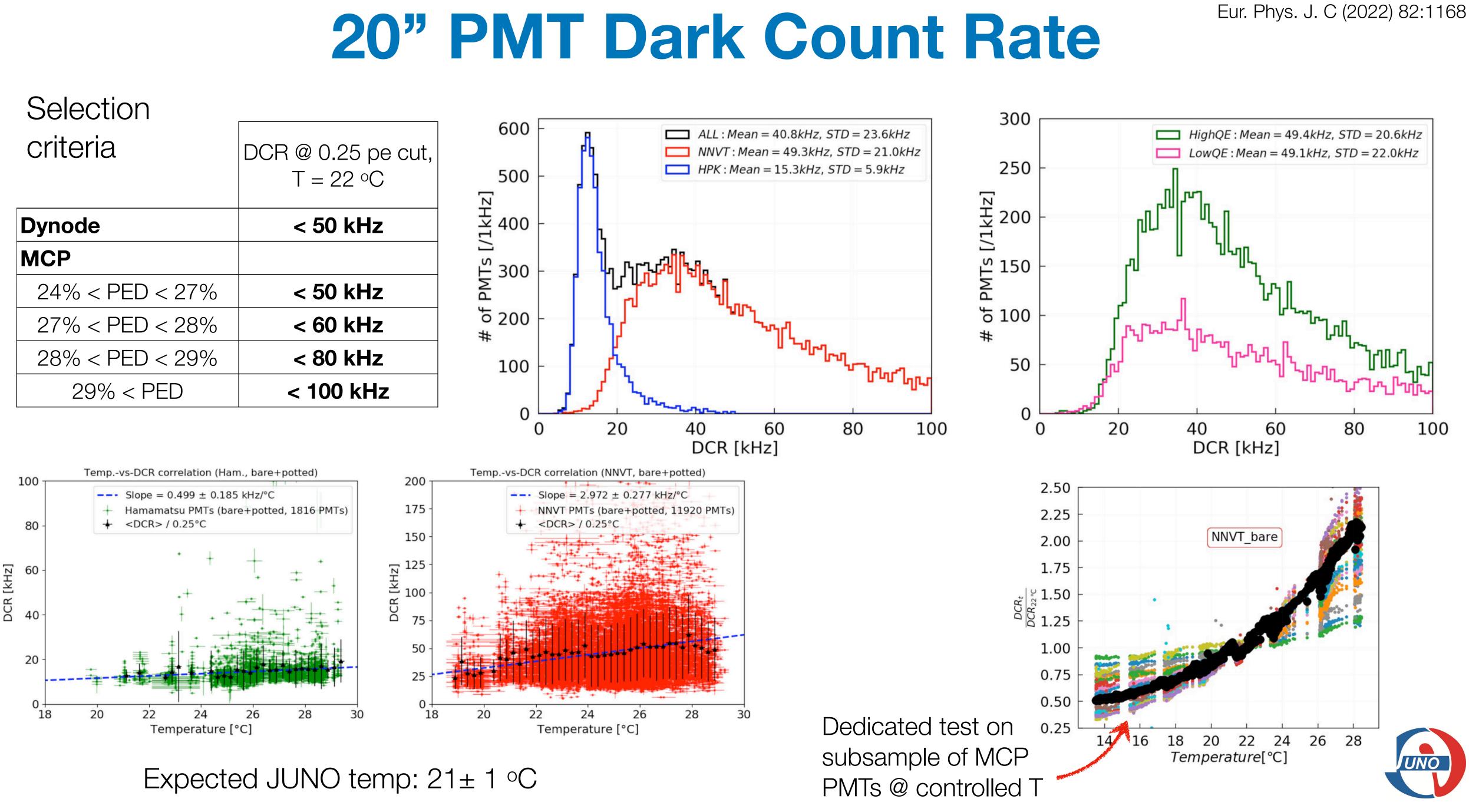




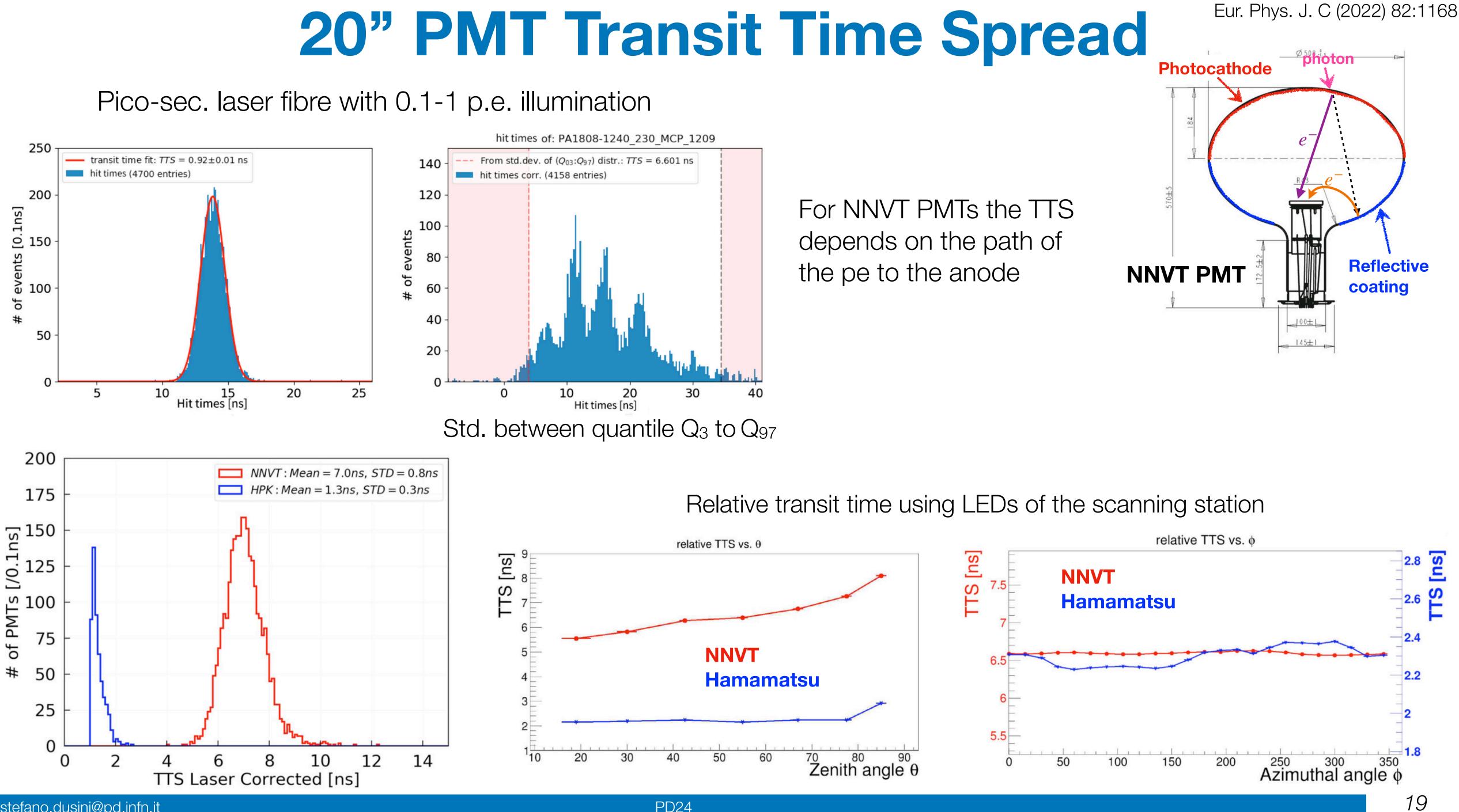
PDE vs azimuth angles



Selection		600
criteria	DCR @ 0.25 pe cut, T = 22 °C	600 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -
Dynode	< 50 kHz	[² 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
MCP		
24% < PED < 27%	< 50 kHz	
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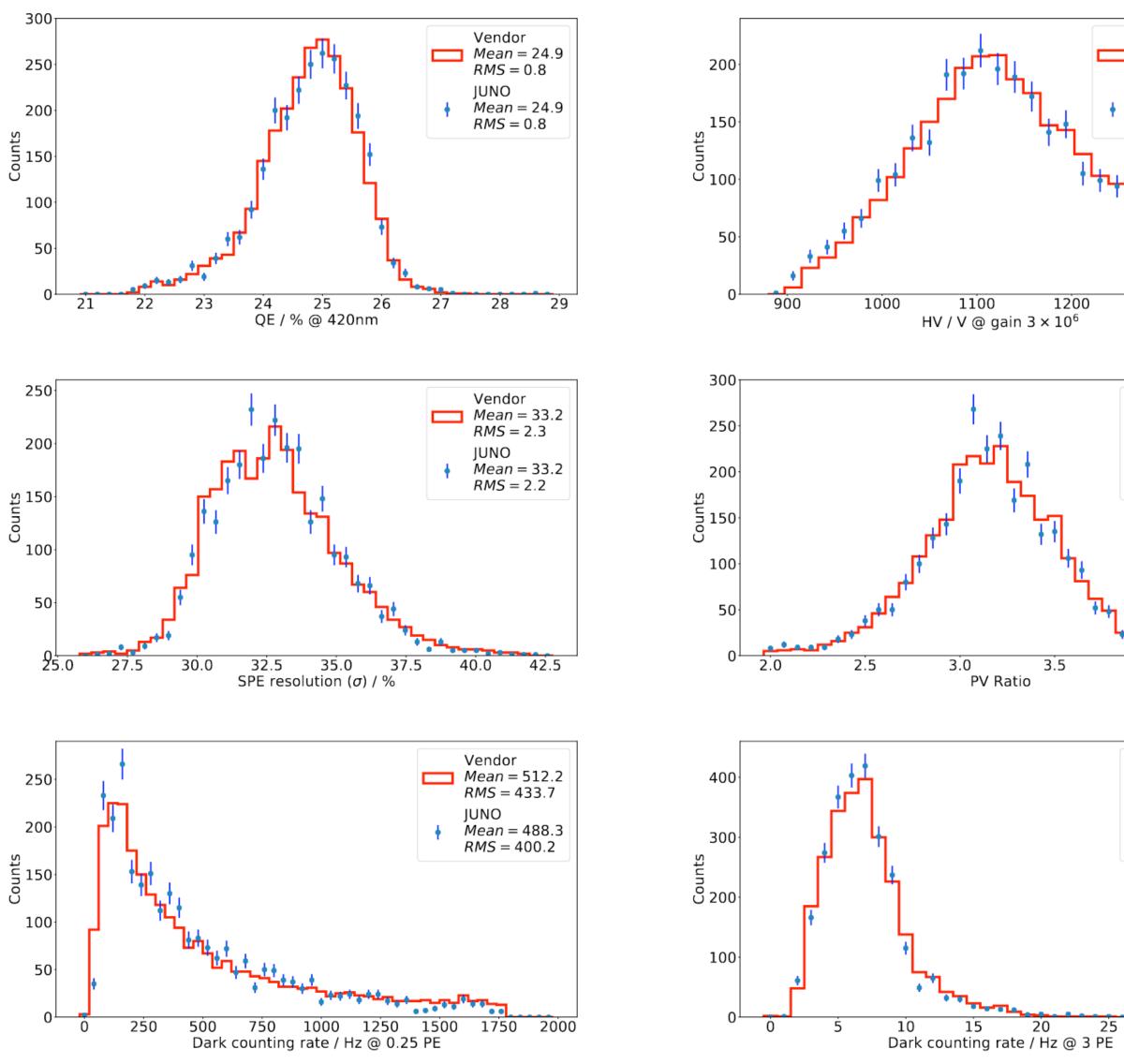
3" PMT production and test

