Status and perspective of JUNO

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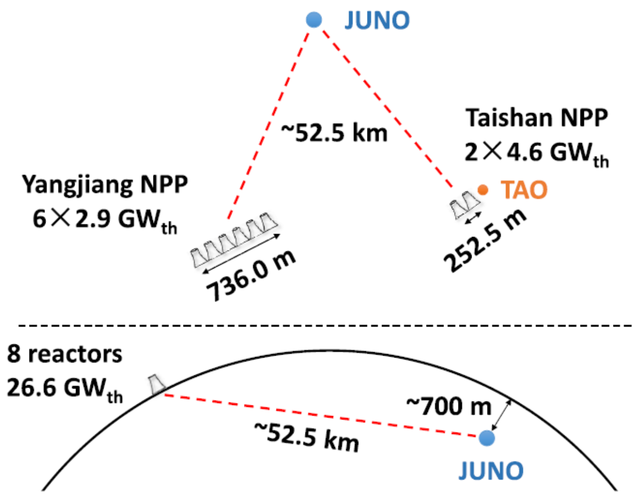
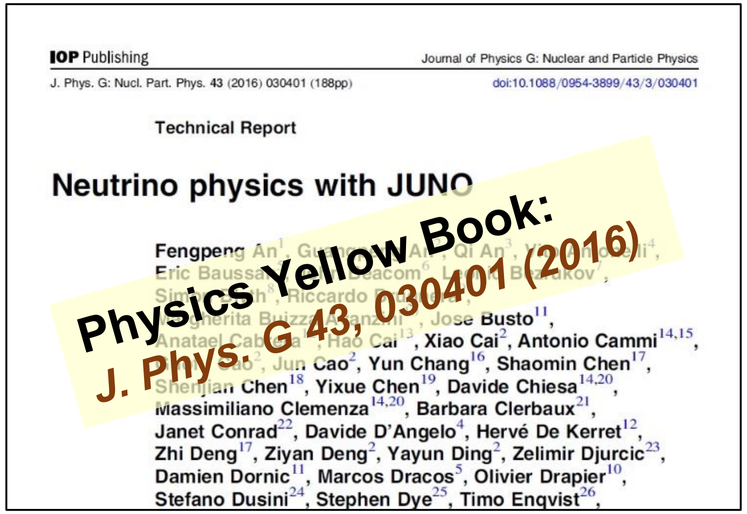
JUNO: a multipurpose neutrino experiment

Jiangmen **U**nderground **N**eutrino **O**bservatory

PRD78:111103,2008
PRD79:073007,2009

- Proposed as a reactor neutrino experiment for mass ordering in 2008
  - Driving the design specifications: location, 20 kton Liquid Scintillator, 3% energy resolution, 700 m underground
- Rich physics program in solar, supernova, atmospheric, geo-neutrinos, proton decay, exotic searches
- Approved in 2013. Construction in 2015-2024

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Technical Report

Neutrino physics with JUNO

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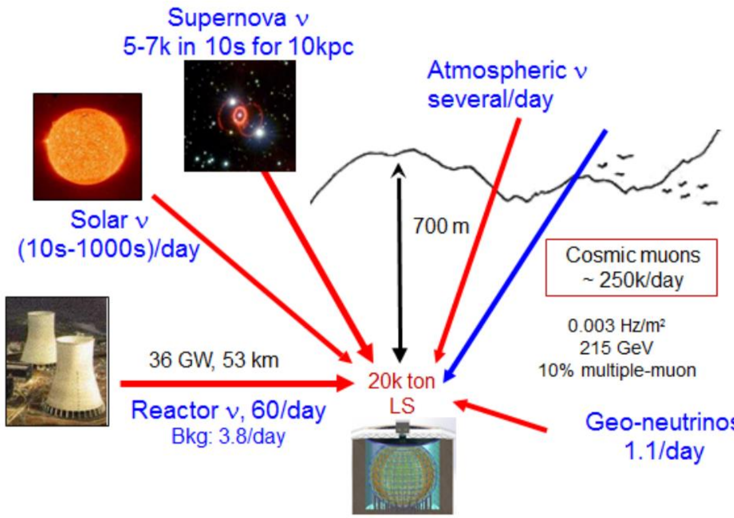

JUNO collaboration

69 institutions, >600 collaborators

Asia: China (27), Taiwan, China (3) Thailand (3), Pakistan, Armenia

Europe: Italy (8), Germany (6), France (5), Russia (3), UK (2), Belgium, Czech, Finland, Slovakia

America: Brazil (2), Chile (2), USA (2)

Location


Guangzhou
Guang Zhou
Dongguan
Huizhou
Zhaoqing
CNS
2.5 h drive
Shen Zhen
Daya Bay NPP
Kaiping, Jiangmen, Guangdong
Zhongshan
Hong Kong
Zhujiang River Estuary
Macau
53 km
53 km
Taishan NPP
Yangjiang NPP
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Taishan NPP

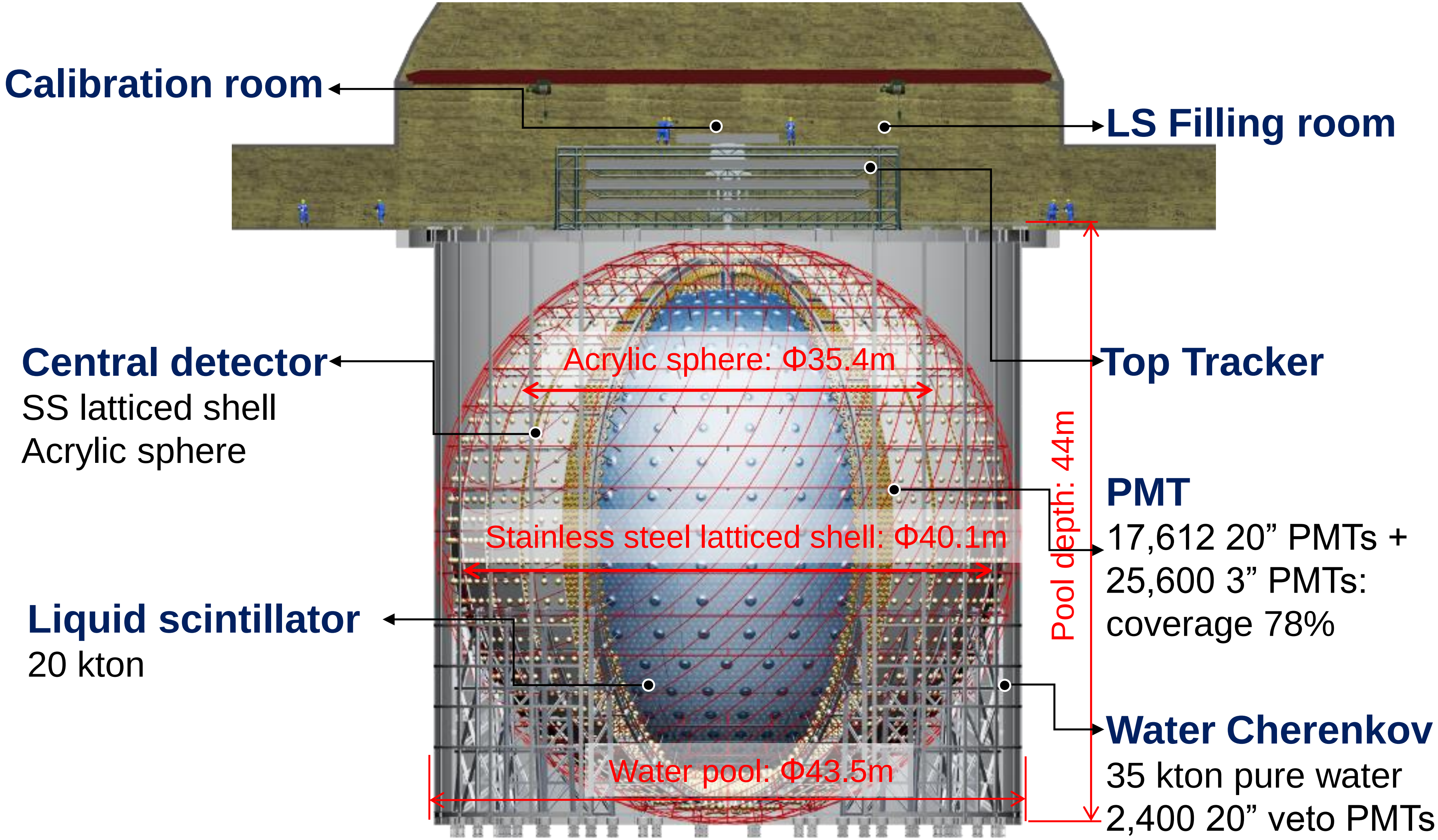
JUNO Site

Surface buildings / campus

- **Office / Dorm**
- Surface Assembly Building
- LAB storage (5 kton)
- Water purification / Nitrogen
- Computing
- Power station
- Cable train

~200 people working onsite now

The JUNO detector

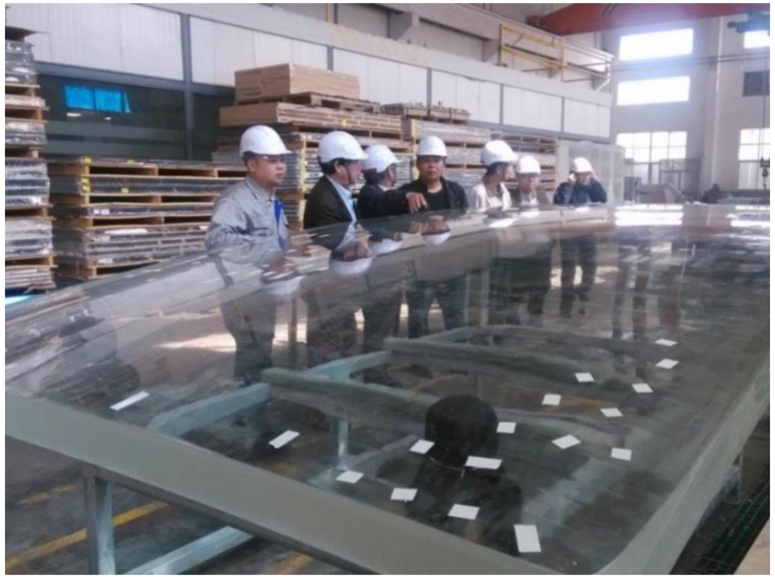


The main structure: stainless steel truss

- Φ41.1 m Stainless Steel structure
- Assembled by 120,000 bolts with >0.45 friction
- High accuracy to satisfy the PMT clearance (minimal 3 mm)
- Completed in 2022 except bottom 4 layers, to be finished this month

