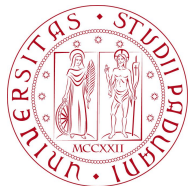


Measuring the neutrino hierarchy with the JUNO reactor neutrinos experiment

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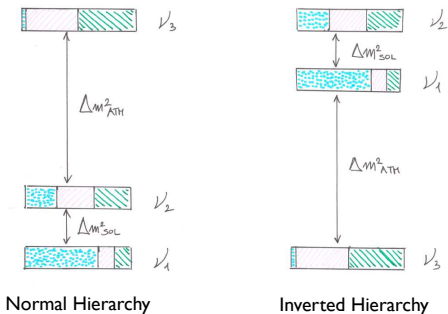


Neutrino Mixing

- three Flavour Eigenstates
- three Mass Eigenstates

$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{\alpha,i} |\nu_i\rangle$$

- 3 Mixing Angles
- 1 CPV Dirac Phase
- 2 Independent Δm_{ij}^2 (Δm_{12}^2 , Δm_{23}^2)



$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{23} & \sin \theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{13} & 0 & \sin \theta_{13} e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{13} e^{i\delta} & 0 & \cos \theta_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{12} & \sin \theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{12} & \cos \theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Atmospheric

Reactor ($L \sim 1$ km)

Solar

Current Neutrino Oscillation Knowledge

I. Esteban et al, arXiv 1611.01514

NuFIT 3.1 (2017)

	Normal Ordering (best fit)		Inverted Ordering ($\Delta\chi^2 = 1.50$)		Any Ordering
	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	3σ range	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	3σ range	3σ range
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.307^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$	0.272 \rightarrow 0.347	$0.307^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$	0.272 \rightarrow 0.347	0.272 \rightarrow 0.347
$\theta_{12}/^\circ$	$33.63^{+0.78}_{-0.75}$	31.44 \rightarrow 36.07	$33.63^{+0.78}_{-0.75}$	31.44 \rightarrow 36.07	31.44 \rightarrow 36.07
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.565^{+0.025}_{-0.120}$	0.401 \rightarrow 0.628	$0.572^{+0.021}_{-0.028}$	0.419 \rightarrow 0.628	0.401 \rightarrow 0.628
$\theta_{23}/^\circ$	$48.7^{+1.4}_{-6.9}$	39.3 \rightarrow 52.4	$49.1^{+1.2}_{-1.6}$	40.3 \rightarrow 52.4	39.3 \rightarrow 52.4
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.02195^{+0.00075}_{-0.00074}$	0.01971 \rightarrow 0.02434	$0.02212^{+0.00074}_{-0.00073}$	0.01990 \rightarrow 0.02437	0.01971 \rightarrow 0.02434
$\theta_{13}/^\circ$	$8.52^{+0.15}_{-0.15}$	8.07 \rightarrow 8.98	$8.55^{+0.14}_{-0.14}$	8.11 \rightarrow 8.98	8.07 \rightarrow 8.98
$\delta_{CP}/^\circ$	228^{+51}_{-33}	128 \rightarrow 390	281^{+30}_{-33}	182 \rightarrow 367	128 \rightarrow 390
$\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2}$	$7.40^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$	6.80 \rightarrow 8.02	$7.40^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$	6.80 \rightarrow 8.02	6.80 \rightarrow 8.02
$\frac{\Delta m_{3\ell}^2}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2}$	$+2.515^{+0.035}_{-0.035}$	+2.408 \rightarrow +2.621	$-2.483^{+0.034}_{-0.035}$	-2.589 \rightarrow -2.379	$\left[\begin{array}{l} +2.408 \rightarrow +2.621 \\ -2.580 \rightarrow -2.389 \end{array} \right]$

Three-flavor oscillation parameters from our fit to global data as of November 2017. The numbers in the 1st (2nd) column are obtained assuming NO (IO), i.e., relative to the respective local minimum, whereas in the 3rd column we minimize also with respect to the ordering. Note that $\Delta m_{3l}^2 = \Delta m_{31}^2 > 0$ for NO and $\Delta m_{3l}^2 = \Delta m_{32}^2 < 0$ for IO

Open questions in neutrino physics

• What is the correct **mass hierarchy** :

✓ Normal Hierarchy \equiv versus Inverted Hierarchy \equiv

• Is there a CP violation in the neutrino sector ? ($e^{-i\delta}$)

• Is there **new physics beyond the three neutrino model** ?