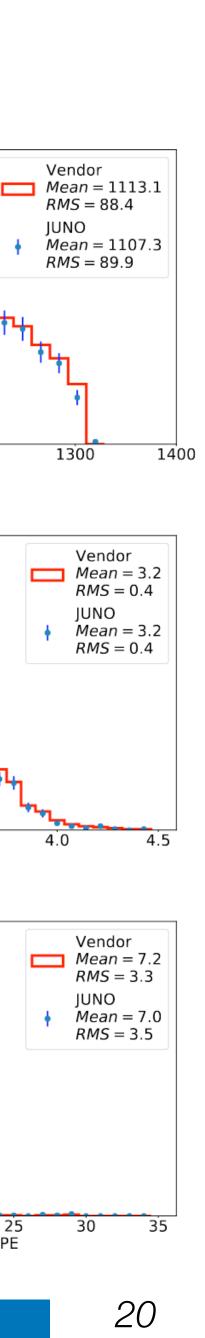
• Assembly done by HZC.



• Acceptance test base on three class of parameters (A) all PMTs by HZC, 10% by JUNO (B) 3% of PMTs randomly selected by JUNO (C) 1% of PMTs randomly selected by JUNO

Parameters	Class	Requirement		Test	fraction	Tolerance	Results
		(limit)	(mean)	HZC	JUNO	of diff.	(mean)
Φ (glass bulb)	А	(78, 82) mm	-	100%	10%	-	OK
$\rm QE@420~nm$	А	>22%	>24%	100%	10%	${<}5\%$	24.9%
High Voltage	А	(900, 1300) V	-	100%	10%	$<\!\!3\%$	$1113~\mathrm{V}$
SPE resolution	А	$<\!\!45\%$	${<}35\%$	100%	10%	$<\!\!15\%$	33.2%
PV ratio	А	>2	>3	100%	10%	-	3.2
DCR@0.25 PE	А	$< 1.8 \mathrm{~kHz}$	< 1.0 kHz	100%	10%	-	$512~\mathrm{Hz}$
DCR@3.0 PE	А	< 30 Hz	-	100%	10%	-	$7.2~\mathrm{Hz}$
TTS (σ)	В	<2.1 ns	-	-	3%	-	$1.6 \mathrm{ns}$
Pre-pulse	В	${<}5\%$	$<\!\!4.5\%$	-	3%	-	0.5%
After-pulse	В	$<\!\!15\%$	$<\!10\%$	-	3%	-	3.9%
QE non-uniformity	В	$<\!\!11\%$	-	-	3%	-	5%
Φ (eff. cathode)	В	$>74 \mathrm{~mm}$	-	-	3%	-	$77.2 \mathrm{~mm}$
QE@320 nm	\mathbf{C}	>5%	-	-	1%	-	10.2%
QE@550 nm	\mathbf{C}	>5%	-	-	1%	-	8.6%
Aging	D	>200 nA·years	-	-	$3 \mathrm{PMTs}$	-	OK





JUNO Expected performance

The expected JUNO energy resolution is 2.95% @ 1MeV from a full simulation which include PMTs, LS and acrylic properties, calibration and reconstruction.

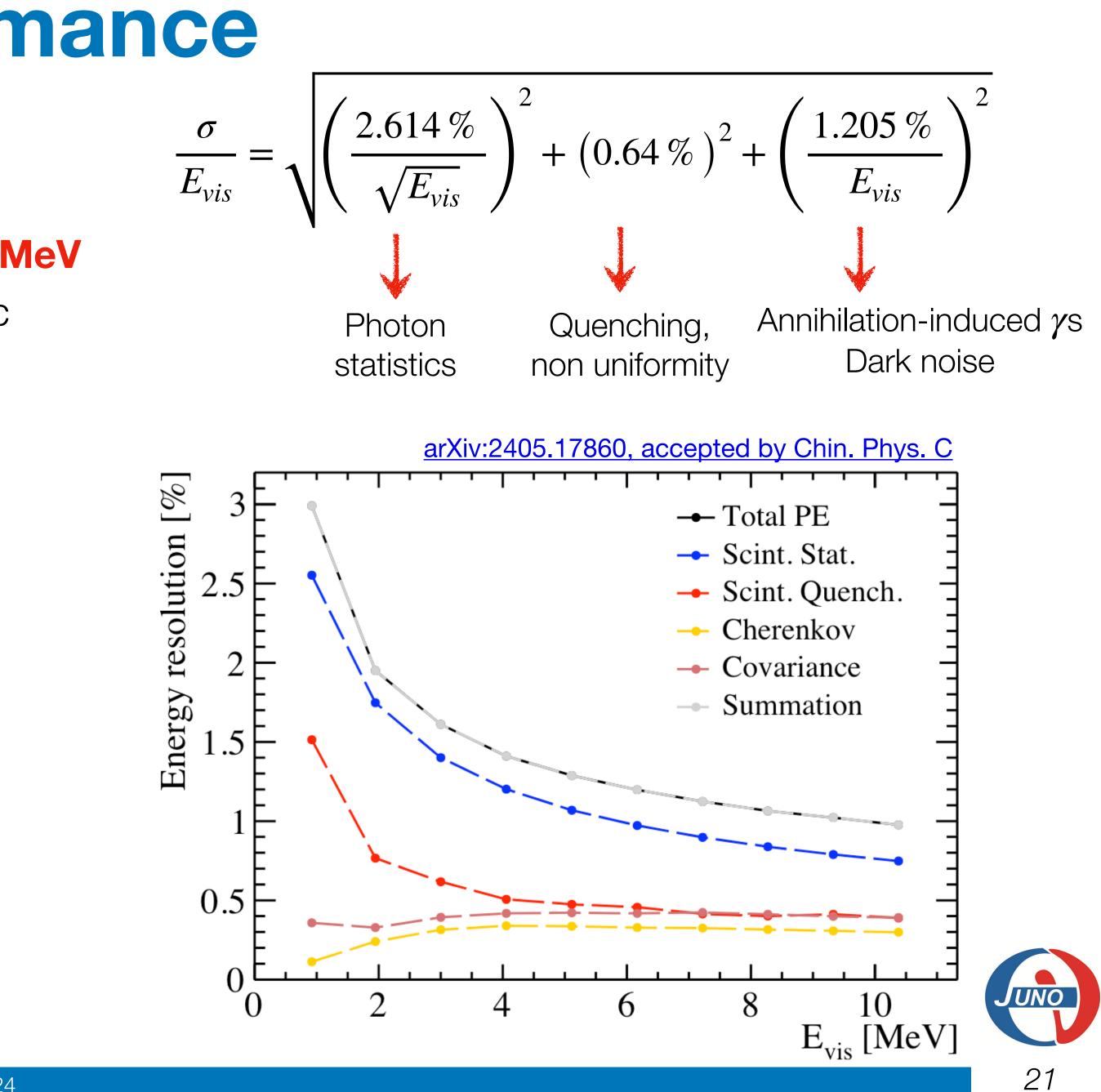
Main changes vs design [JHEP03 (2021) 004]

✓ Photon detection efficiency: 27% —> 30%[EPJC (2022) 82, 1168]

✓ New PMT optical model: +8% [EPJC (2022) 82, 329]

 \checkmark New central detector geometry and LS: +3%

Total photon statistics ~ 1660 PE/MeV



PMT Installation

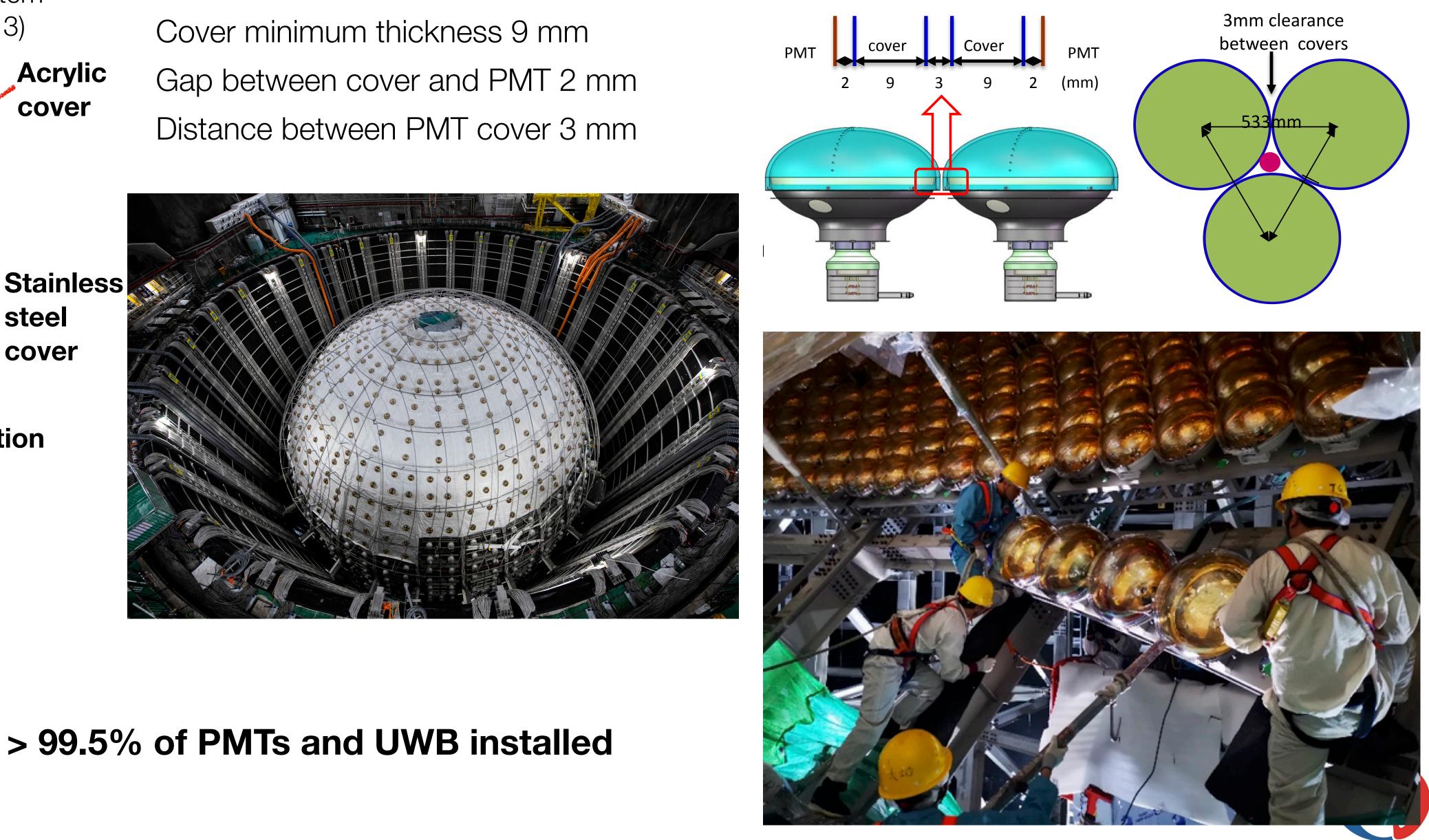
Implosion protection system (JINST 18 (2023), P02013)