Acrylic sphere

- Φ35.4 m acrylic sphere, thickness 12 cm, 263 panels up to 3 m × 8 m

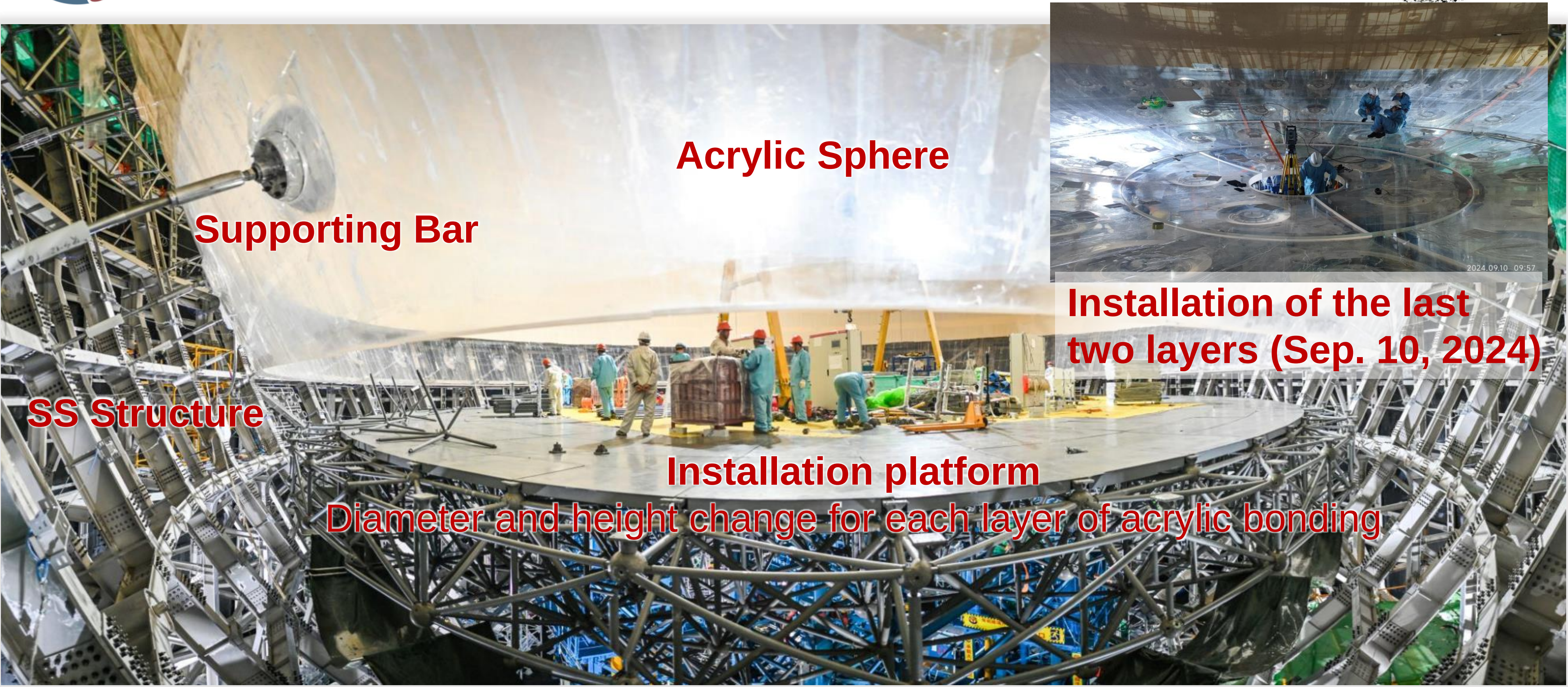


- A special production line for low backgrounds acrylic panels (< 1 ppt U/Th/K)
- Processed while maintaining high transparency (>96%)

- Built from the top to bottom, layer by layer, 23 layers in total
- All panels in the same layer were bonded together

- **Acrylic sphere finished construction last week.**

Inside the detector



Installation of the last two layers (Sep. 10, 2024)

Photomultiplier tubes (PMTs)

- 20-inch PMT: 15,012 MCP-PMT (NNVT) + 5,000 Dynode PMT(Hamamatsu)
- 3-inch PMT: 25,600 Dynode PMT (HZC XP72B22)
- Instrumented with waterproof potting (failure rate < 0.5%/6 years) and implosion protection

	LPMT (20-in)		SPMT (3-in)
	Hamamatsu	NNVT	HZC
Quantity	5,000	15,012	25,600
Charge Collection	Dynode	MCP	Dynode
Photon Det. Eff.	**28.5%**	**30.1%**	**25%**
Dynamic range for [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

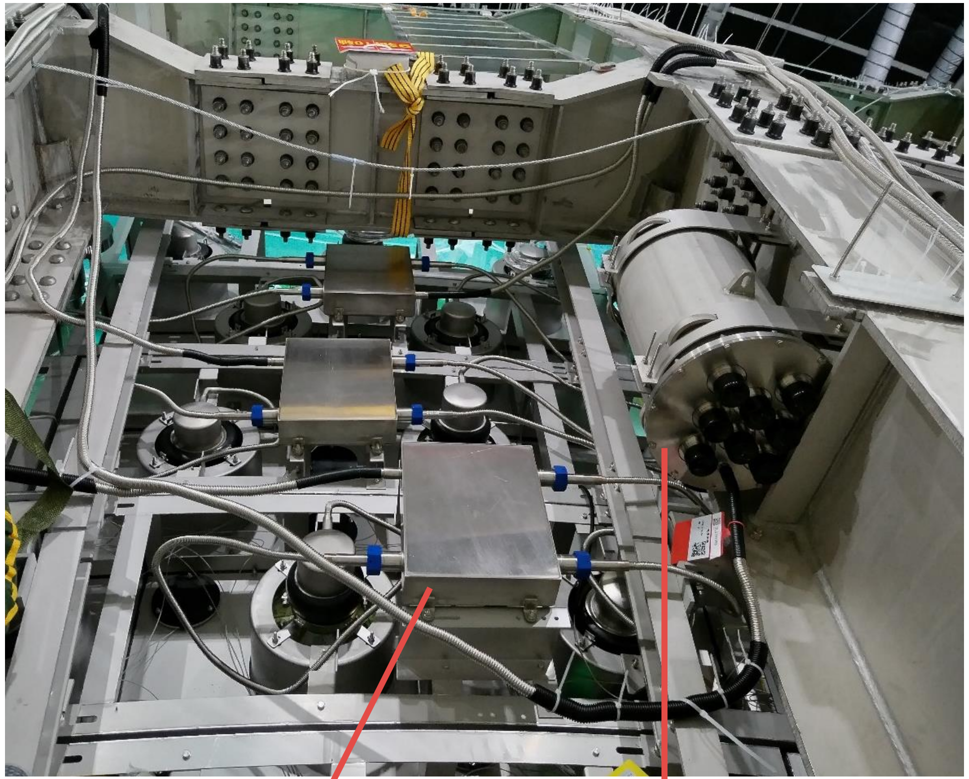
Developed by Chinese institutes and industries

PMT installation

- 90% PMTs installed in the JUNO detector, to be finished in November.

Electronics

- 20-inch PMT electronics: 20012 channels
  - Dynamic range: 1- 4000 PE, Noise: <10% @1 PE, Resolution: <10%@1 PE, <1%@100 PE
  - 1 GHz FADC in an underwater box (3 ch./box), connected to PMTs by water proof connectors
  - Failure rate: < 0.5% / 6 years
- 3-inch SPMT electronics: 25600 channels
  - 200 underwater boxes, each for 128 PMTs read by ASIC Battery Cards (ABC), each with 8 CatiROC chips
- 85% electronics installed in the detector, to be finished in November.