$$|U_{e1}|^2 + |U_{e2}|^2 + |U_{e3}|^2 = 1 \text{ (PMNS Unitarity) ?}$$

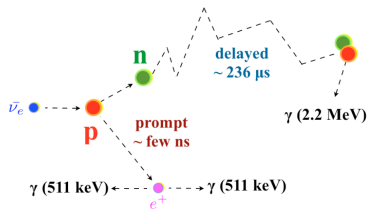
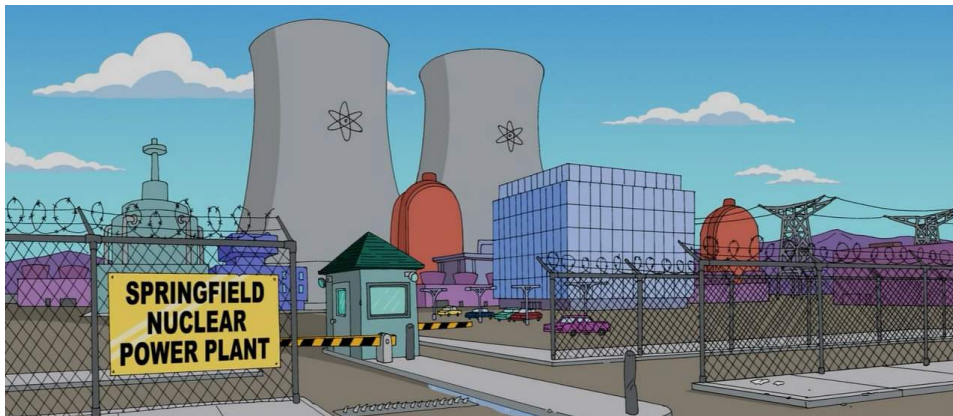
$$\Delta m_{13}^2 + \Delta m_{21}^2 + \Delta m_{32}^2 = 0 ?$$

• Can we use **neutrinos as messengers** to understand our Universe ?

✓ look inside the core of a **collapsing Supernova**

✓ look at the **earth's composition** (Mantle & Core)

The JUNO approach: detect reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$

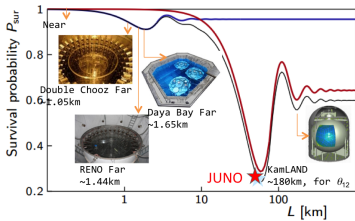


Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ Spectrum in JUNO

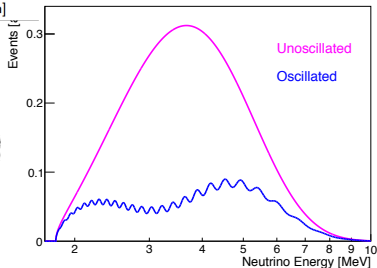
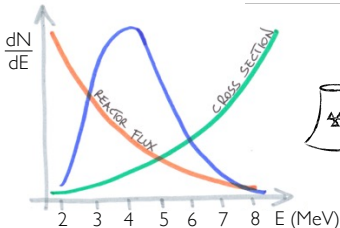
Survival Probability

$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \cdot (\cos^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{31} + \sin^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{32}) \quad \text{FAST } \Delta m_{atm}^2$$

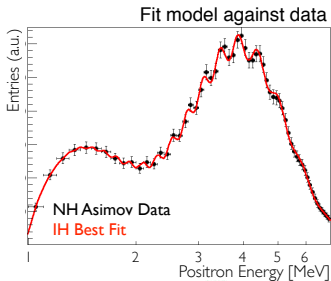
$$- \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \cdot \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \Delta_{12} \quad \text{SLOW } \Delta m_{sol}^2$$



SPECTRUM AT EMISSION



JUNO Mass Hierarchy Sensitivity



Many Experimental Caveats

Detection Systematics

- Energy Resolution

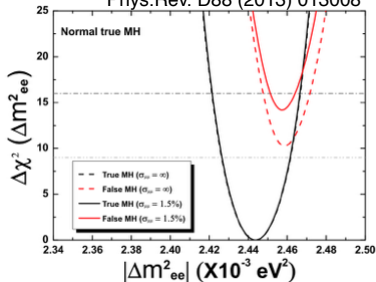
- Energy Linearity

Background-related uncertainties

Spatial distribution of reactor cores

>>>
we'll deal with them
in a few slides

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Mass Hierarchy Sensitivity

100k signal events (20kt x 36GW x 6 years)

$\Delta\chi^2$: Fitting **wrong** model - Fitting correct one

..... Unconstrained (JUNO only) $\Delta\chi^2 \sim 10$

— Using external $\Delta m_{\mu\mu}$ (1% precision)
from long baseline exps: $\Delta\chi^2 \sim 14$

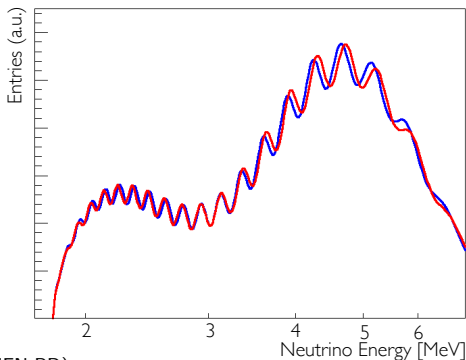
JUNO Oscillation Parameters Measurement

✓ Measuring the $\bar{\nu}_e$ spectrum allows to perform precise measurements of four oscillation parameters: θ_{13} , θ_{12} , Δm_{21}^2 and $|\Delta m_{ee}^2|$

→ $\sin^2 2\theta_{12}$, Δm_{21}^2 and $|\Delta m_{ee}^2|$ can be measured with a precision $< 1\%$