Acrylic

cover



Final test: **no chain reaction**

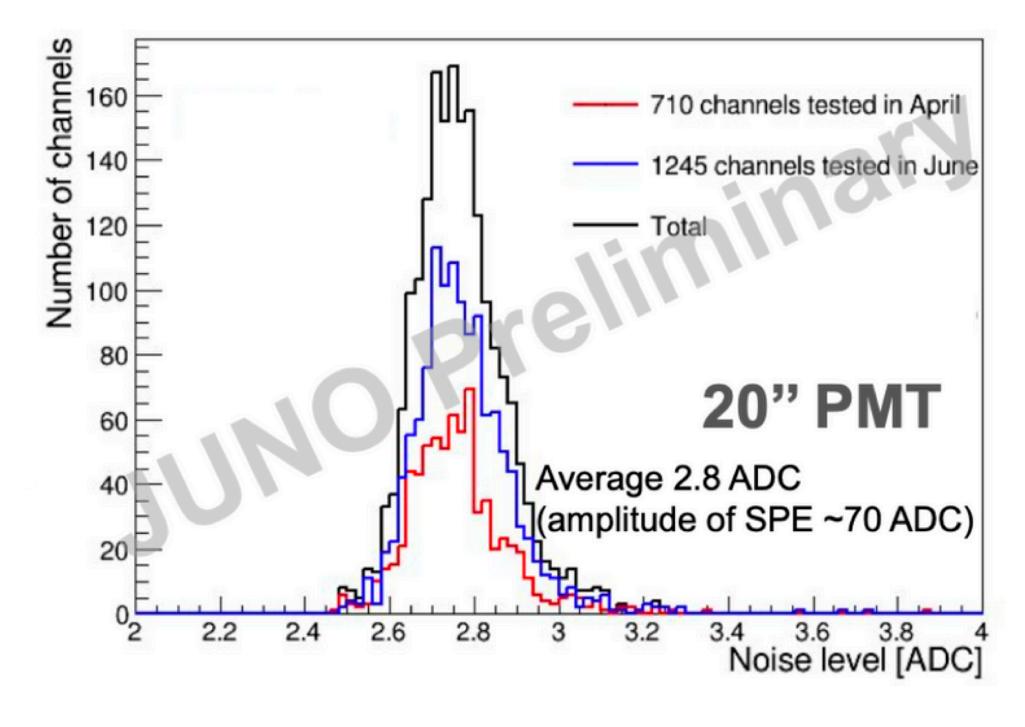


Installation status:

Almost completed: > 99.5% of PMTs and UWB installed

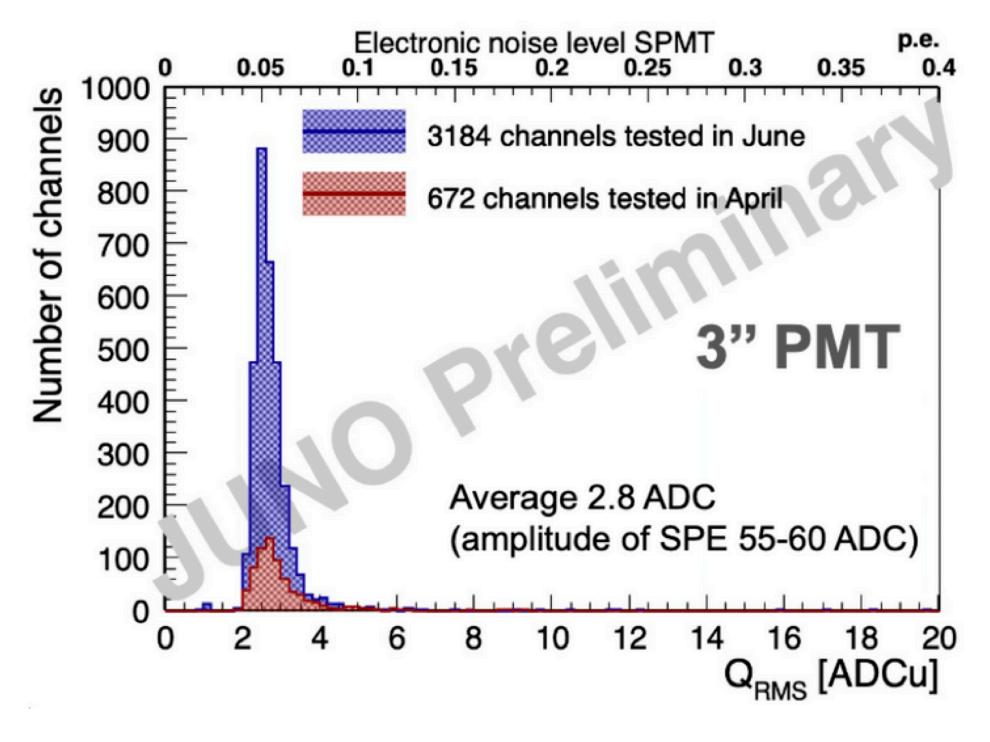


- Regular light-off test during detector assembly: \checkmark Light off tests: full data taking and processing chain with PMT HV on ✓ Light on tests: joint elec./trigger/DAQ/DCS test with PMT HV off
- Very good electronics, shielding and grounding
- Performances of tested PMTs are good



✓ Electronic noise is 2.8 ADC counts, 4% of SPE \checkmark Much better than design of 10% of SPE

PMT system commissioning



 \checkmark Electronic noise is 2.8 ADC counts, 5% of SPE \checkmark Much lower than trigger threshold of 1/3 pe

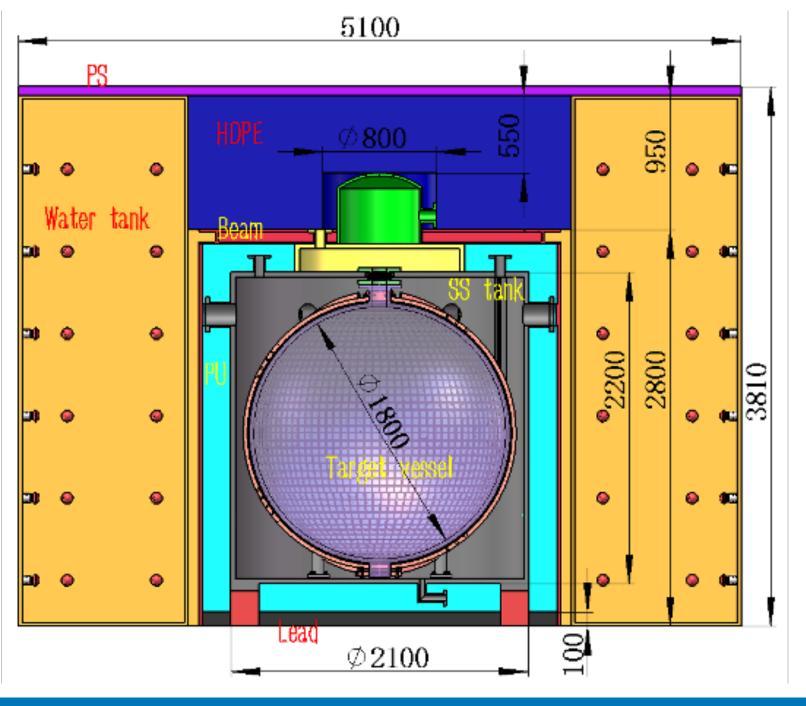


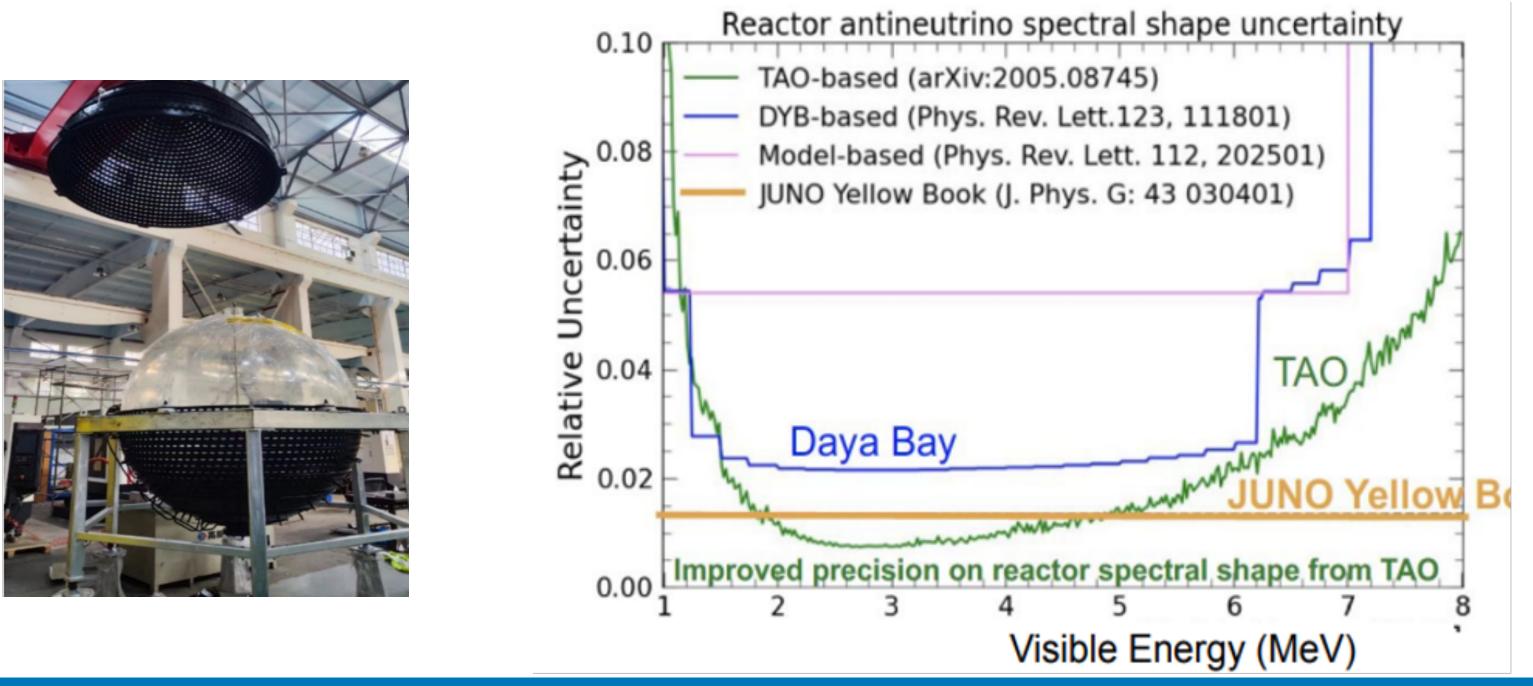
JUNO-TAO Taishan Antineutrino Observatory