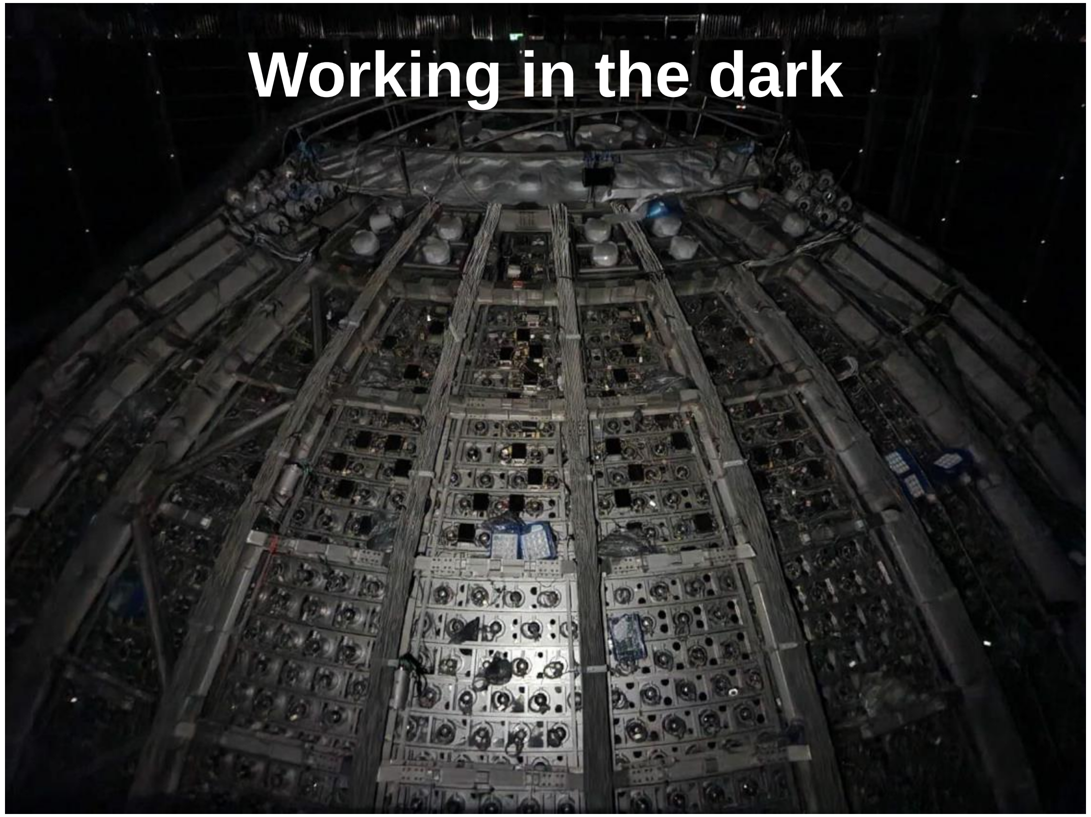


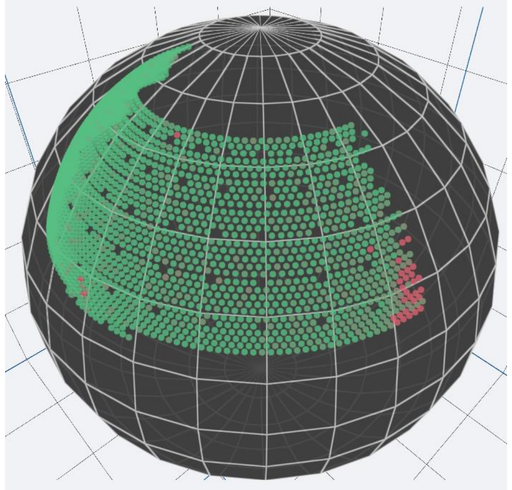
20-inch PMT underwater box: 3 channels

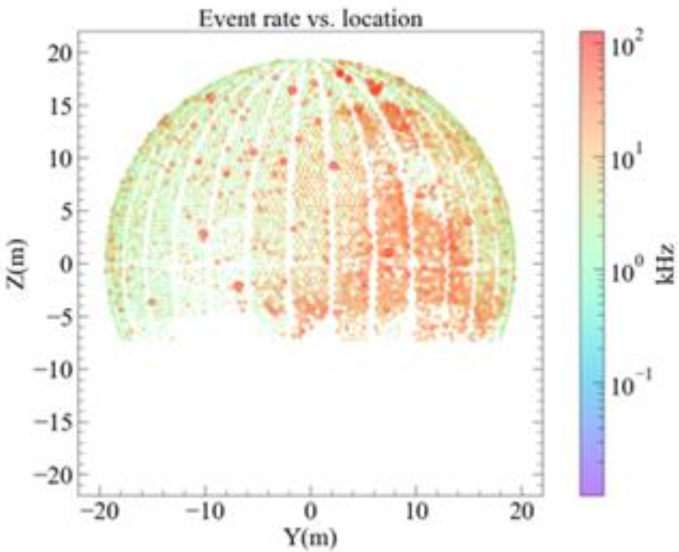
3-inch PMT underwater box: 128 channels

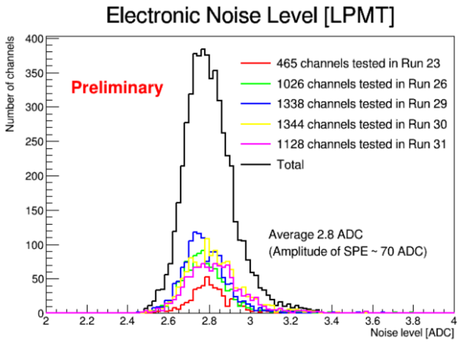
Commissioning

- Lights-off tests during installation
- Performances of PMTs and electronics are good

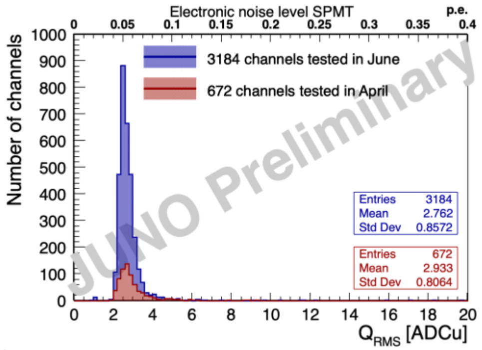








20-inch PMT Noise level ~0.04 PE



3-inch PMT Noise level ~0.05 PE

Liquid scintillator

- LAB + 2.5 g/L PPO + 3 mg/L bis-MSB
  - Attenuation length: LAB > 24m, LS > 20 m
  - Minimum U/Th requirement (for NMO) < 1e-15 g/g, aiming at 1e-17 g/g for solar and future $0\nu\beta\beta$

- ◆ **All 60 ton PPO delivered, U/Th < 0.1 ppt**
- ◆ **Bis-MSB complete production soon (< 5 ppt)**
- ◆ **Plants commissioned individually and jointly**
- ◆ **20 kton LAB to be delivered, U/Th ~ 1 ppq**

5000 m^3 LAB storage tank

1) Al_2O_3 for optical transparency

2) Distillation for radiopurity

2.4%

Mixing LAB with PPO and bis-MSB

97.6%

Mixing

ICP-MS & sensitivity sub-ppq level (10^{-16} g/g)

1800 m SS pipes to underground

3) Water extraction to remove radioactive impurities

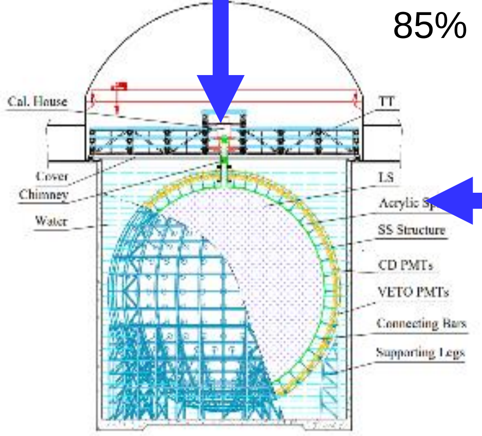
4) Gas stripping to remove Rn and O_2

15%

Commissioning

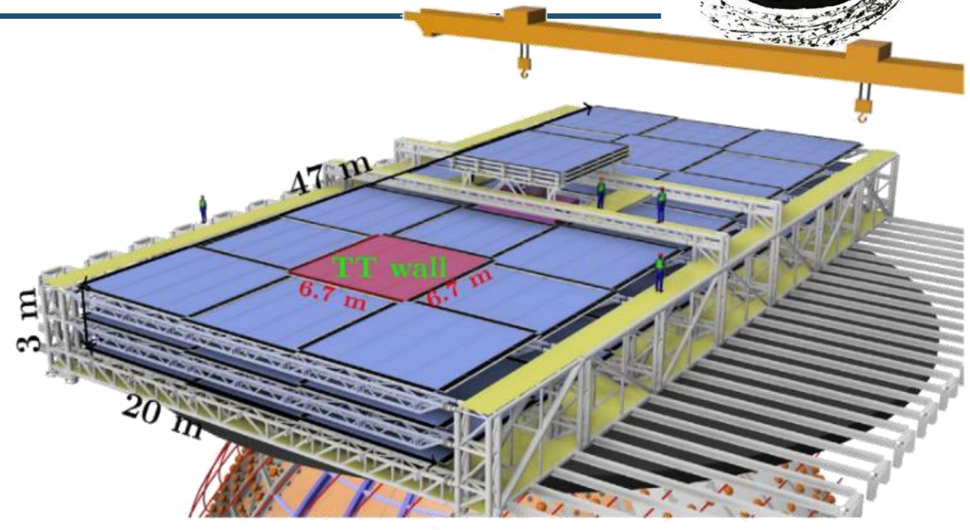
Monitoring pre-detector (OSIRIS)

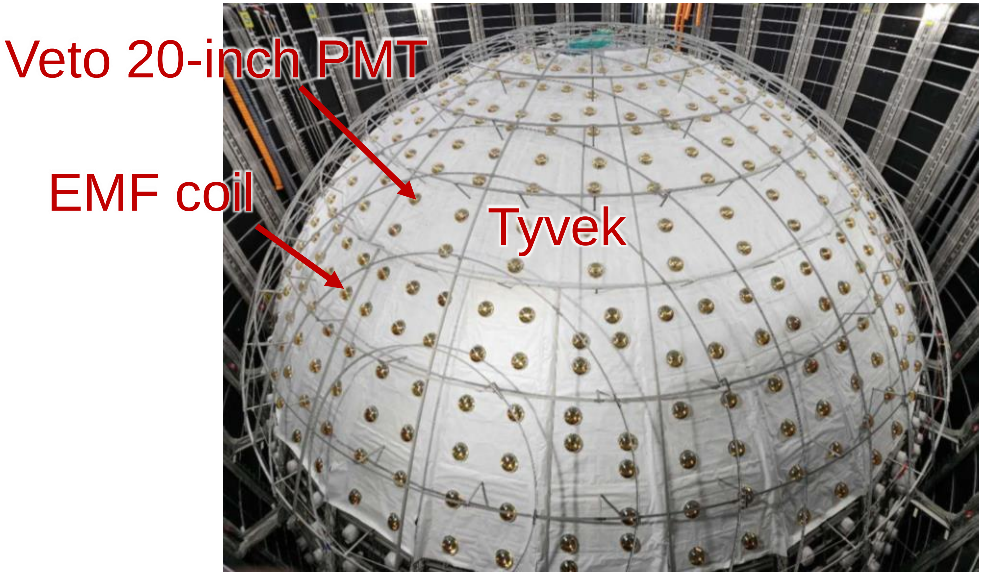
85%



Veto detector

- Water Cherenkov + Top tracker
- Water Cherenkov detector
  - 35 kton water to shield backgrounds from the rock
  - Instrumented w/ 2400 20-inch PMTs on SS structure
  - Water pool lining: 5 mm HDPE (black) to keep the clean water and to stop Rn from the rock, will cover w/ tyvek
  - 100 ton/h pure water system installed. Requirement: U/Th/K<10^{-14} g/g and Rn<10 mBq/m^3, attenuation length>40 m, temperature controlled to (21±1) °C
- Top tracker (to be installed) NIMA 1057 (2023) 168680
  - Refurbished OPERA scintillators
  - 3 layers, ~60% coverage on the top
  - $\Delta\theta \sim 0.2°$, $\Delta D \sim 20$ cm
- Earth Magnetic Field compensation coil



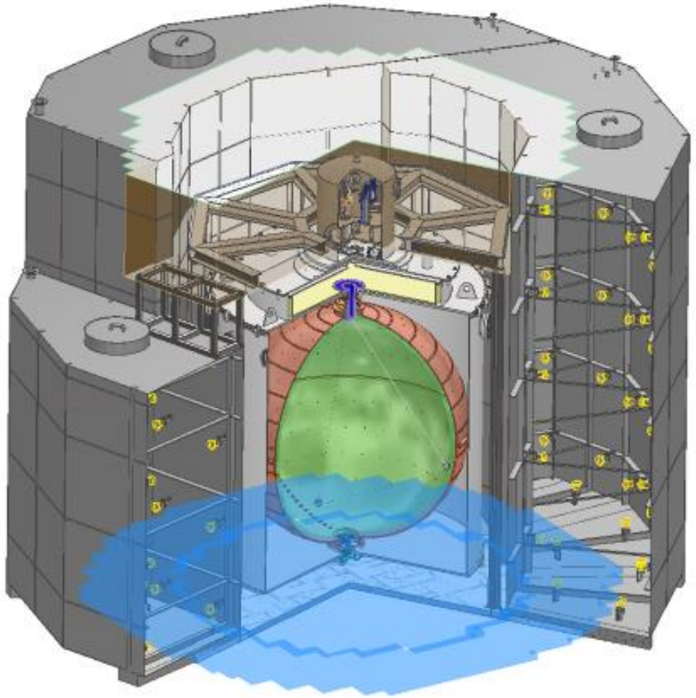


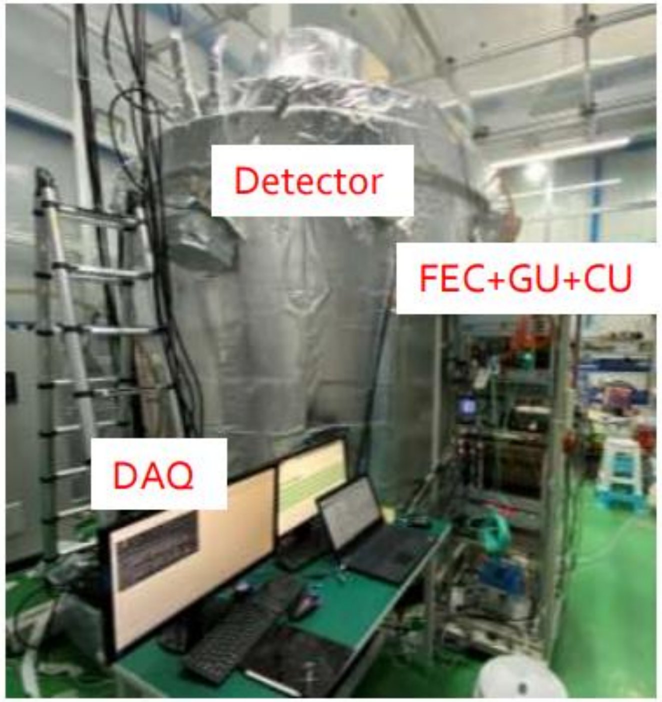
JUNO-TAO

- Main goal: **Measure the reactor neutrino spectrum** (as a reference to JUNO)
  - Better resolution to reduce fine structure effects and spectrum uncertainties
  - Improve nuclear database