Survival Probability

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



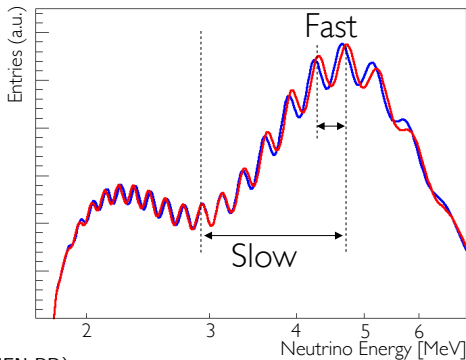
Oscillation Parameters : Mass Splittings

- ✓ Measuring the $\bar{\nu}_e$ spectrum allows to perform precise measurements of four oscillation parameters:

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}, \quad \sin^2 2\theta_{12}, \quad \Delta m_{21}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad |\Delta m_{ee}^2|$$

Survival Probability

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



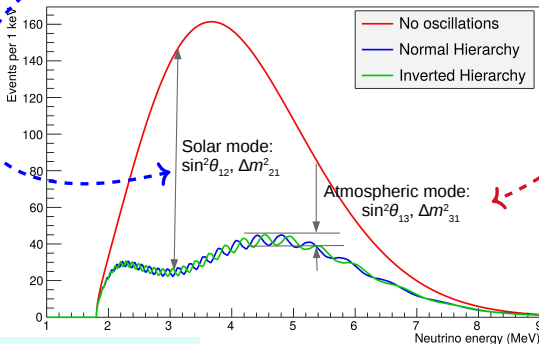
Oscillation Parameters : Mixing Angles

- ✓ Measuring the $\bar{\nu}_e$ spectrum allows to perform precise measurements of four oscillation parameters:

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}, \quad \sin^2 2\theta_{12}, \quad \Delta m_{21}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad |\Delta m_{ee}^2|$$

Survival Probability

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



Courtesy Y. Malyskin

Oscillation Parameters : precision and systematics

- ✓ Measuring the $\bar{\nu}_e$ spectrum allows to perform precise measurements of four oscillation parameters:

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}, \quad \sin^2 2\theta_{12}, \quad \Delta m_{21}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad |\Delta m_{ee}^2|$$

Survival Probability

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Cosmogenic Bkg (3% Norm + 10% Shape) ———— Energy scale uncertainty
Bin-to-bin uncorrelated uncertainty ———— Energy non-linear uncertainty

	Nominal	+ B2B (1%)	+ BG	+ EL (1%)	+ NL (1%)
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	0.54%	0.60%	0.62%	0.64%	0.67%
Δm_{21}^2	0.24%	0.27%	0.29%	0.44%	0.59%
$ \Delta m_{ee}^2 $	0.27%	0.31%	0.31%	0.35%	0.44%

JUNO Extended Physics Programme

UNDERSTANDING OUR UNIVERSE: SUPERNOVA BURST NEUTRINOS

UNDERSTANDING OUR PLANET: GEONEUTRINOS

UNDERSTANDING THE SUN: SOLAR NEUTRINOS

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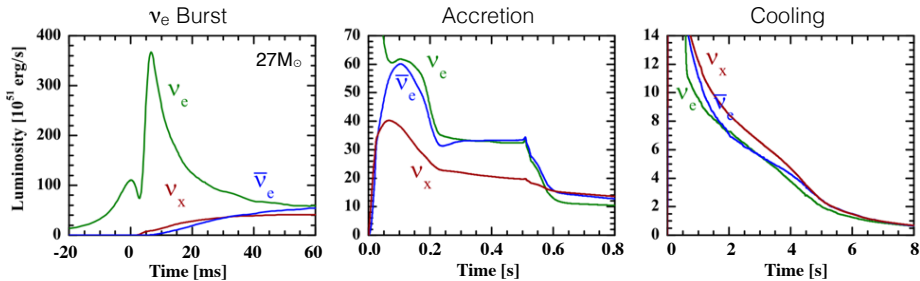
Neutrino physics with JUNO
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JUNO SuperNova Neutrino Physics



- ❖ Huge amount of energy (3×10^{53} erg) emitted in neutrinos ($\sim 0.2 M_{\odot}$) over **long time range**
- ❖ 3 phases equally important ▶ 3 experiments teaching us about astro- and particle-physics

Process	Type	Events $\langle E_{\nu} \rangle = 14 \text{ MeV}$
$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$	CC	5.0×10^3
$\nu + p \rightarrow \nu + p$	NC	1.2×10^3
$\nu + e \rightarrow \nu + e$	ES	3.6×10^2
$\nu + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow \nu + {}^{12}\text{C}^*$	NC	3.2×10^2
$\nu_e + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow e^- + {}^{12}\text{N}$	CC	0.9×10^2
$\bar{\nu}_e + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow e^+ + {}^{12}\text{B}$	CC	1.1×10^2

NB Other $\langle E_{\nu} \rangle$ values need to be considered to get complete picture.