- sub-percent E resolution

- 2.8 tons (1t fiducial) of Gd loaded liquid scintillator at -50° C (LAB + 2 g/I PPO, 1 mg/I bis-MSB, 0.05% ethanol and 0.1% Gd by weight)





• Satellite experiment of JUNO to **measure reactor spectrum** with

-> reduce JUNO's reactor spectrum uncertainty

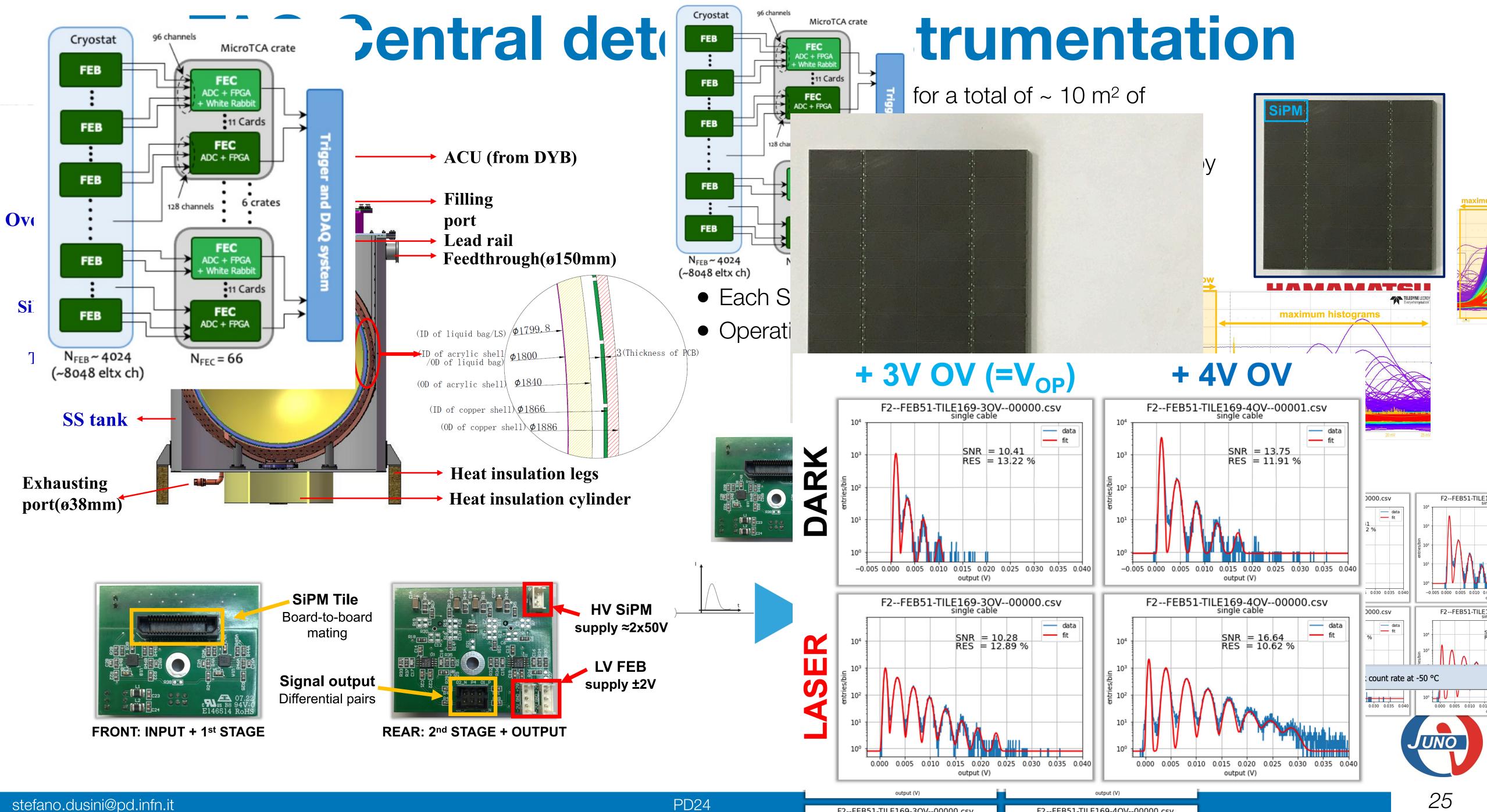
• 44 meters from Taishan NPP core (4.6 GW_{th}) -> 700 k-events/year

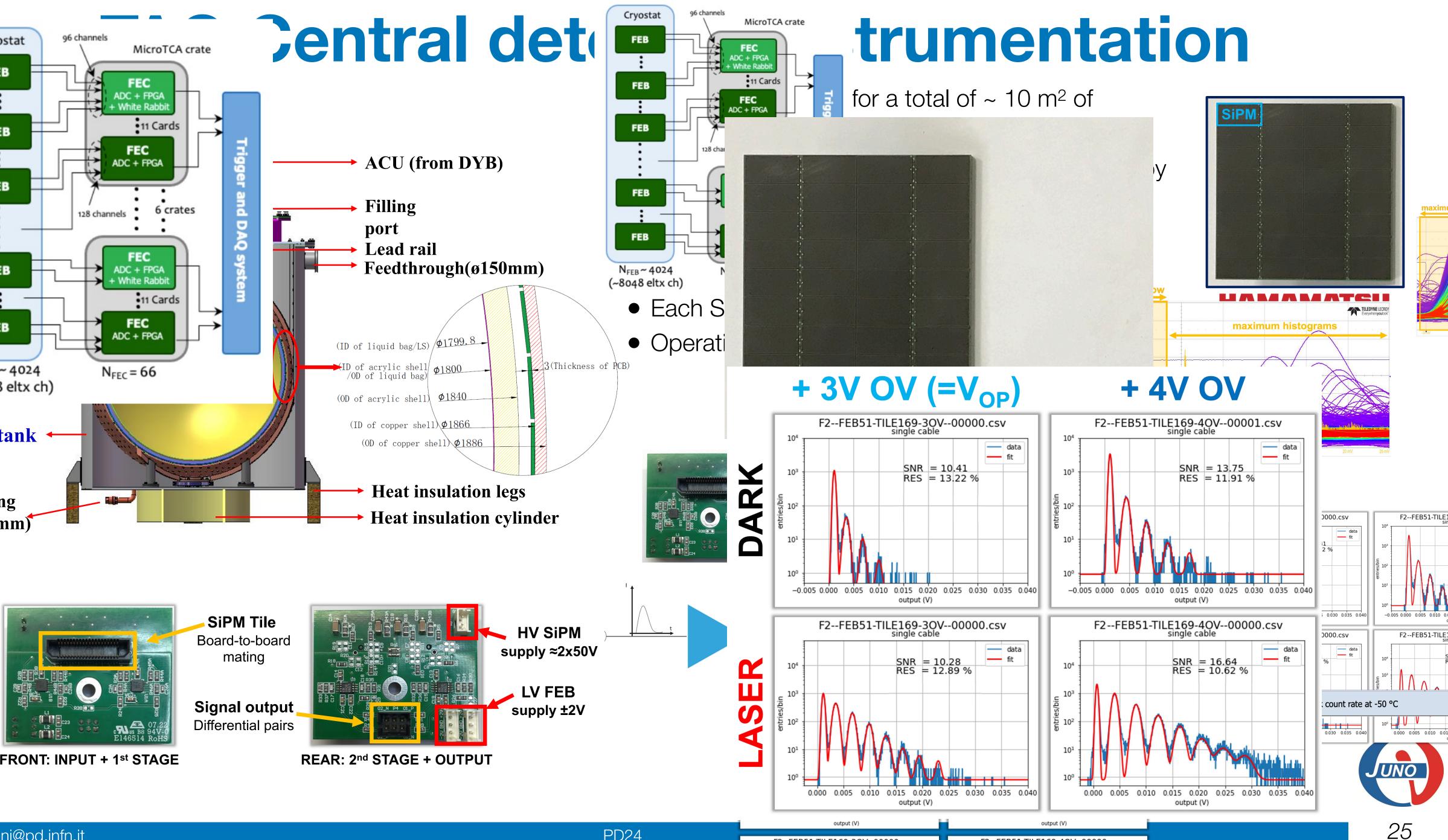
• Energy resolution: $\sim 1.5 \% / \sqrt{E}$

• 10 m² SiPM, > 94% photo coverage)

• SiPM operated at -50° C to reduce dark rate by factor 1000 to 100 Hz/mm²







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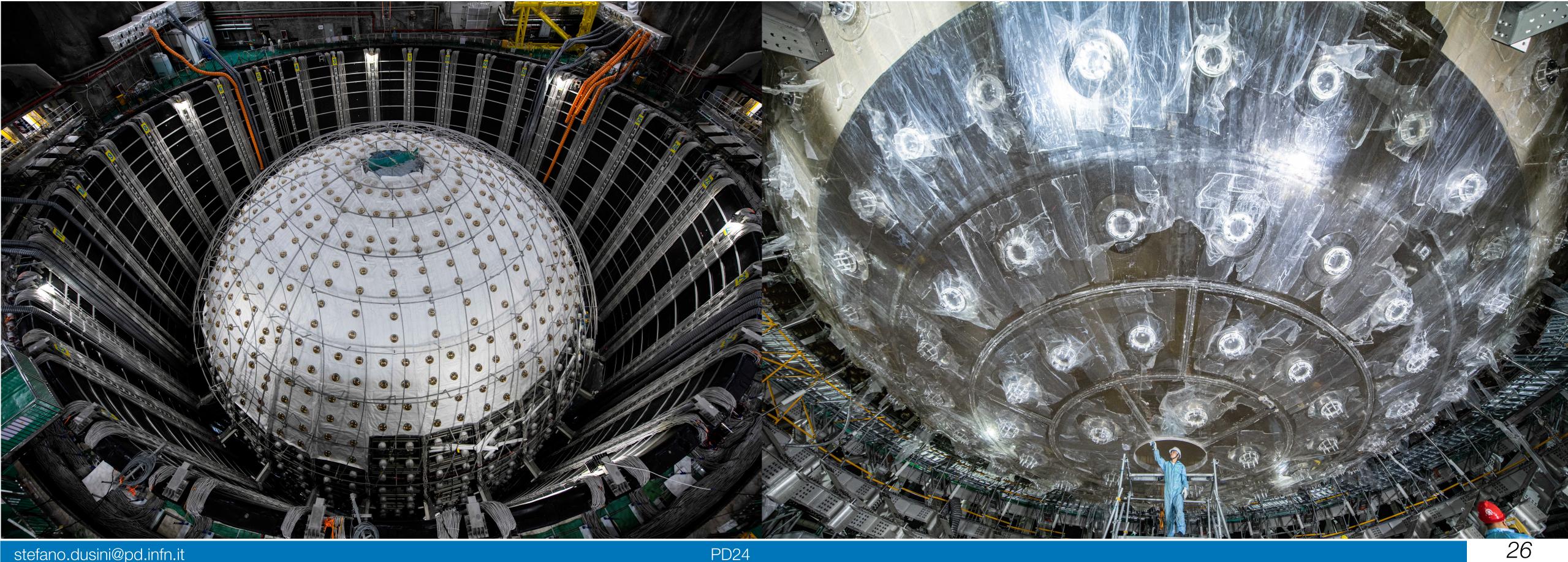
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Status of detector construction