- 10 m^2 SiPM + 2.8 ton Gd-loaded LS @-50℃
  - 700k/year@44 m from the core (4.6 GW), ~10% bkg
  - Energy resolution: <2%/√E, 4500 p.e./MeV

- **Installation in the Taishan Nuclear Power Plant in 2024**





Neutrino mass ordering

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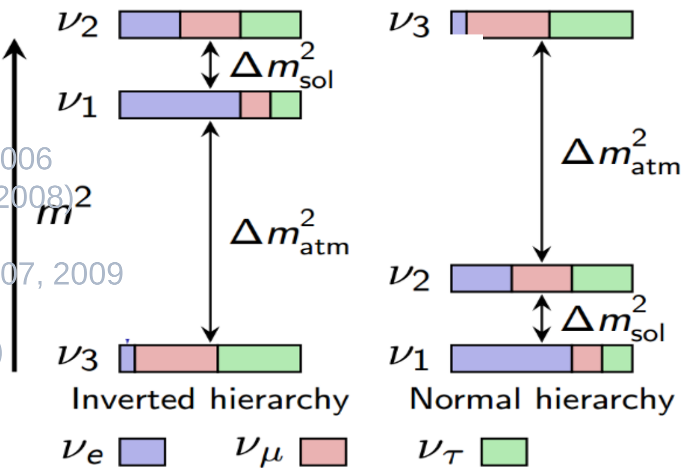
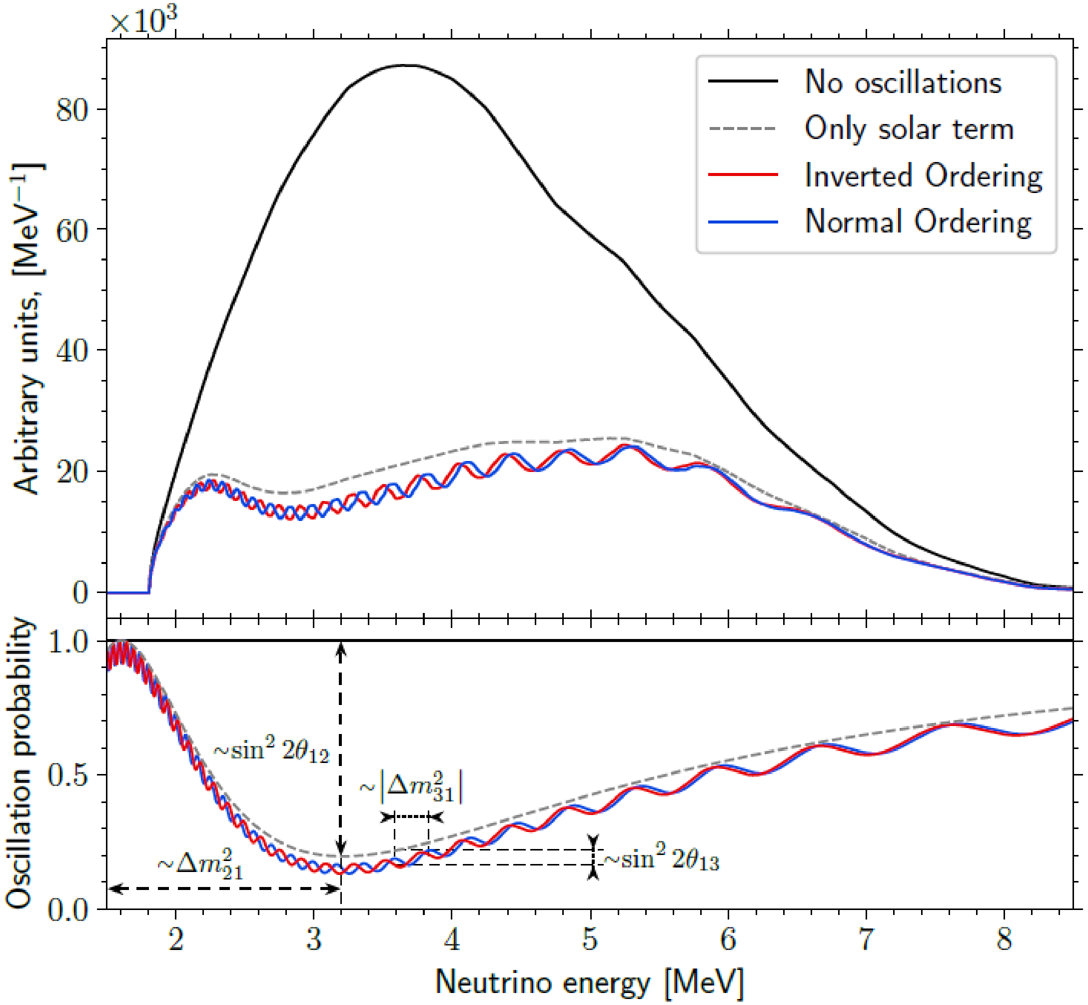


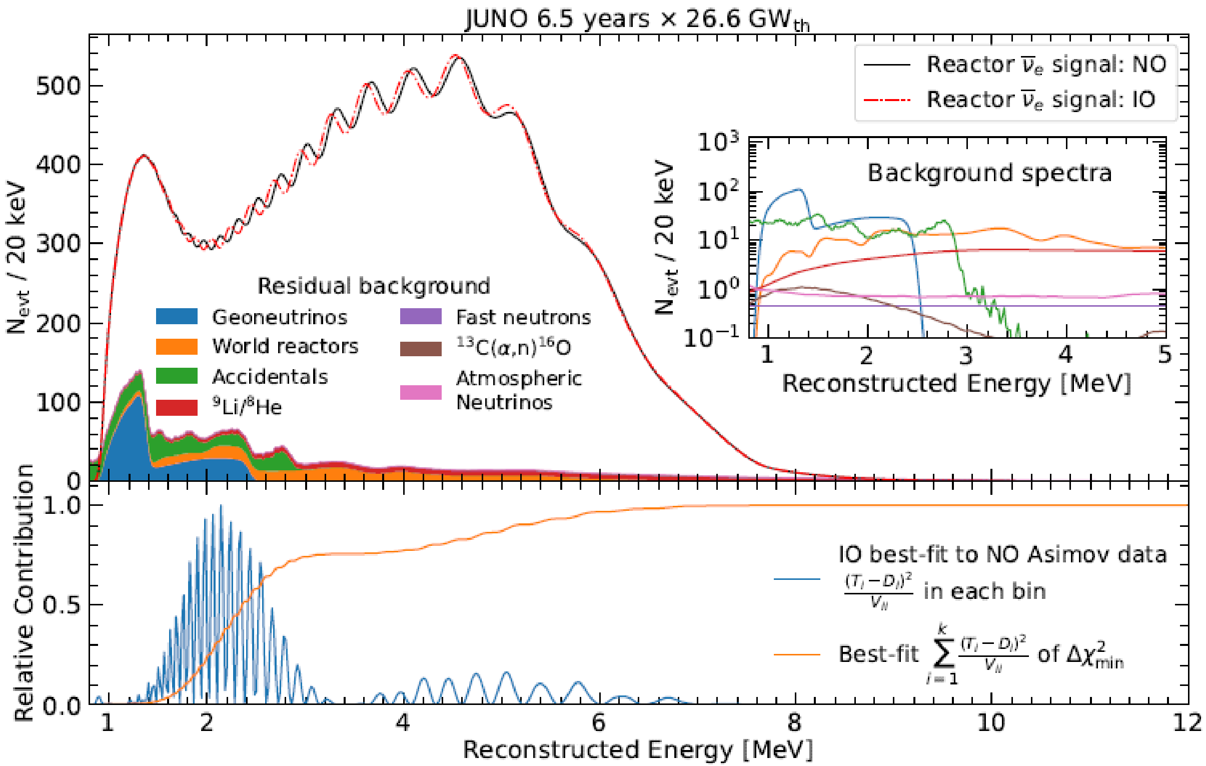


- A fundamental property of nature
- Disappearance of reactor electron antineutrinos at 50-60 km: interference between Δm^2_{31} and Δm^2_{32}
- Very unique approach, independent on θ_{23} and CP phase

Expected antineutrino spectra in JUNO

Signal and backgrounds

	Design	Now
Thermal Power	36 GW_{th}	26.6 GW_{th} (**26%↓**)
Signal rate	60 /day	47.1 /day (**22%↓**)
Overburden	~700 m	~ 650 m
Muon flux in LS	3 Hz	4 Hz (**33%↑**)
Muon veto efficiency	83%	91.6% (**11%↑**)
Backgrounds	3.75 /day	4.11 /day (**10%↑**)
Energy resolution	3.0% @ 1 MeV	2.95% @ 1 MeV (**2%↑**)
Shape uncertainty	1%	**JUNO+TAO**
3σ NMO sens. Exposure	**<6 yrs × 35.8 GW_{th}**	**~6 yrs × 26.6 GW_{th}**