Expected events in JUNO for a typical SN **distance of 10 kpc**

We try to be able to handle Betelgeuse ($d \sim 0.2 \text{ kpc}$) resulting in $\sim 10 \text{ MHz}$ trigger rate

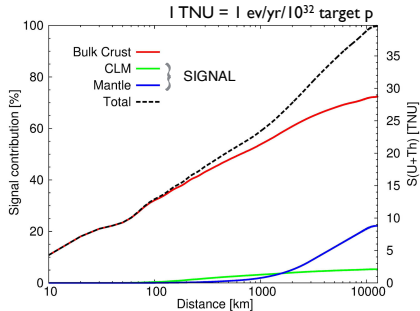
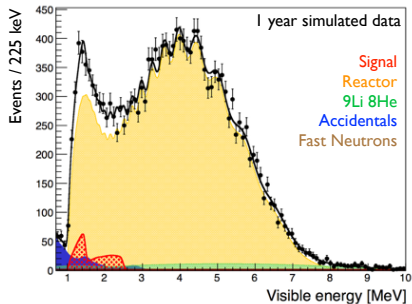
JUNO Geo Neutrino Physics

Earth's surface heat flow 46 ± 3 TW. What fraction due to **primordial vs radioactive** sources?

Understanding of:

- ❖ **composition** of the Earth : abundance of radioactive elements
- ❖ chemical layering in the mantle and the nature of **mantle convection**
- ❖ energy needed to drive **plate tectonics**
- ❖ understand how the geodynamo, which powers the magnetosphere, works

Detect **electron antineutrinos** from the ^{238}U and ^{232}Th decay chains



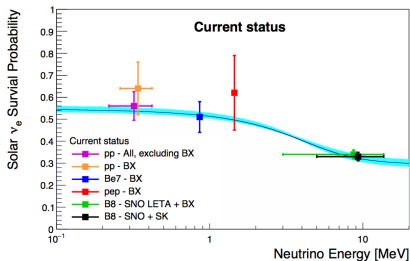
JUNO Solar Neutrino Physics

Fusion reactions in solar core: powerful source of electron neutrinos $O(1 \text{ MeV})$

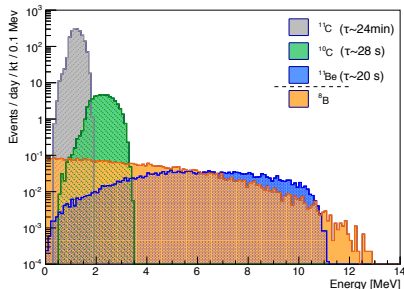
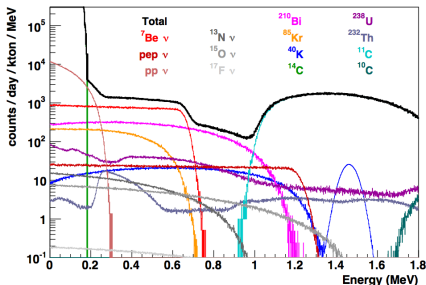
JUNO: neutrinos from ${}^7\text{Be}$ and ${}^8\text{B}$ chains

Investigate **MSW effect**: Transition between vacuum and matter dominated regimes

Constrain **Solar Metallicity** Problem:
Neutrinos as proxy for Sun composition



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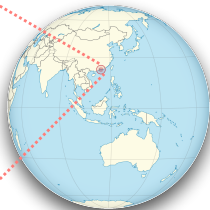
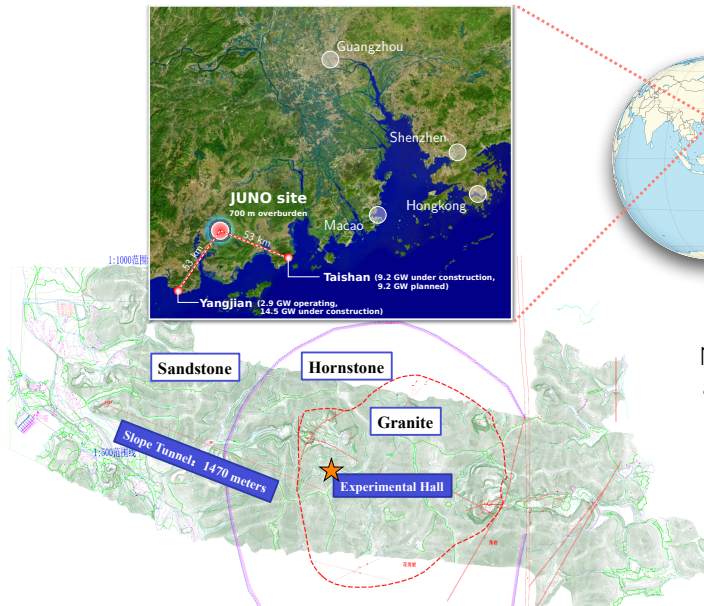
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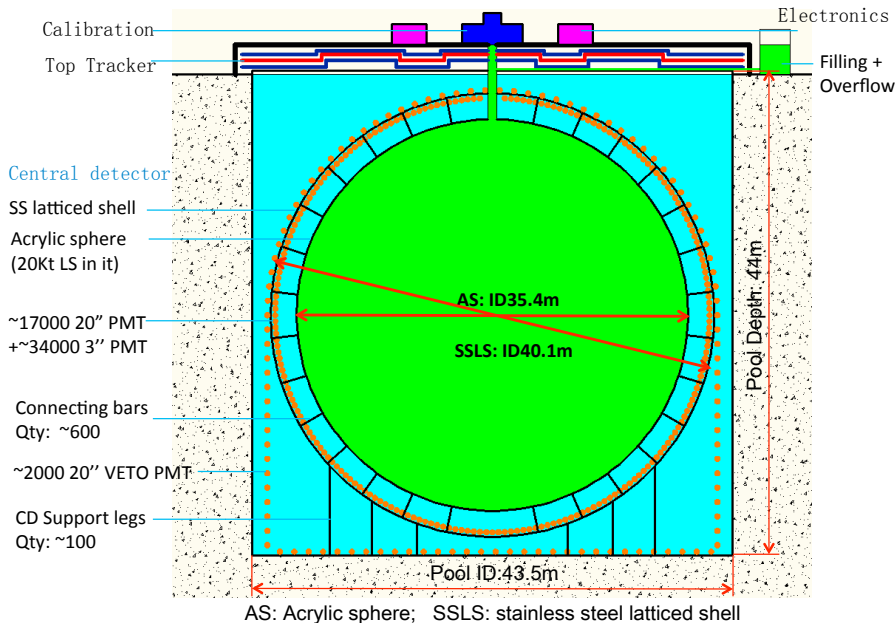
The JUNO Experiment