- Stainless steel structure completed
- Installation of PMTs and electronics is almost completed > 99.5%
- expected to be completed by end of November 2024
- plan to begin filling before the end of the year



- Acrylic vessel completed (13/10/2024)
- High transparency (> 96%) 12 cm acrylic panels
- Total mass ~ 600 ton
- Radio purity < 1ppt U/Th/K



JUNO construction is nearly completed

- Start of **data-taking in 2025**
- JUNO is a major step in Liquid Scintillator detector design
 - 20 kton mass, 78% photocathode coverage
 - First dual readout LSD: 17k 20" PMT + 25k 3" PMT
 - Energy resolution 2.95% @ 1MeV
- Physics goals
 - **3** σ **NMO** median sensitivity in ~7 years with reactor only neutrinos via oscillation vacuum
 - Sub-percent precision Δm_{21}^2 , $\sin^2 \theta_{12}$, Δm_{31}^2
 - Synergy and complementarity with NMO measurers at LBL accelerator
 - + solar, + geo-neutrinos, +supernova, +DSNB, +p-decay....









Since 2014, >700 collaborators from 74 institutions in 17 countries/regions

Thank you

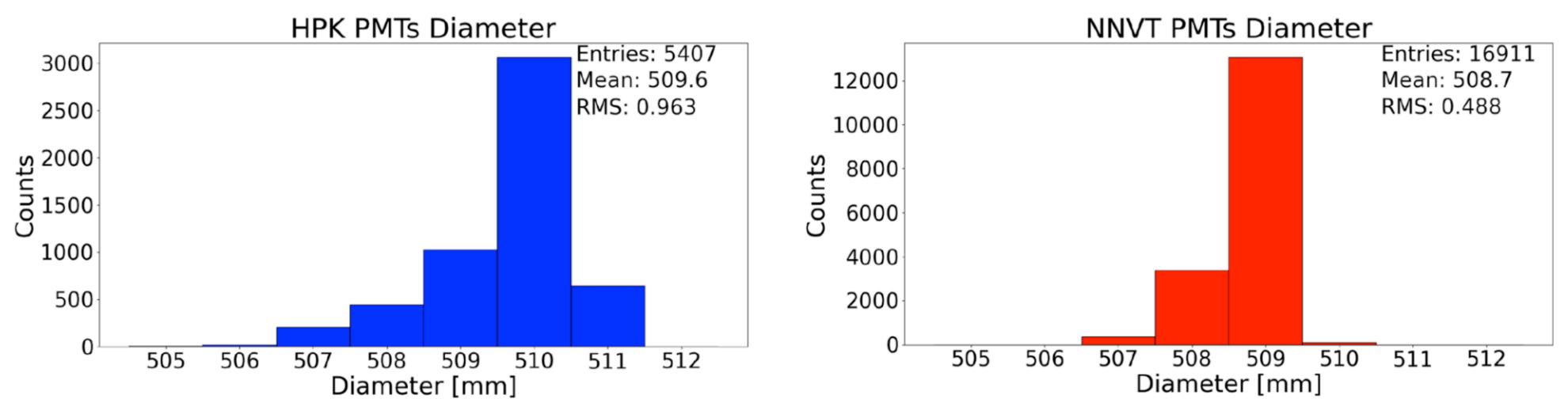




Backup



20" PMTs size and weight



the total number of tested PMTs is slightly reduced. Left: HPK; Right: NNVT

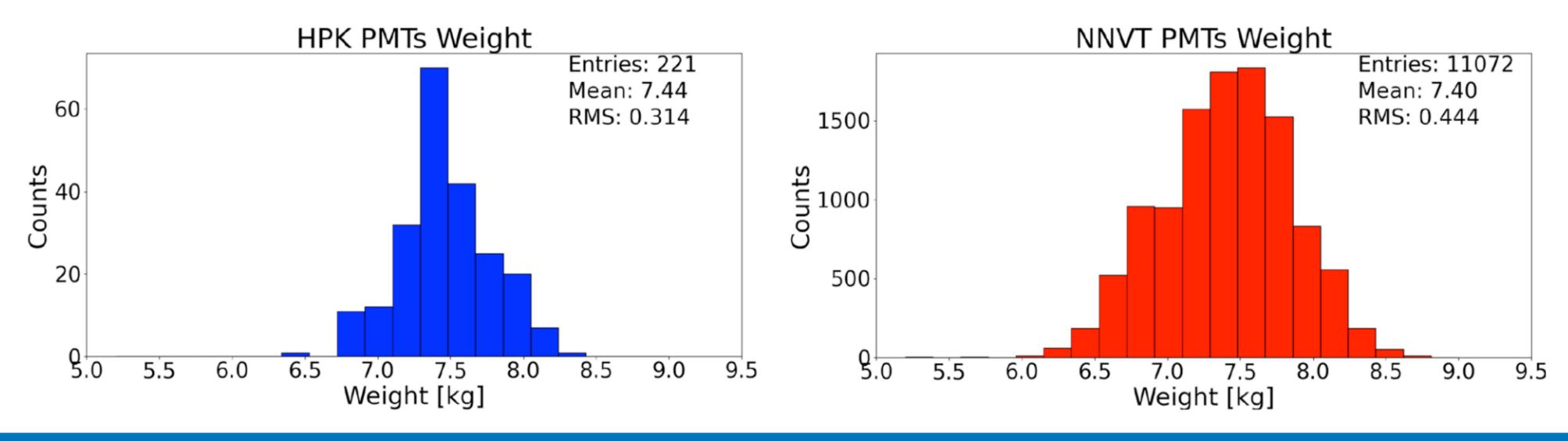
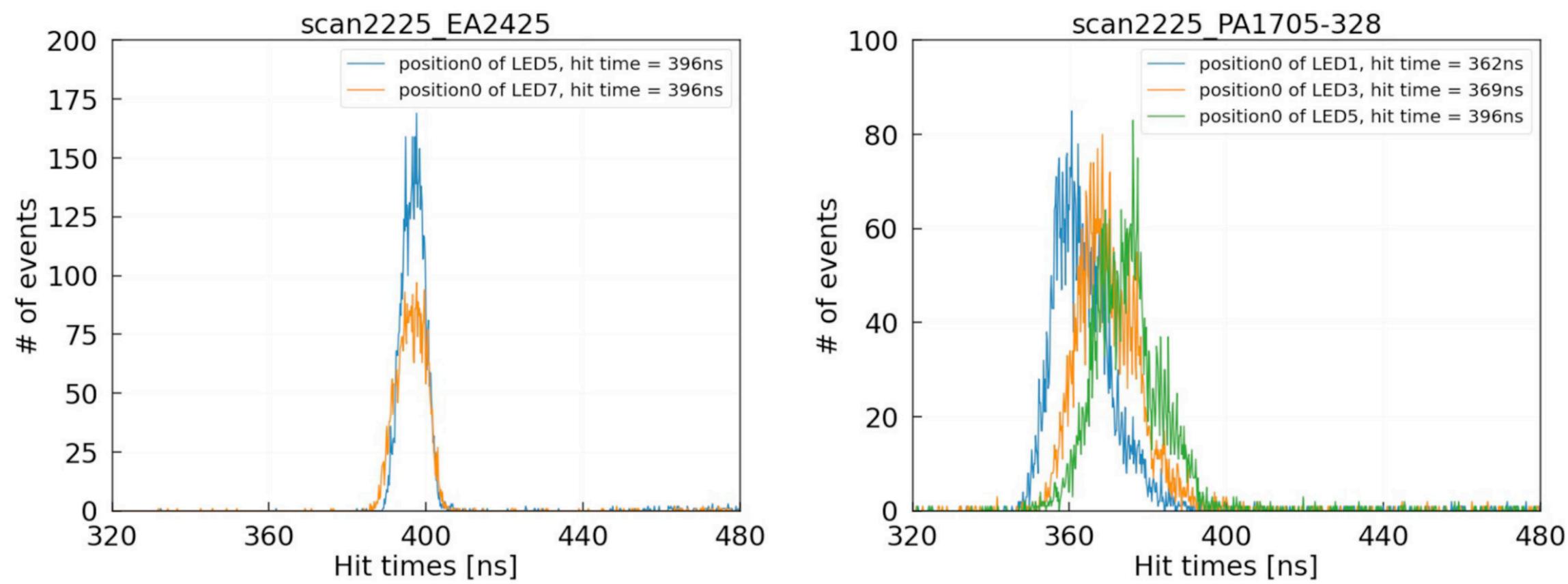