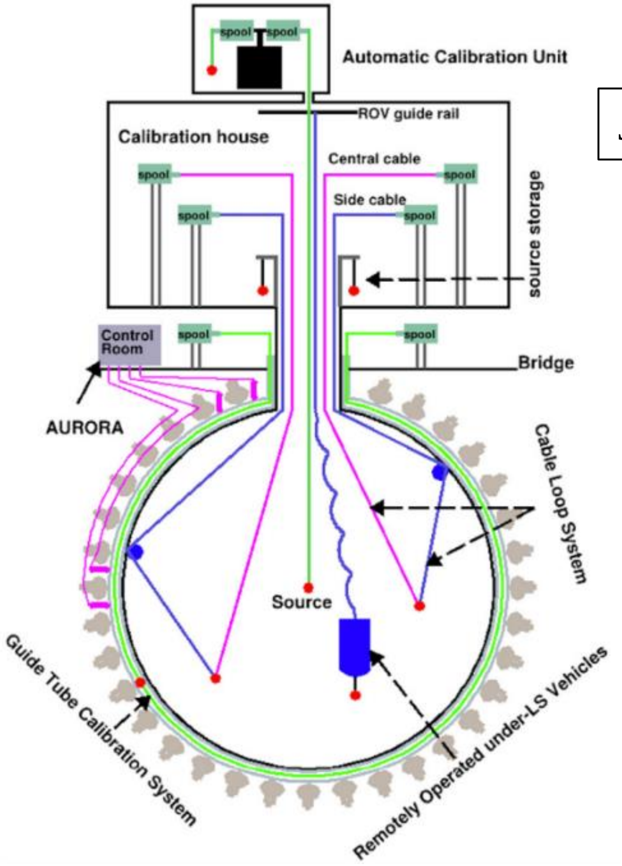


S/B=47.1/4.1

Sensitivity mostly from 1.5-3 MeV

Energy calibration and resolution

- Four systems for 1D, 2D, 3D scan with multiple sources
- Energy scale and non-linearity will be calibrated to <1% using γ peaks and cosmogenic ^{12}B beta spectrum



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Calibration house

All systems ready for installation

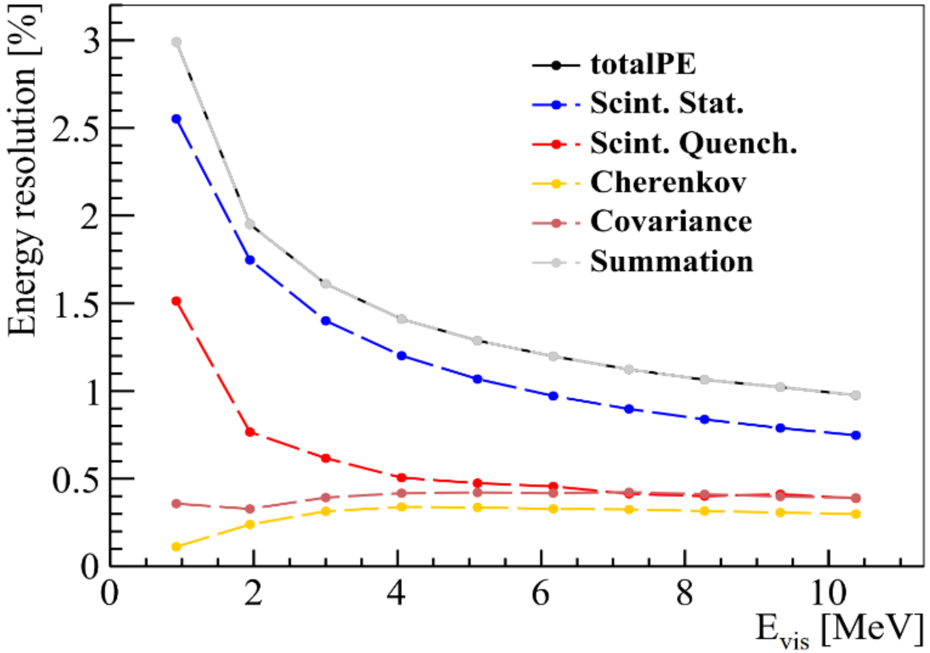
arXiv:2405.17860 (2024)

For positron

$$\frac{\sigma}{E_{vis}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2.61\%}{\sqrt{E_{vis}}}\right)^2 + (0.64\%)^2 + \left(\frac{1.20\%}{E_{vis}}\right)^2}$$

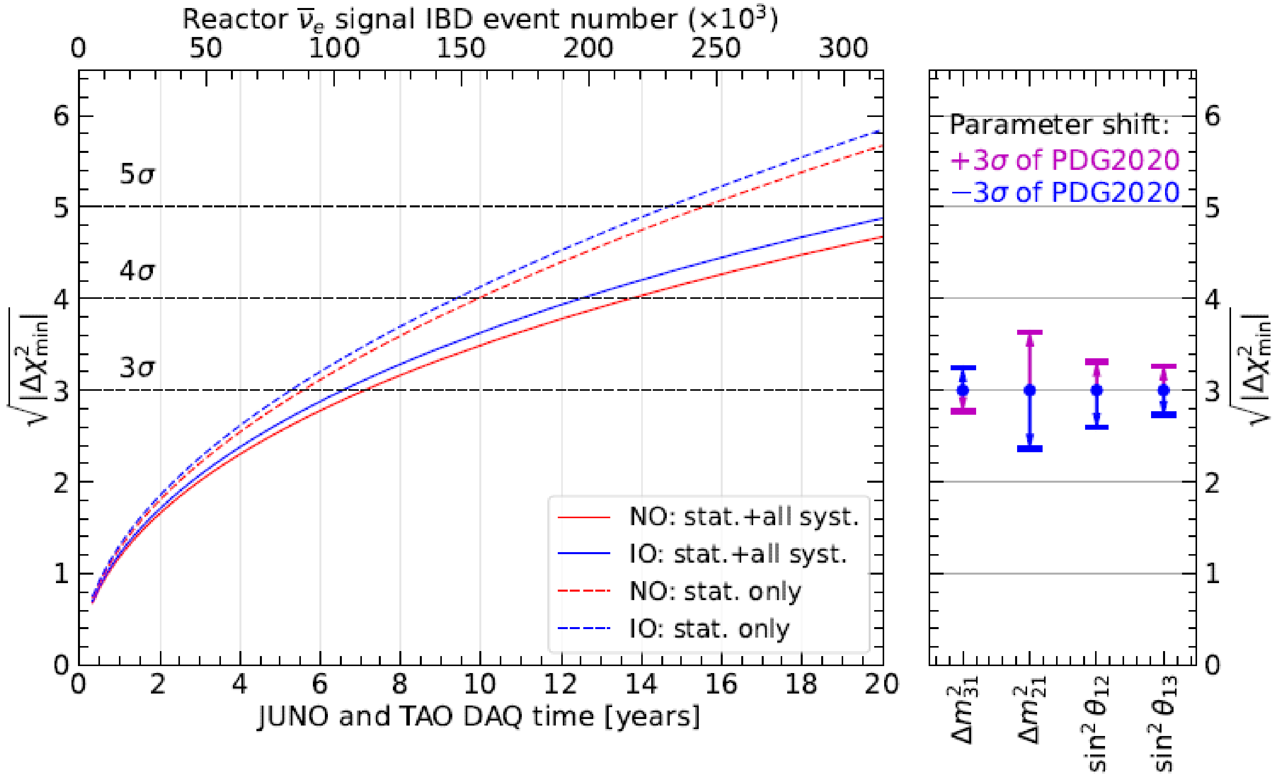
Photon statistics | Constant term | Dark noise, Annihilation -induced γs

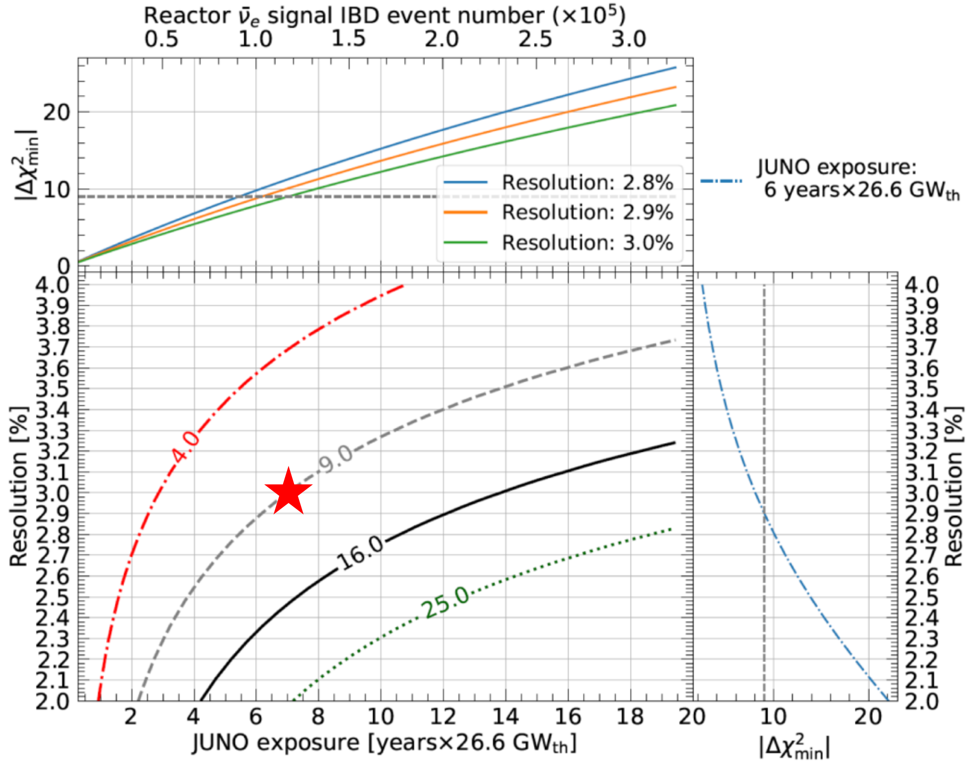
Expected energy resolution: 2.95% @1MeV



Mass ordering sensitivity

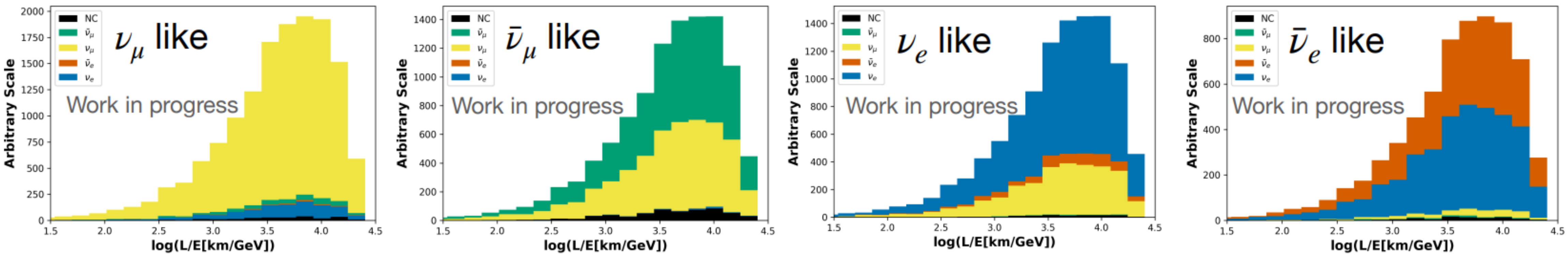
- **JUNO NMO median sensitivity:**
  3σ (reactors only) @ ~6 yrs × 26.6 GW_{th} exposure
- **Combined reactor and atmospheric neutrino analysis in progress: further improve the NMO sensitivity (see next page→)**