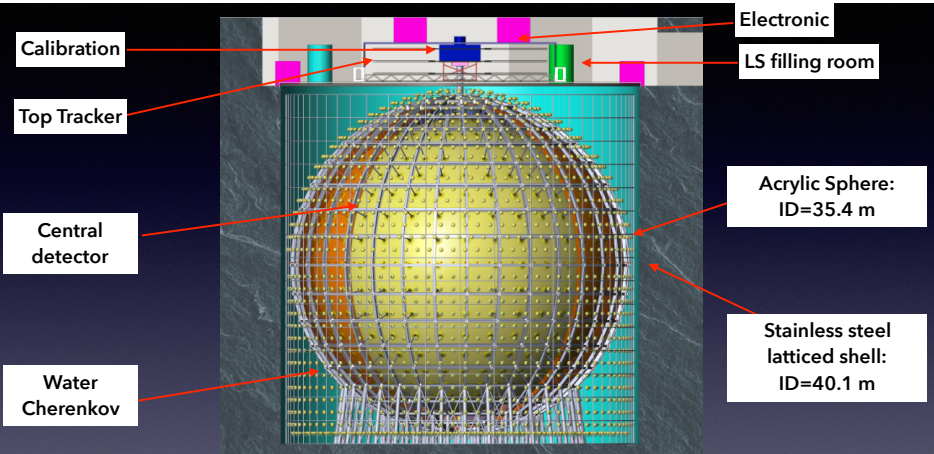
Nice granite structure
at right distance from
reactors (very lucky!)

Jiangmen City
Guandong province

JUNO Detector Design



JUNO Detector Challenges

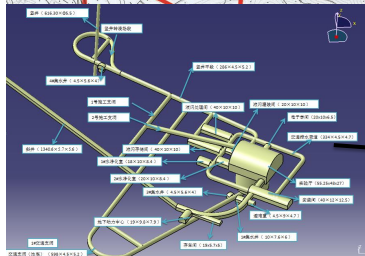
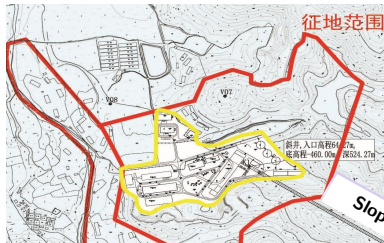
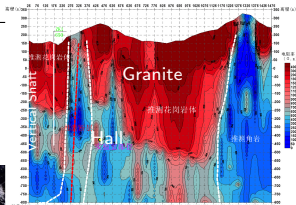


Experiment	Daya Bay	BOREXINO	KamLAND	JUNO
LS mass	20 ton	~300 ton	~1 kton	20 kton
Coverage	~12%	~34%	~34%	~80%
Energy resolution	~7.5%/√E	~5%/√E	~6%/√E	~3%/√E
Light yield	~ 160 p.e. / MeV	~ 500 p.e. / MeV	~ 250 p.e. / MeV	~ 1200 p.e. / MeV

JUNO Civil Construction

附圖11 广东 Geological Survey 去成果剖面圖

- ✓ Experimental Hall overburden: 700 m (1900 mwe)
- ✓ Two access to experimental Hall
- ➔ Vertical shaft : 564 m, completed
- ➔ Slope tunnel : 1266 m, completed



Slope Tunnel: 1266 meters

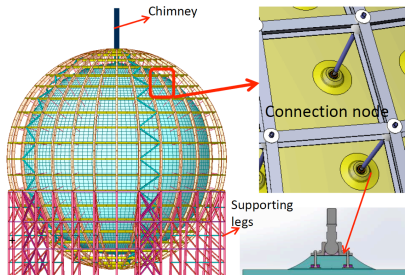
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Vertical Tunnel: 564 meters