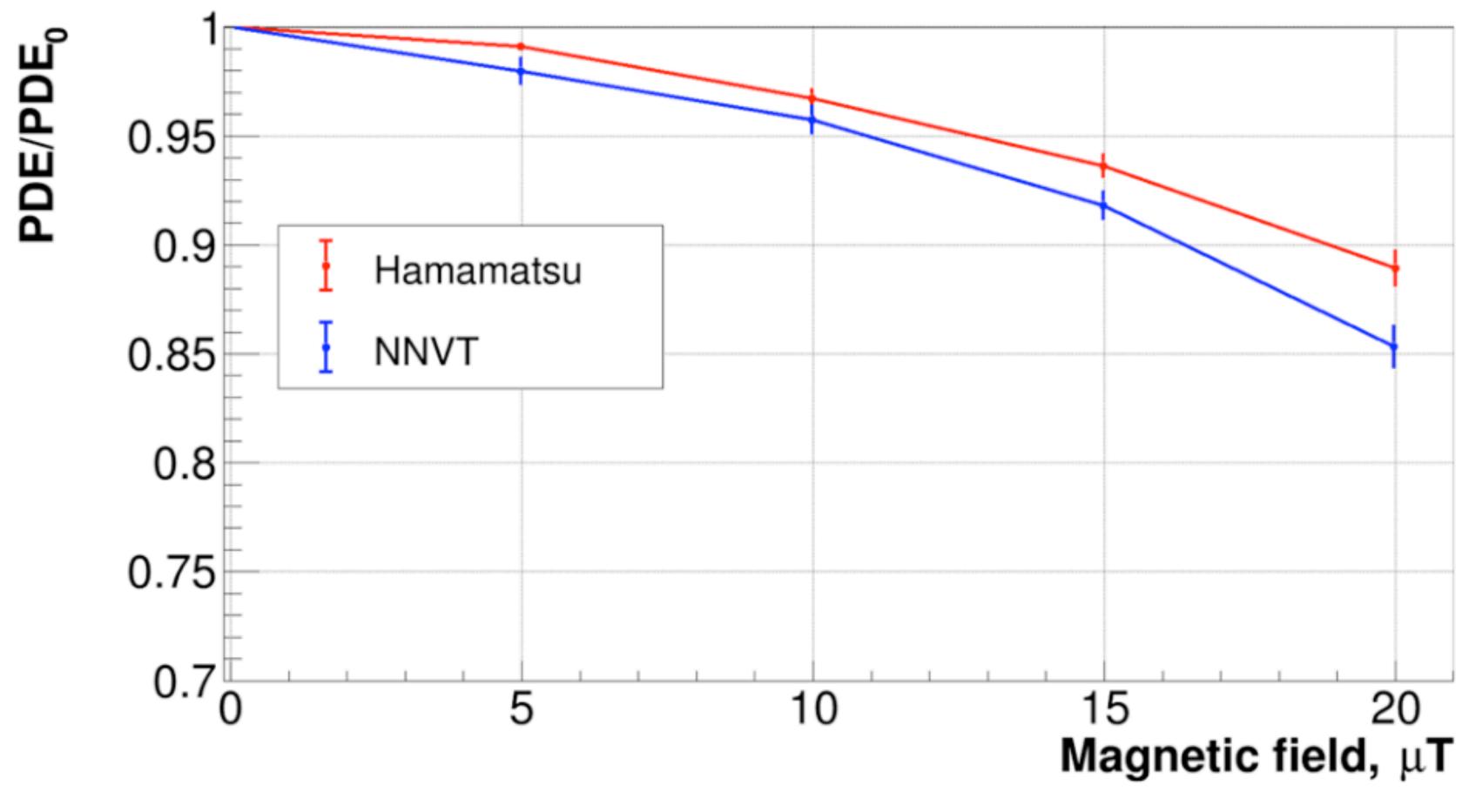
Fig. 8 Measured diameter in mm of all checked 20-inch PMTs. Some PMTs were rejected before the measurement after visual inspection, therefore





Transit Time measured with the LED of the scanning station.





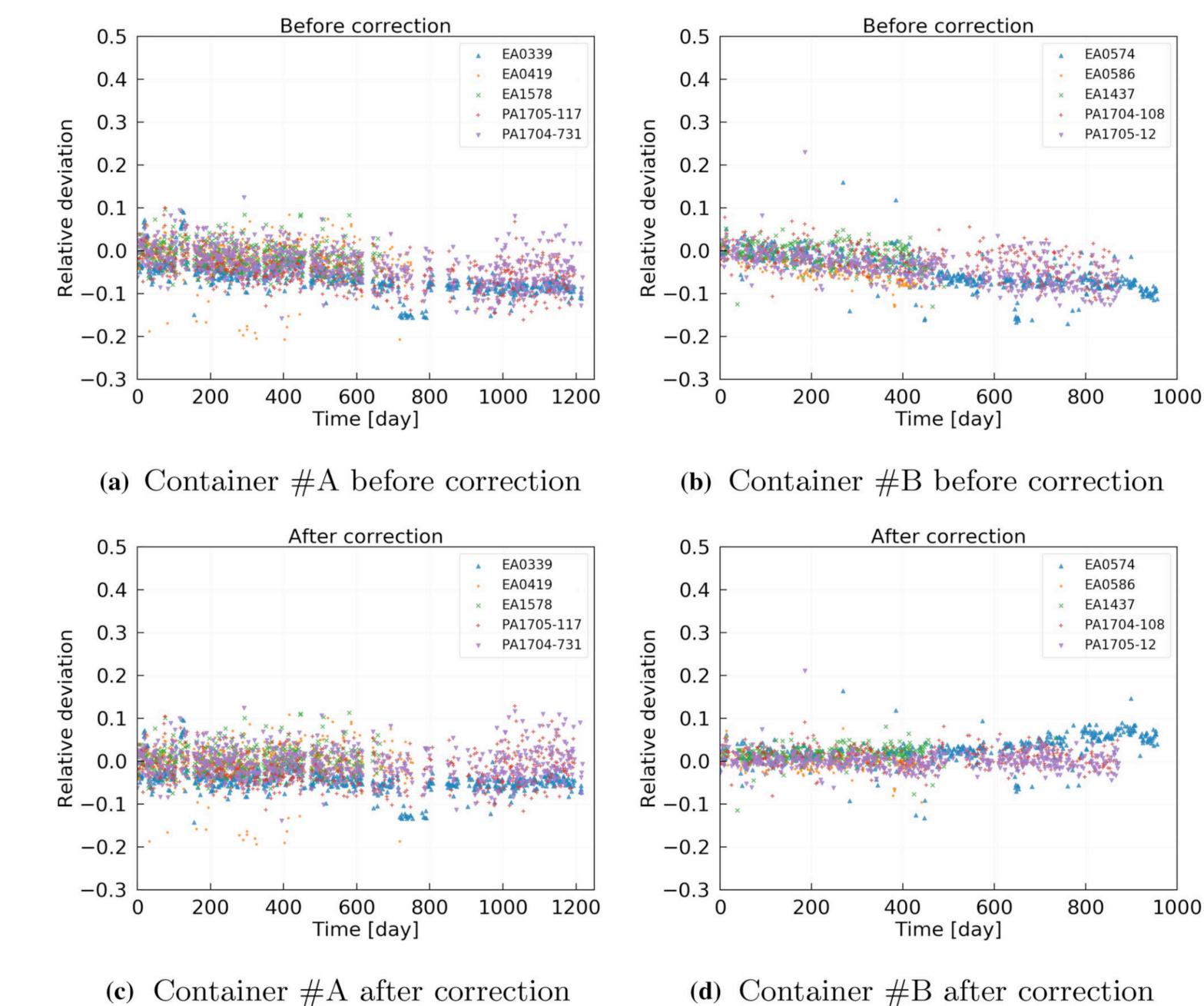
strength tested with 9 HPK and 15 NNVT PMTs

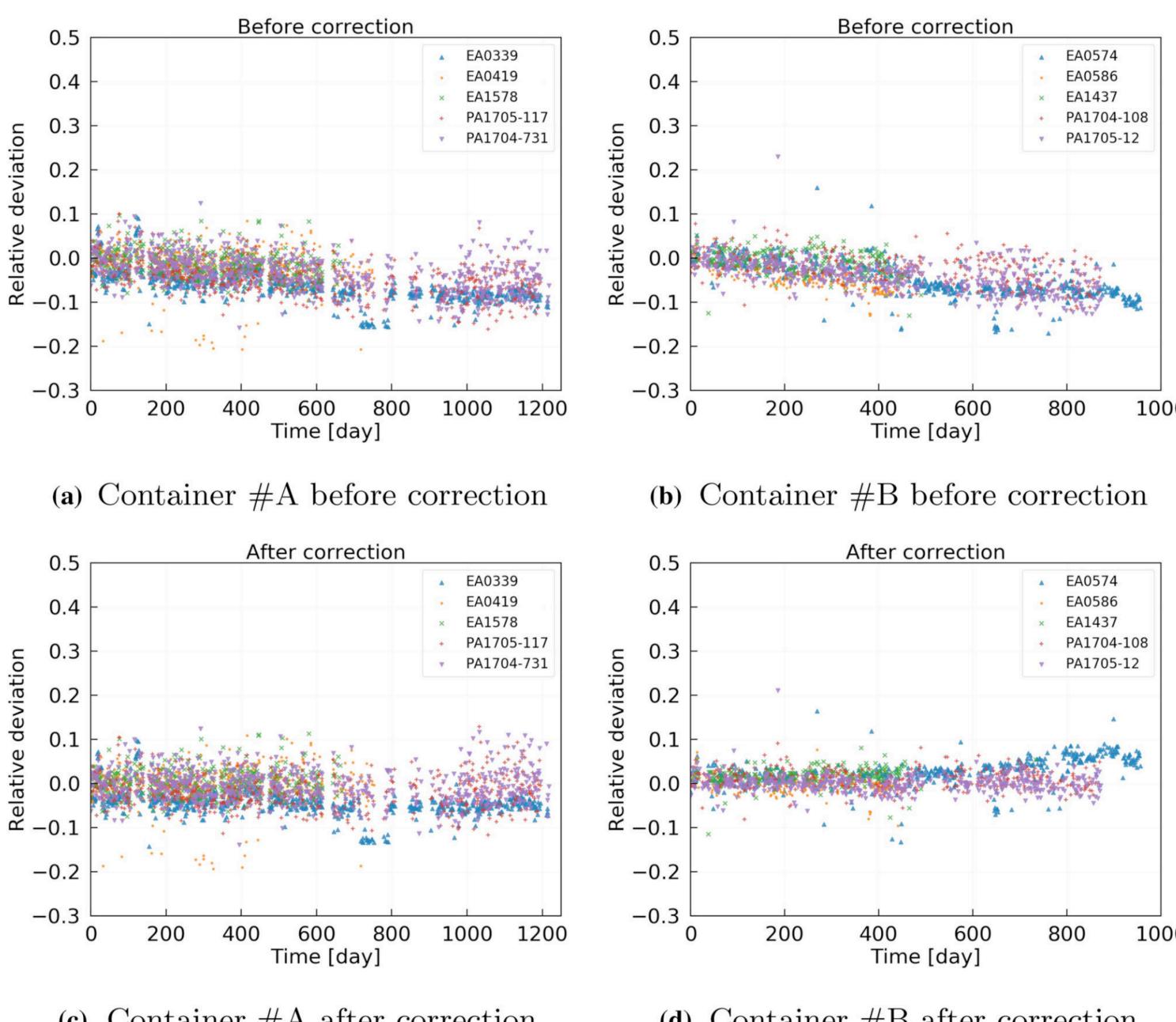
PDE vs MF

Fig. 32 Averaged PMT PDE versus remaining magnetic field (MF)