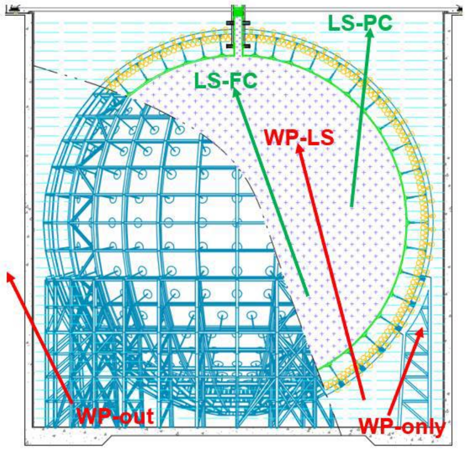


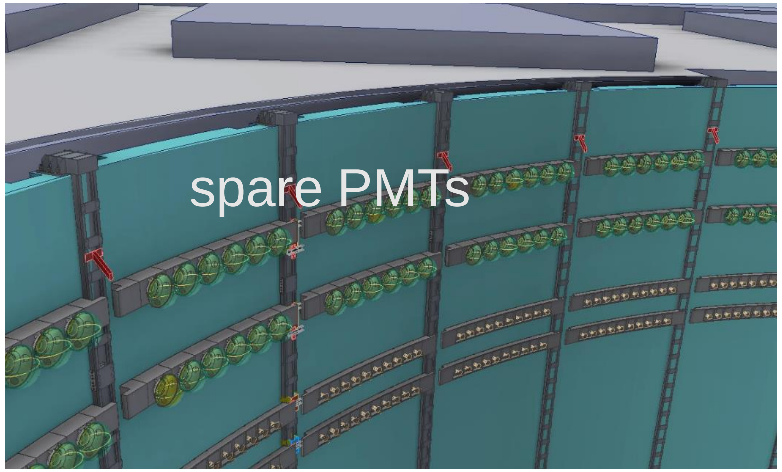
Atmospheric Neutrino

- JUNO will be the first to study atmospheric neutrino oscillation with liquid scintillator: e/μ separation, $\nu/\bar{\nu}$ separation, ν energy (instead of lepton energy), track direction in LS



- Improving the reconstruction and PID algorithm, as well as sensitivity
- Plan to install all spare PMTs on top wall of the water pool to improve PID and direction reconstruction





Oscillation parameters precision measurement

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

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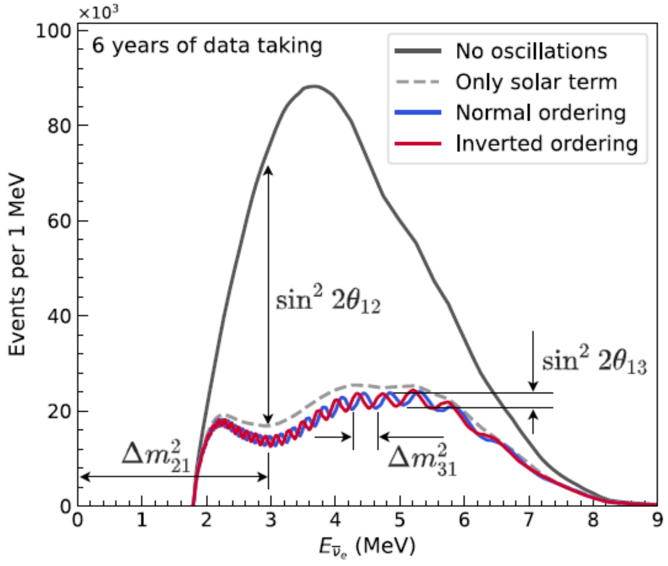
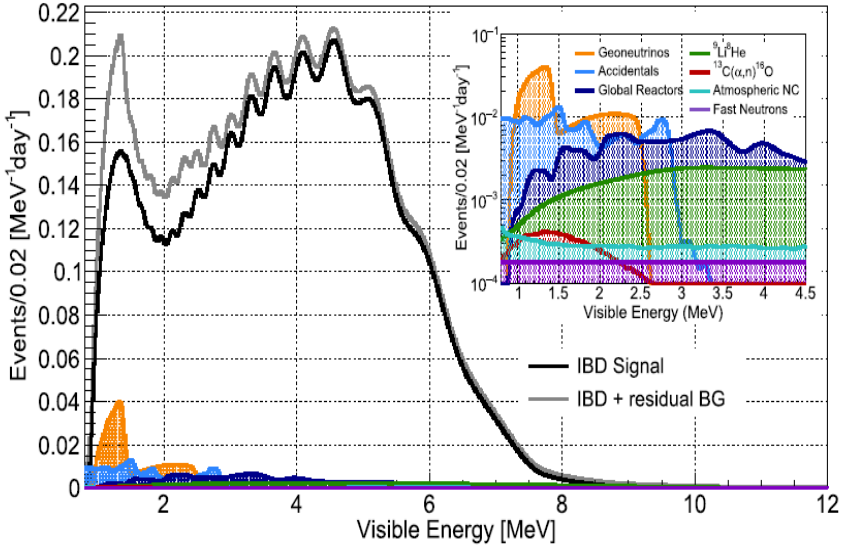
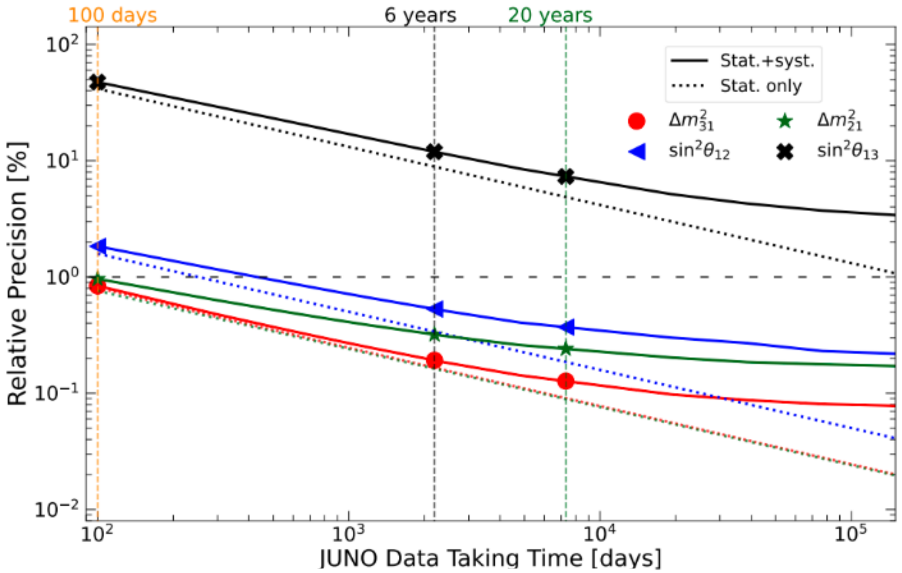






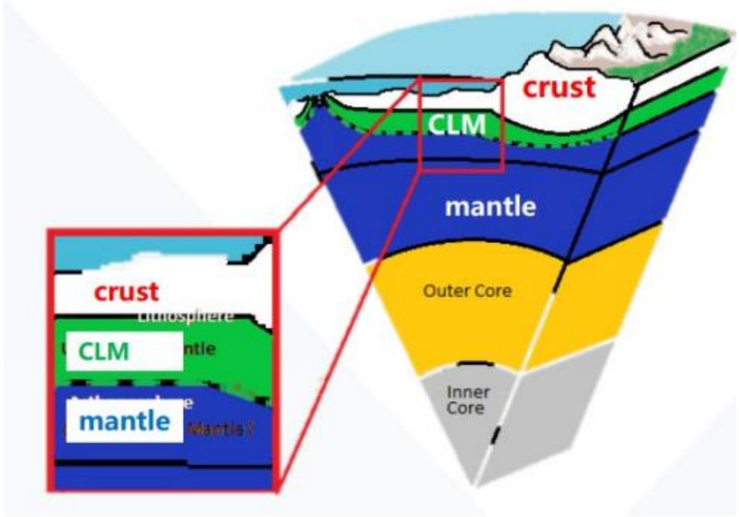
	Central Value	PDG2020	100 days	6 years	20 years
Δm^2_{31} ($\times10^{-3}$ eV^2)	2.5283	±0.034 (1.3%)	±0.021 (0.8%)	±0.0047 (0.2%)	±0.0029 (0.1%)
Δm^2_{21} ($\times10^{-5}$ eV^2)	7.53	±0.18 (2.4%)	±0.074 (1.0%)	±0.024 (0.3%)	±0.017 (0.2%)
$\sin^2\theta_{12}$	0.307	±0.013 (4.2%)	±0.0058 (1.9%)	±0.0016 (0.5%)	±0.0010 (0.3%)
$\sin^2\theta_{13}$	0.0218	±0.0007 (3.2%)	±0.010 (47.9%)	±0.0026 (12.1%)	±0.0016 (7.3%)

$\sin^2 2\theta_{12}$, Δm^2_{21}, $|\Delta m^2_{31}|$, leading measurements in 100 days; precision <0.5% in 6 years

Geoneutrinos

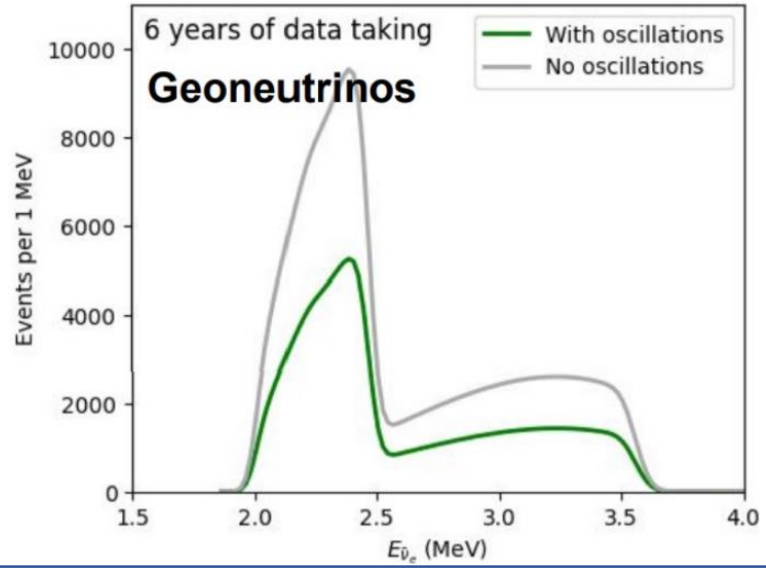
$$^{238}\mathrm{U} \rightarrow {}^{206}\mathrm{Pb} + 8\alpha + 6\beta^- + 6\bar{\nu}_e$$
$$^{232}\mathrm{Th} \rightarrow {}^{208}\mathrm{Pb} + 6\alpha + 4\beta^- + 4\bar{\nu}_e$$
$$^{40}\mathrm{K} \rightarrow {}^{40}\mathrm{Ca} + \beta^- + \bar{\nu}_e$$

$$S_{\mathrm{Total}} = S_{\mathrm{Crust}} + S_{\mathrm{CLM}} + S_{\mathrm{Mantle}}$$