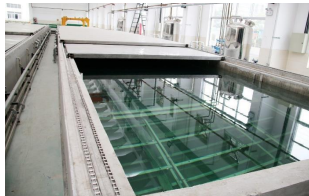
Overburden: 700 meters
Width: 49 meters
Length: 55 meters

JUNO Central Detector Structure

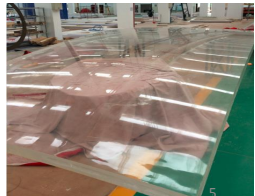
- Acrylic sphere and Stainless Steel truss
- ✓ all immersed in water
- ✓ Acrylic thickness : 120 mm
- ✓ Acrylic panels : 256 pieces ($3 \times 8 \text{ m}^2$, 12 cm thick)
- ✓ Total weight : $\sim 600 \text{ t}$ of acrylic and $\sim 600 \text{ t}$ of steel
- ✓ bidding completed, acrylic in production, construction will start in 2019
- ✓ Acrylic sheet mass production under preparation



MMA storage tank



water pool for acrylic polymerization



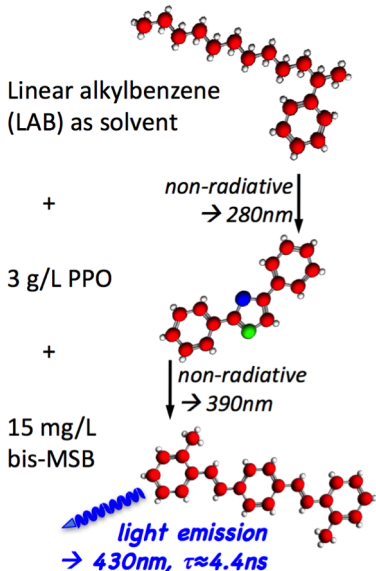
spherical shape, thermal bending

JUNO Liquid Scintillator

- high light yield to reduce σ_E from statistical fluctuations: $\sim 10^4$ scintillation γ s/MeV
- pure organic solvent (LAB)
- high fluor (PPO) concentration
- high transparency: > 20 m
- add wavelength shifter (bisMSB)

Requirements

- long attenuation length > 20 m 430 nm
 - no doping, Al_2O_3 column purification
- high light-yield:
- no addition of paraffin
- large fluor concentration
- good radiopurity:
 - $< 10 - 15$ g/g in U/Th
 - $< 10 - 16$ g/g in K
- vacuum distillation



JUNO Liquid Scintillator Pilot Plant

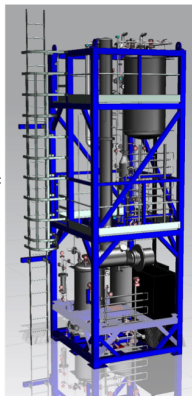
Goals

- ✓ Purify 20 t LAB to test the overall design and operation at Daya Bay.
Replace the target LS in one detector.
- ✓ Quantify the subsystems effectiveness:
 - ➔ optical : > 20 m at 430 nm
 - ➔ radio-purity : 10^{-15} g/g (U, Th)
- ✓ Allow to select the best sub-system
 - ➔ Al_2O_3 column, distillation, gas stripping, water extraction

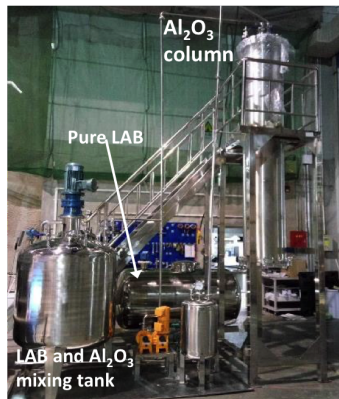
Distillation and steam stripping
Installed at Daya Bay



Distillation system

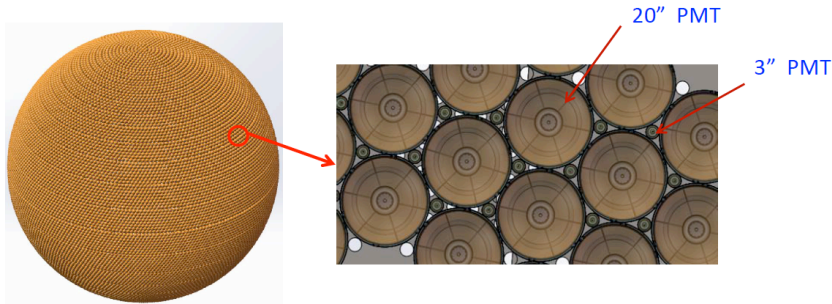


Steam stripping system



JUNO PMT system: the detector's eyes

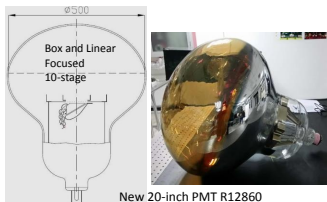
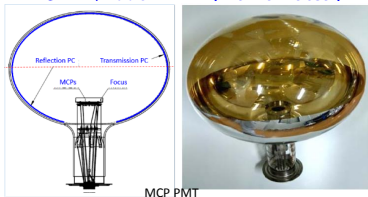
- ✓ Two independent systems: large PMTs (20") and small PMTs (3")