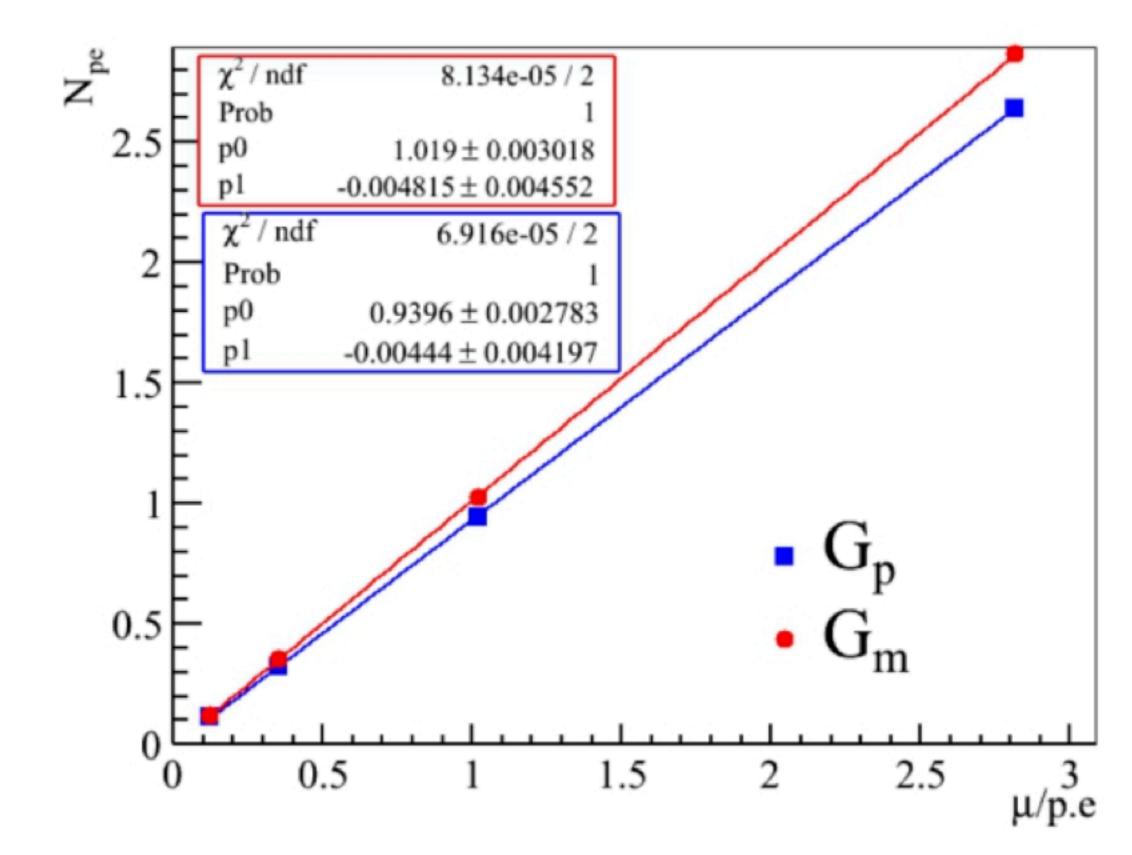


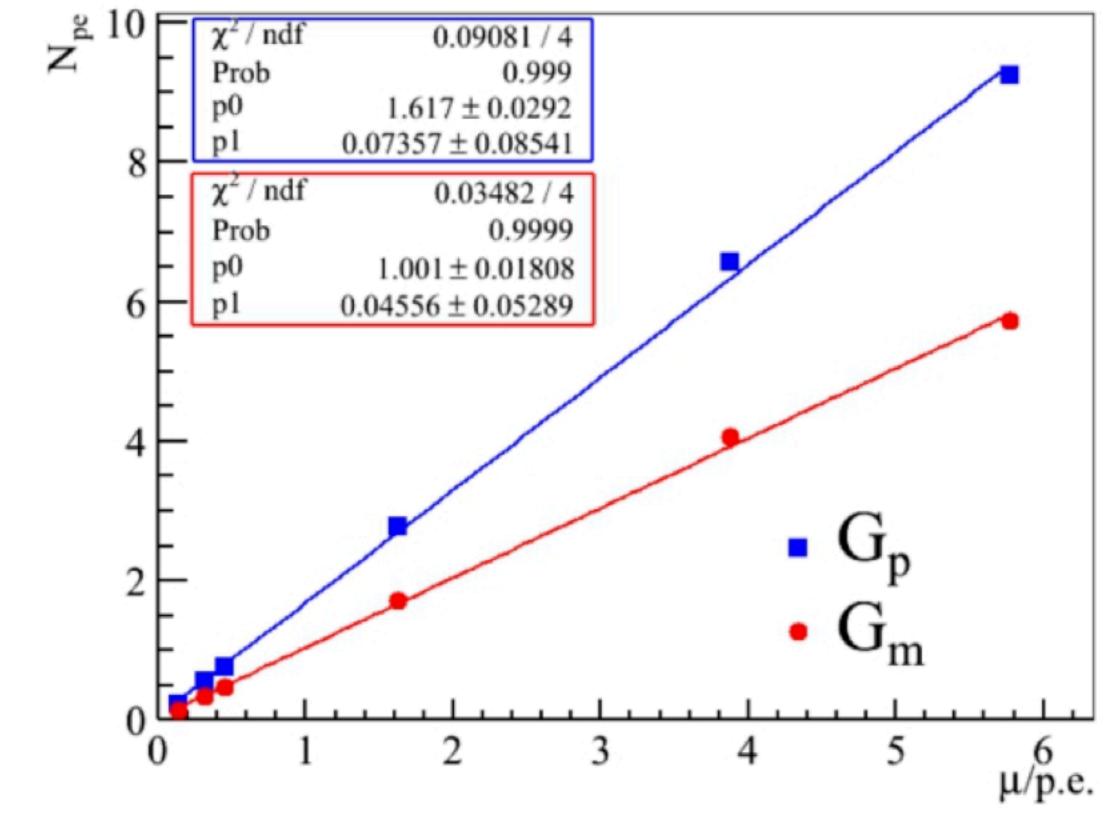
Relative variation of the measured PDE of the monitoring PMTs (HPK PMTs tagged by "EA", NNVT PMTs tagged by "PA") at the container system, before and after a correction based on a recalibration at the end of the regular testing period















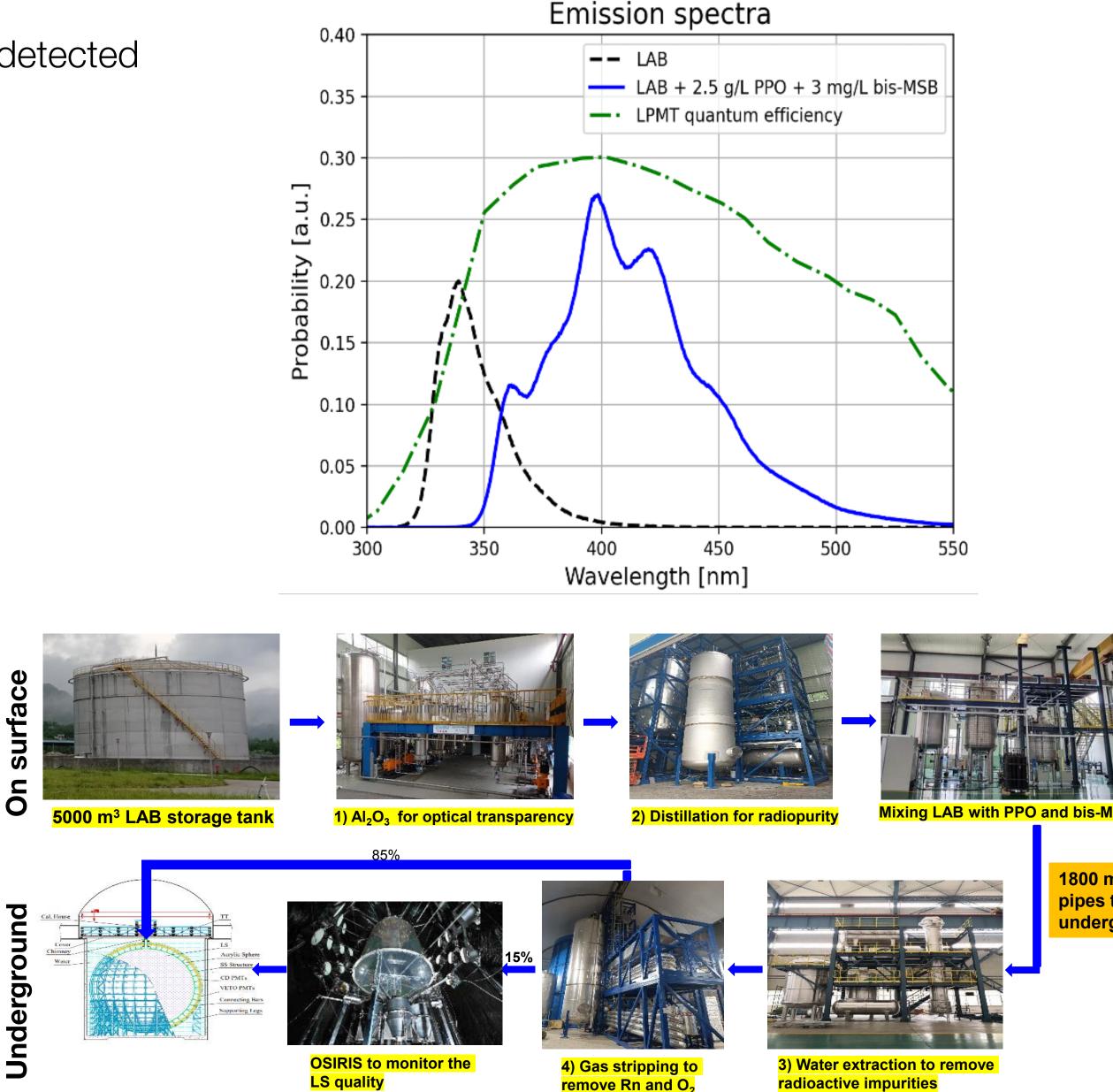
The energy resolution is related to the total number of photon detected

- ✓ high light yield
- \checkmark light spectra matching PMT detection efficiency
- \checkmark good liquid scintillator transparency

JUNO "recipe" : Solvent: Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB) Fluor: 2.5 g/l PPO Wavelength shifter: **3 mg/l bis-MSB**

- Optical impurities reduce transparency
- Radioactive contaminants yield background events
- Measured liquid scintillator attenuation length > 20 m
- Contamination during the commissioning of the purification plants
 - U < 1.9 x 10⁻¹⁶ g/g [solar physics < 10⁻¹⁷ g/g]
 - Th < 1.5 x 10⁻¹⁶ g/g [solar physics < 10^{-17} g/g]