- Crust: high U & Th
- CLM (Continental Lithospheric Mantle): relatively low U & Th
- Mantle: very low U & Th, large volume

- **400 evts**/year largest detection rate
- Unprecedented precision ~**8%** in 10y
- U/Th separation and crust/mantle separation possible



Expected geoneutrino precision* (assuming Th/U mass ratio fixed to 3.9)

1 year	**~22%**
6 years	**~10%**
10 years	**~8%**

PRELIMINARY

Phys. Rev. D 101, 012009

Borexino 17% with 8.9 years

KamLAND 15% with 14.3 years

Phys. Rev. C, 80, 015807

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

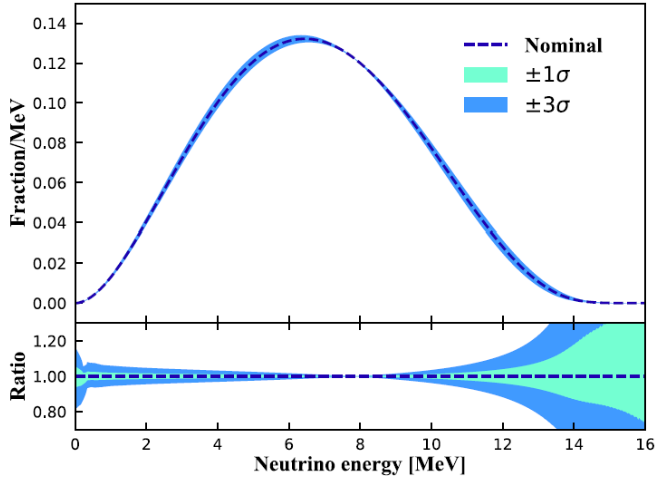
PRELIMINARY

Solar neutrinos: ^{8}B

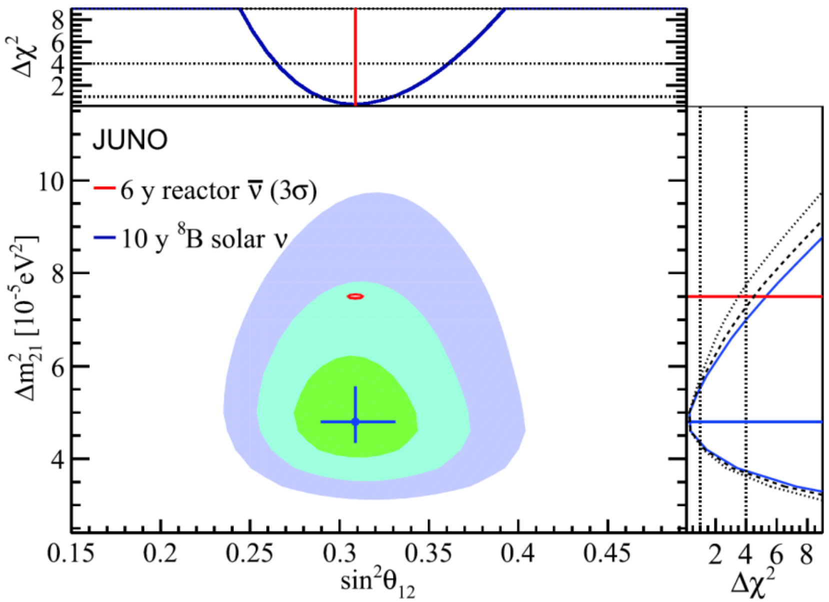
CPC 45, 023004 (2021)

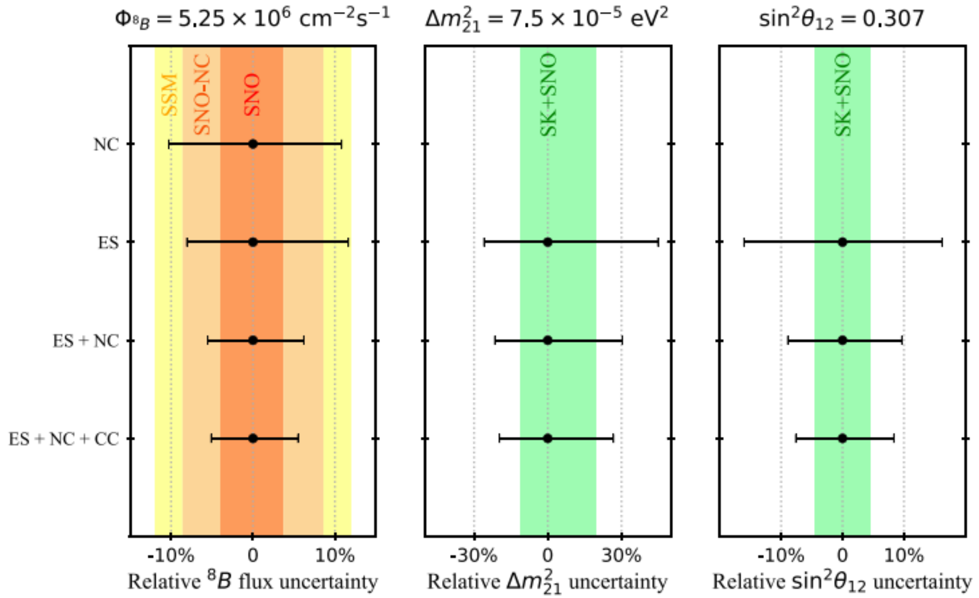
Astrophys. J. 965.2: 122 (2024)

- JUNO is able to detect neutrinos from nuclear fusion in the sun



Energy spectrum of ^{8}B neutrinos





- 60,000 ES and 600 NC/CC on ^{13}C
- The largest ^{13}C ES+NC+CC sample, ^{8}B flux can be model-independently measured to 5% in 10 years (SNO 3%)
- Independent measurement of $\sin^2 2\theta_{12}$, Δm^2_{21}

Solar neutrinos: ^{7}Be, pep, CNO

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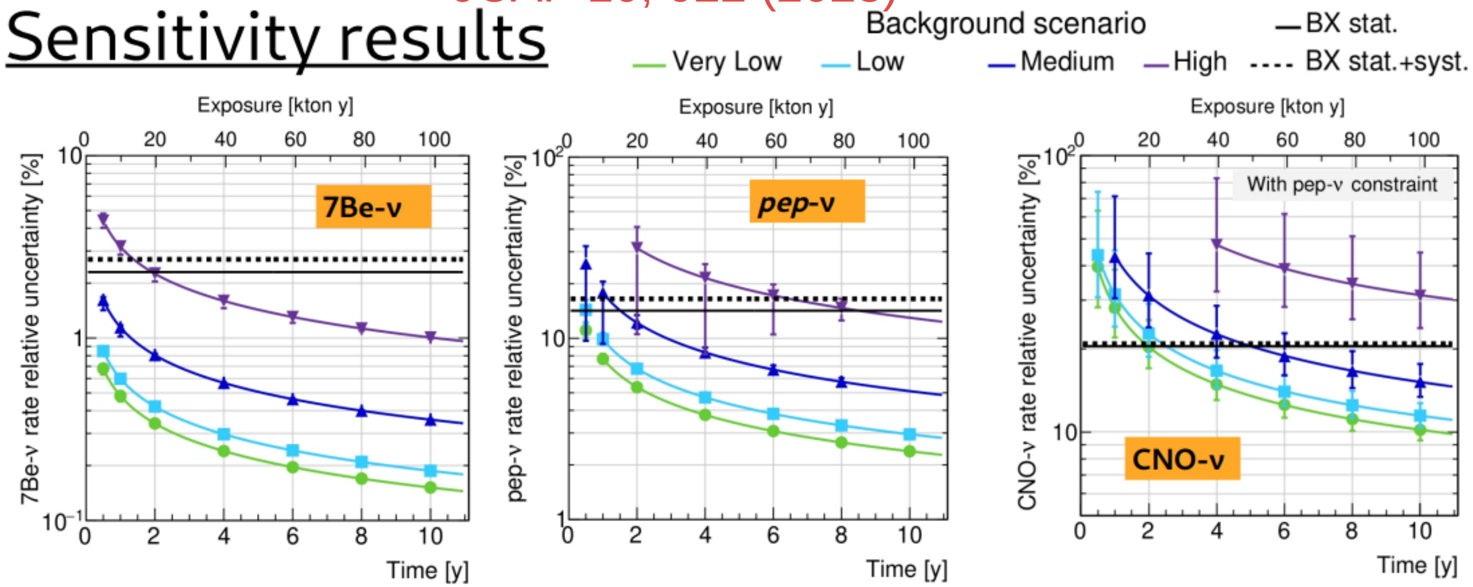
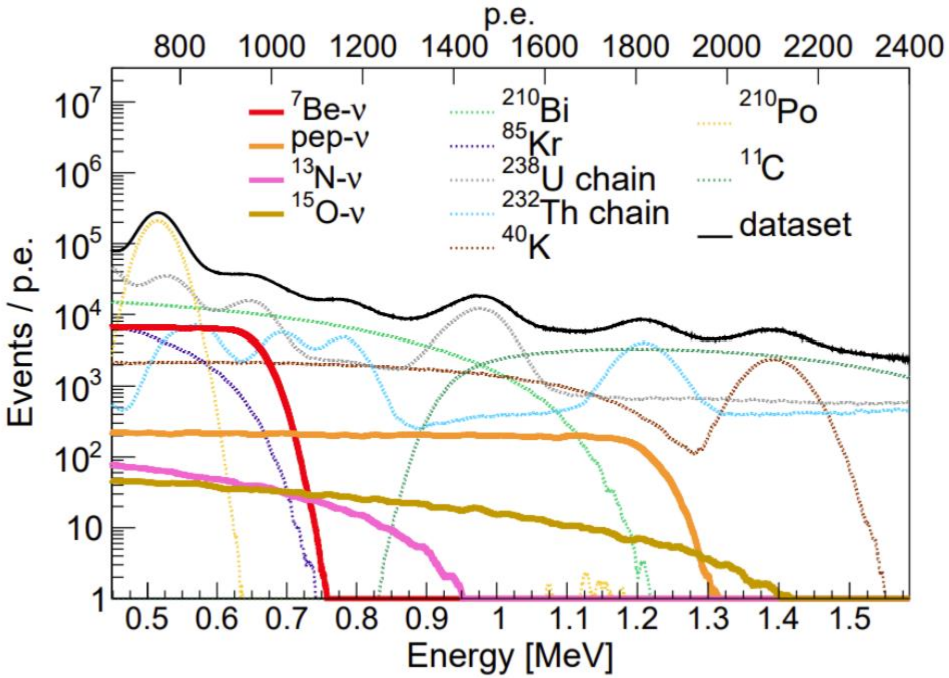
- Medium energy (~1 MeV)
- Detection largely replies on the radiopurity of the liquid scintillator