- ✓ 20000 large PMTs:
 - measure **energy** via **charge integration**, increase photon statistics
 - 18000 for central detector, optical coverage > 75%
- ✓ 25000 small PMTs:
 - measure **energy** via **photon counting**, reduce/control possible large PMTs non linearities and the systematics non-stochastic effect
 - 25000 for central detector, 2.5% additional optical coverage

JUNO Large PMTs

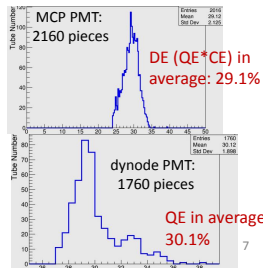
- ✓ 20" PMT JUNO bidding completed :
 - ~ 15k MCP-PMT (NNVT)
 - ~ 5k Dvnode-PMT (Hamamatsu)



- the key parameters

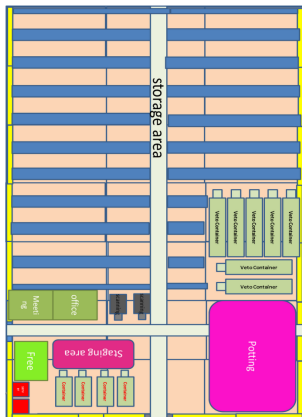
Characteristics	unit	MCP-PMT (NNVT)	R12860 (Hamamatsu)
Detection Efficiency (QE*CE)	%	27%	27%
P/V of SPE		3.5, > 2.8	3, > 2.5
TTS on the top point	ns	~12, < 15	2.7, < 3.5
Rise time/ Fall time	ns	R~2, F~12	R~5, F~9
Anode Dark Count	Hz	20K, < 30K	10K, < 50K
After Pulse Rate	%	1, < 2	10, < 15
Radioactivity of glass	ppb	238U: 50	238U: 400
		232Th: 50	232Th: 400
		40K: 20	40K: 40

- Measurement from the vendors



JUNO PMTs testing program

- an extensive test program has been developed to certify each produced PMT
- so far about 3000 NNVT PMTs and 2000 Hamamatsu PMTs have been qualified
- the test facility is located close to the experimental site and will host all the PMT instrumentation tasks (i.e. potting and assembly)



the test and potting station



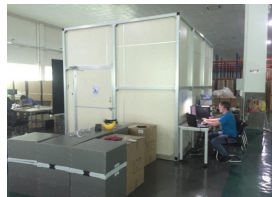
Storage of received PMTs



PMT visual inspection



Batch test of 36 PMTs
within a container



scanning test of PMT
within a dark room

JUNO PMTs instrumentation

- **Waterproof potting:** Designed as multiple waterproof layers: putty tape + glue+ moisture prevention, to reach failure rate $< 0.5\%$ for the first 6 years;
- **Implosion protection:** acrylic + stainless steel protection covers; 50 prototypes and many implosion tests done.; thickness optimized;
- **Single PMT assembly:** parts integration;
- **Installation:** designed to achieve 75% coverage; Installation in parallel to acrylic sphere construction;

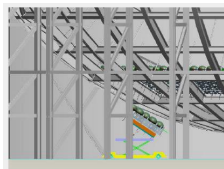
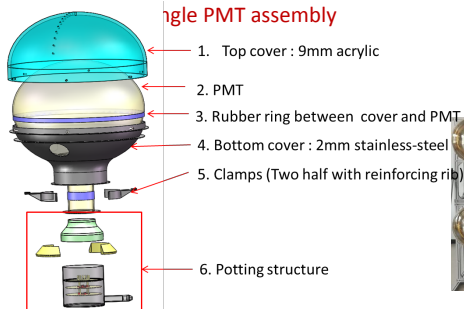


Waterproof potting

Naked PMT for triggering the shock wave



Implosion test



PMT module design and installation

JUNO small PMTs

- Bidding is finished and contract has been signed with HZC company

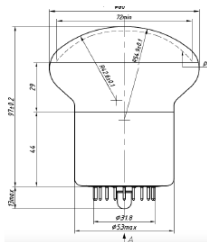
JUNO custom design: XP72B22

- Upgrade of XP72B20
- Dedicated R&D of better timing with JUNO input

Start production from the beginning of 2018;

- XP72B22 performance requirements

Parameters	HZC's response
QE×CE @ 420 nm	24% (>22%)
TTS(FWHM) of SPE	<5ns
P/V ratio of SPE	3 (>2)
SPE signal width (sigma)	35% (<45%)
Dark rate @ ¼ PE	1kHz (<1.8kHz)
QE uniformity	<30% in $\Phi 60\text{mm}$
Pre/after pulse ratio	<5%, < 15%
Nonlinearity	<10%@1-100PE
Radioactivity	238U: <400ppb, 232Th: <400ppb, 40K: <200ppb