Liquid Scintillator





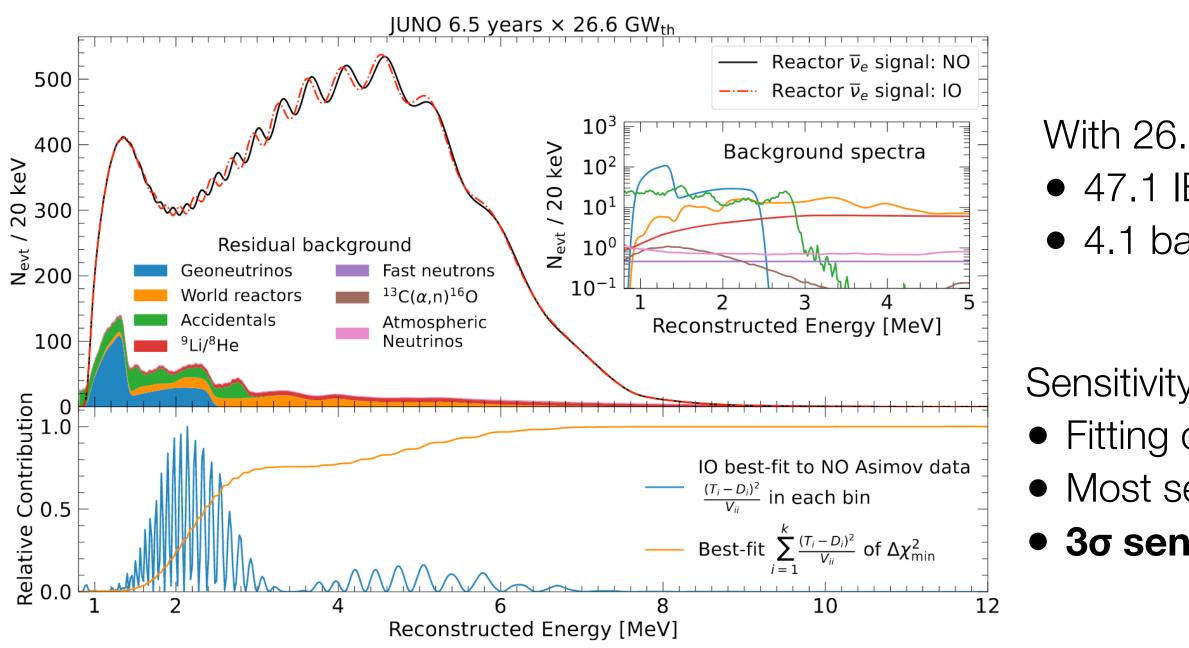






More details in Dmitrii Dolzhikov talk JUNO's Physics with Reactor Antineutrinos 24 October 2024 08:40

JUNO Physics performances



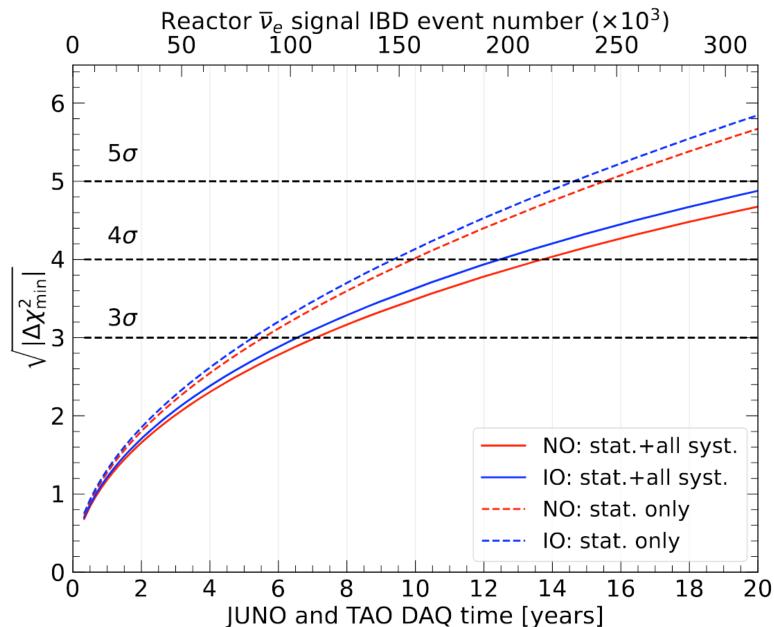
Sub-percent measurement of 3 (out of 5) oscillation parameters $\Delta m_{31}^2, \Delta m_{32}^2, \sin^2 \theta_{12}$

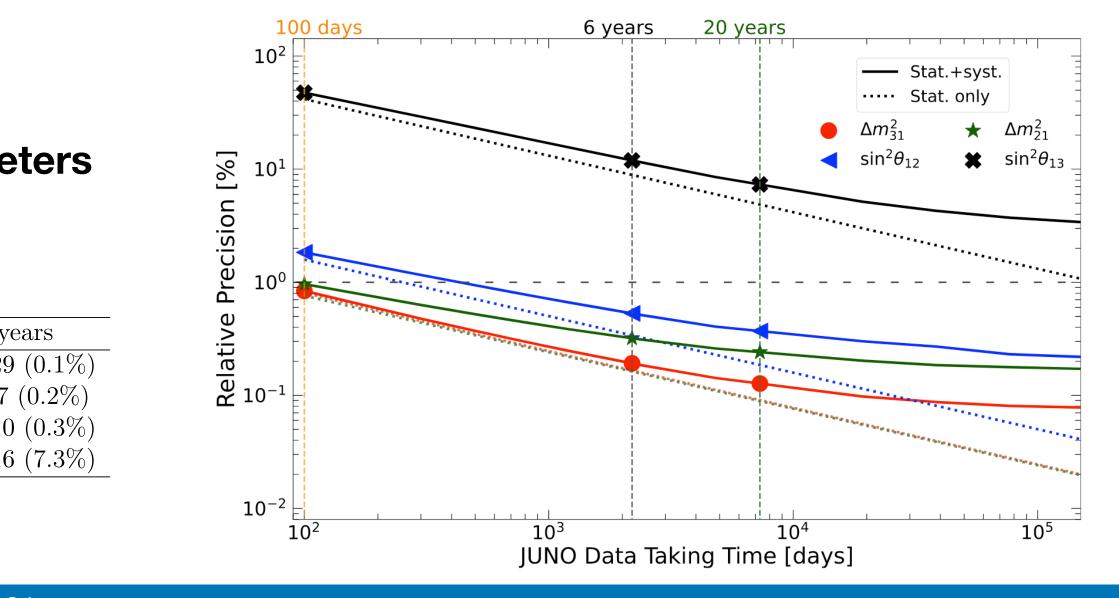
	Central Value	PDG2020	$100\mathrm{days}$	6 years	20 ye
$\Delta m_{31}^2 \; (\times 10^{-3} \; \mathrm{eV^2})$	2.5283	$\pm 0.034~(1.3\%)$	$\pm 0.021 \ (0.8\%)$	±0.0047 (0.2%)	± 0.0029
$\Delta m_{21}^2 \; (\times 10^{-5} \; {\rm eV^2})$	7.53	$\pm 0.18~(2.4\%)$	$\pm 0.074~(1.0\%)$	$\pm 0.024 \ (0.3\%)$	± 0.017
$\sin^2 heta_{12}$	0.307	$\pm 0.013~(4.2\%)$	$\pm 0.0058~(1.9\%)$	$\pm 0.0016 \ (0.5\%)$	± 0.0010
$\sin^2 heta_{13}$	0.0218	$\pm 0.0007~(3.2\%)$	$\pm 0.010~(47.9\%)$	±0.0026 (12.1%)	± 0.0016
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With 26.6 GW_{th} (11/12 duty cycle) • 47.1 IBD events per day in FV • 4.1 backgrounds (B/S = 8.7%)

Sensitivity to Mass Ordering: • Fitting data against NO and IO scenario • Most sensitive region [1.5 - 3] MeV • **3σ sensitivity** in 7.1 years



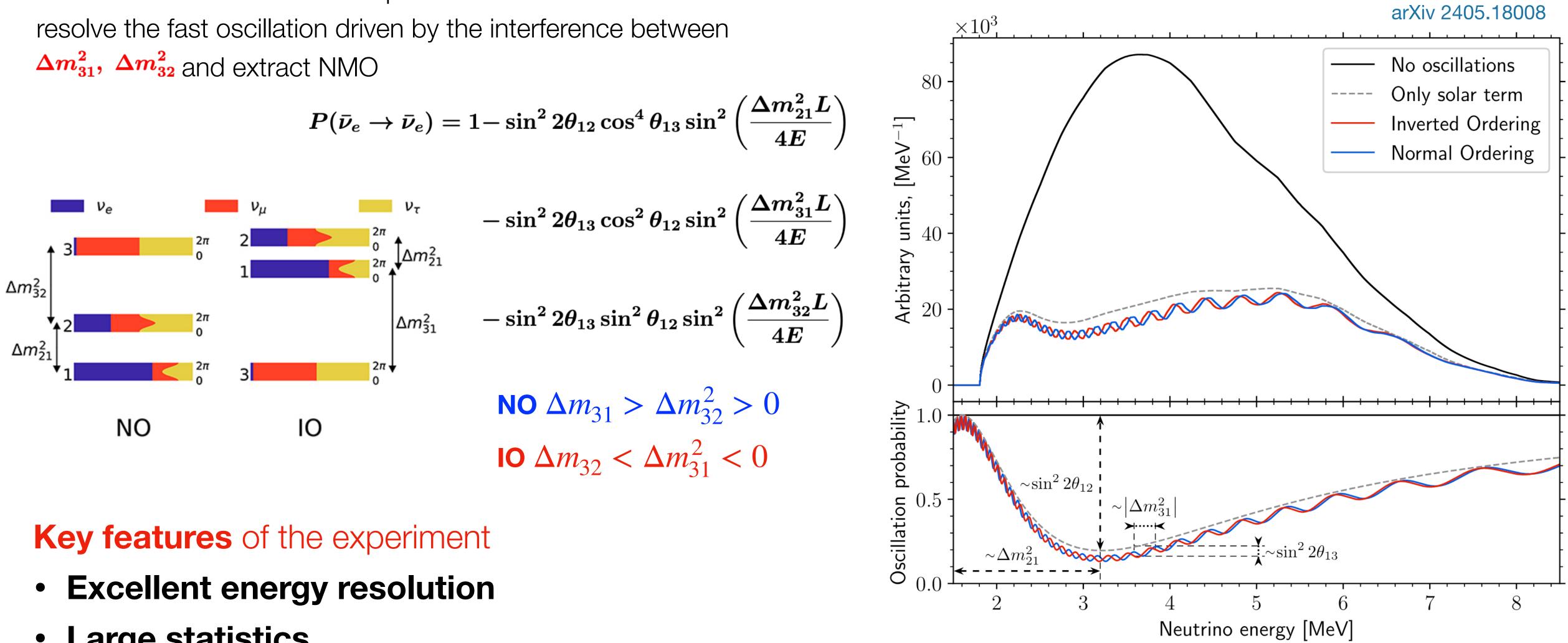






JUNO experiments

Measure the reactor neutrino spectrum at the first solar minima to



- Large statistics
- Control of energy scale and systematics





Reactor experiments

In reactor neutrino experiment we measure the $\overline{\nu}_e$ survival probability $P(\overline{\nu}_e \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_e)$

$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E}\right)$$

$$-\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \cos^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E}\right)$$

$$-\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E}\right)$$

$$0,6$$

$$0,6$$

$$0,4$$

$$0,2$$

$$0,2$$
The strong hierarchy between mass eigenstate
$$\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{|\Delta m_{31}^2|} \sim \frac{1}{30}$$

$$0,1$$

allow to test the different component changing the baseline