Sensitivity study with different bkg. assumptions

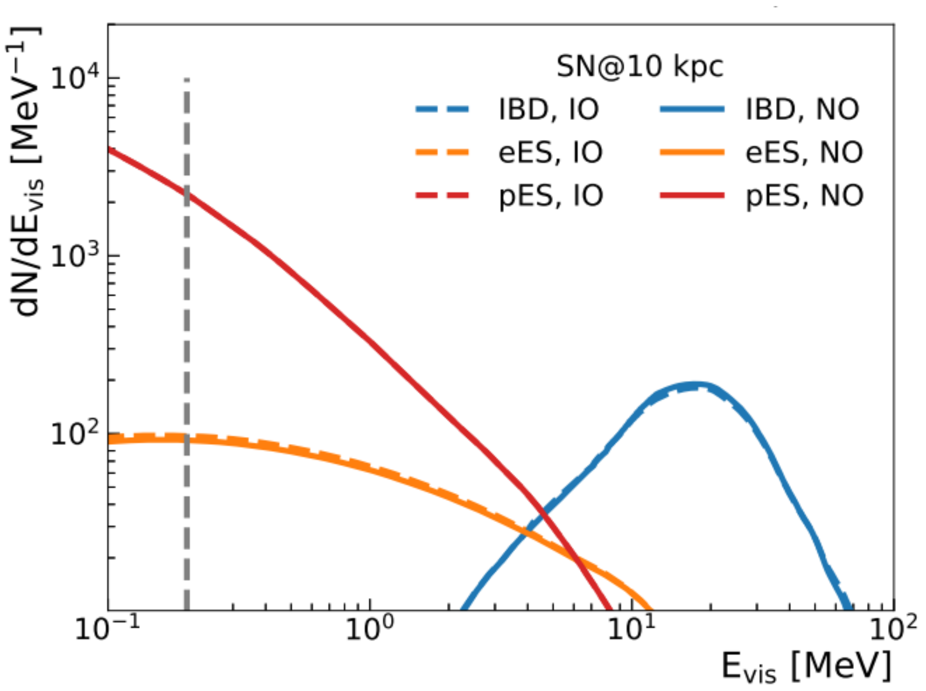
- High bkg. 10^{-15} g/g
- Medium bkg. 10^{-16} g/g
- Low bkg. 10^{-17} g/g
- Very low bkg. 10^{-19} g/g

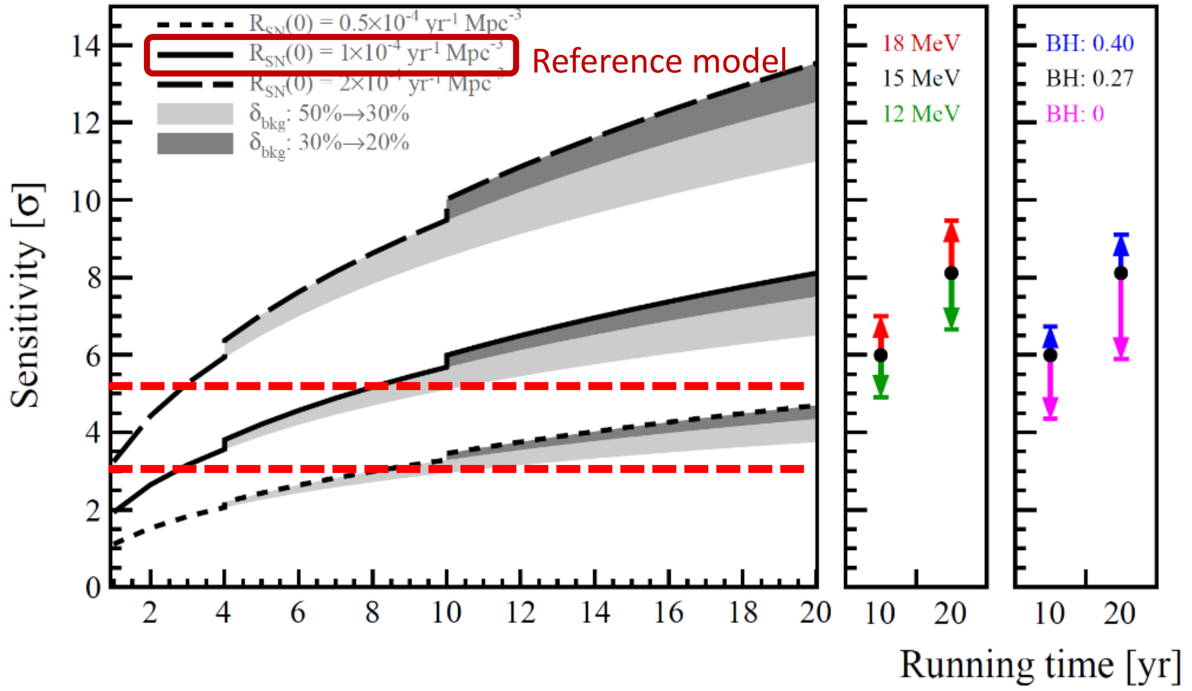
- With <10^{-16} U/Th
  - Pep and ^{7}Be better than Borexino in ~2y
  - CNO better than Borexino in ~6y

Supernova neutrinos

- 3 detection channels sensitive to all flavors
- Excellent capability for early warning
  - 220~400 kpc with 50% probability
  - **pre-SN** 1.6 (0.9) kpc
  - 10~30 ms for typical 10 kpc

- Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background
  S/B ratio improved from 2 to 3.5 with Pulse Shape Discrimination
- Using the reference model:
  3σ in 3 years and $>5\sigma$ in 10 years

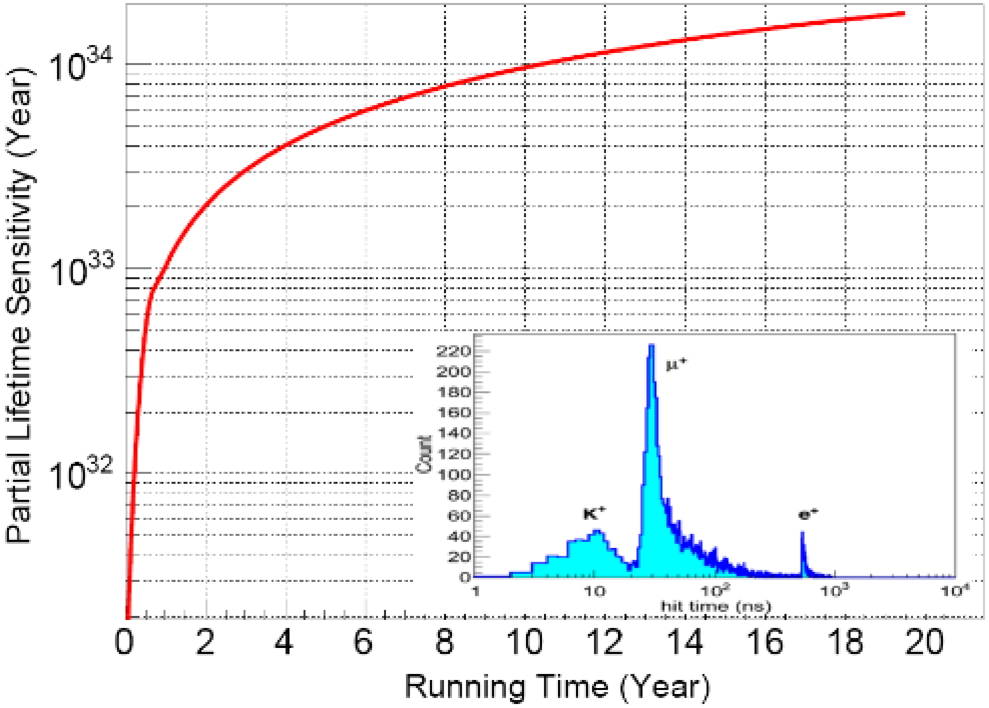




Nucleon decays

Target mass: 20 kton LS → 1.45×10^{33} free protons, 5.30×10^{33} bound protons/neutrons

$p\to\overline{\nu}K^{+}$ triple coincidence



$\tau/B(p\to\overline{\nu}K^{+})>9.6\times10^{33}$ **yrs / 10 yrs**

Best limit: 5.9×10^{33} **yrs from Super-K**

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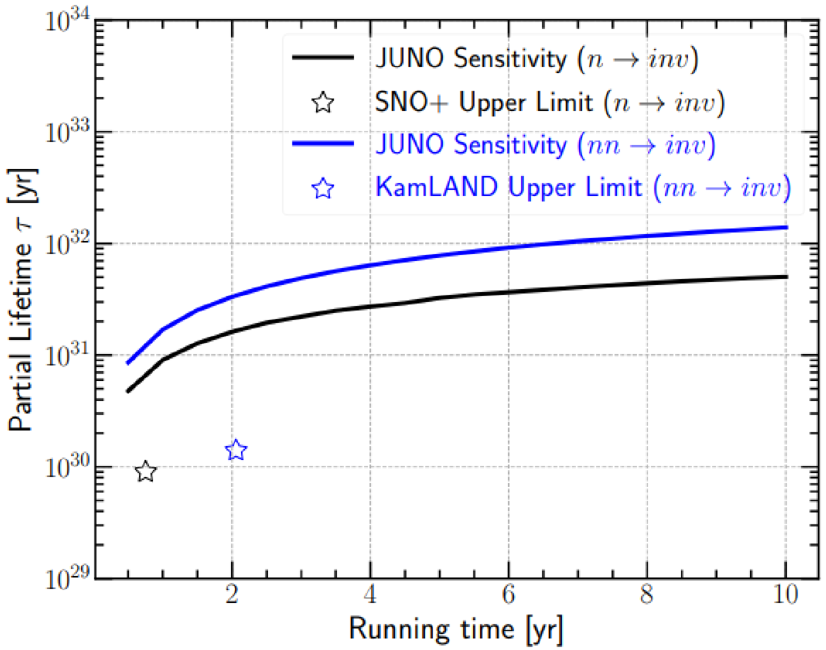
Neutron invisible decays

$n\to inv\ (^{12}C\to{}^{11}C^{*})$

$nn\to inv\ (^{12}C\to{}^{10}C^{*})$



An order of magnitude improvement to the current best limits in 2 years data taking

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Summary

- JUNO is building the largest (20 kton) liquid scintillator detector in the world.
- Detector installation to be finished in 2024 and data taken starts in 2025 after 2 months of water filling and 6 months of liquid scintillator filling.
- Precision measurement of neutrino oscillation parameters followed by mass ordering determination through reactor antineutrinos.
- Rich physics potentials with solar, geo-, supernova, atmospheric neutrinos and nucleon decays.