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XP72B22



- Test results of XP72B22 samples

- QE: 23.5% - 26%; P/V: 3;
- SPE resolution: <30%; TTS: 2-5ns

No.	Resolution	P-V Ratio	Gain@1350V	TTS(ns)
70195	0.231	4.889	2.5e+07	2.2
70197	0.276	6.818	2.3e+07	2.3
70215	0.245	2.832	0.4e+07	2.0
70218	0.251	5.239	1.0e+07	2.7
70219	0.279	4.592	0.6e+07	3.2
70222	0.269	6.657	1.5e+07	2.6
70226	0.239	7.800	2.3e+07	5.0
70236	0.249	6.440	2.2e+07	4.4

JUNO Calibration System

Goals

- ✓ Overall energy resolution : $3\%/\sqrt{E}$
- ✓ Energy scale, non linearities : $< 1\%$

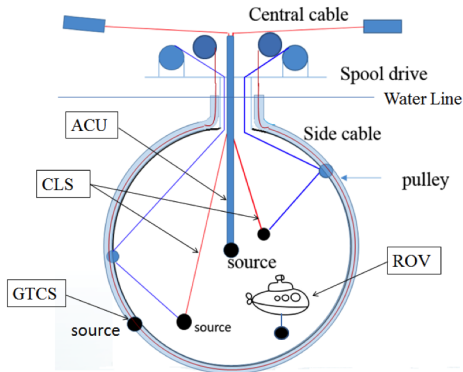
Four Complementary Systems

- ✓ 1D : Automatic Calibration Unit ACU for central axis scan
- ✓ 2D : Cable Loop System CLS for vertical planes scan and Guide Tube Calibration System GTCS for CD outer surface
- ✓ 3D : Remotely Operated under-liquid-scintillator Vehicles ROV for whole CD scan

Method	System
Rope Length Calculation	CLS, ACU and GTCS
Ultrasonic receiver	ROV, CLS
CCD(Independent)	ROV, CLS

Radioactive Sources

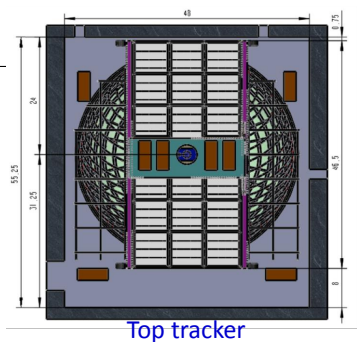
- ✓ photons : ^{40}K , ^{54}Mn , ^{60}Co , ^{137}Cs
- ✓ positrons : ^{22}Na , ^{68}Ge
- ✓ neutrons : $^{241}\text{Am-Be}$, $^{241}\text{Am-}^{13}\text{C}$, $^{241}\text{Pu-}^{13}\text{C}$, ^{252}Cf



JUNO VETO System

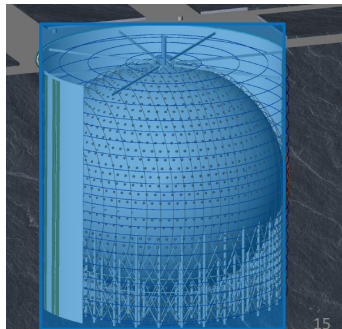
Top Tracker

- ✓ implemented reusing the OPERAs Target Tracker
 - 62 walls to be rearranged in three layers spaced by 1 m
 - will covering half of the top area

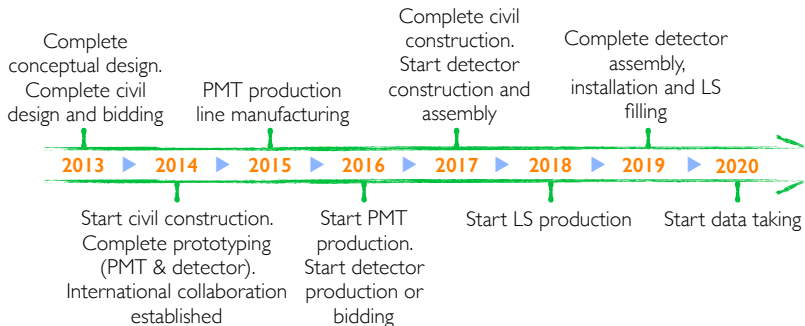


Water Cherenkov

- ✓ 2000 20" PMTs and 35 ktons ultrapure water
- ✓ detector efficiency expected to be $> 95\%$
 - Fast neutron background 0.1/day
 - radon control less than 0.2 Bq/m³
 - Earth magnetic field (EMF) compensation coil: residual EMF will be less than 10%



JUNO Schedule



Conclusions

- The JUNO as a Next Generation underground liquid scintillator detectors has a vast potential physics reach : Mass Hierarchy determination, and beyond
- Following this line, JUNO has been designed to mark significant breakthroughs on the ultimate quests of neutrino properties
- the JUNO Collaboration is rapidly progressing toward finalizing the design and start the detector construction: all important design decision have been taken and the prototyping phase makes important step forwards for all the subsystems
- the year 2020 will open a new horizon on neutrino physics measurements and JUNO will help to shed light on some of the most intriguing and hidden questions of neutrino physics