

JUNO status and its prospective neutrino scattering physics

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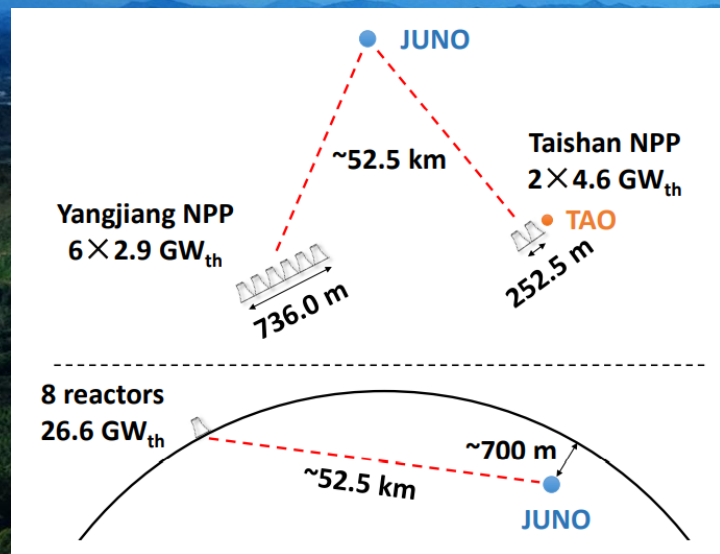
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Civil construction finished in Dec, 2021
Detector construction finished in Dec, 2024



Vertical tunnel:
563 m

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

Slope tunnel: 1265 m
@ slope of 42%





JUNO detector design

- Two-layers structure for simplicity and cost: stainless steel frame + Acrylic tank
- Water as VETO and Buffer(instead of oil) → radiopurity control of water

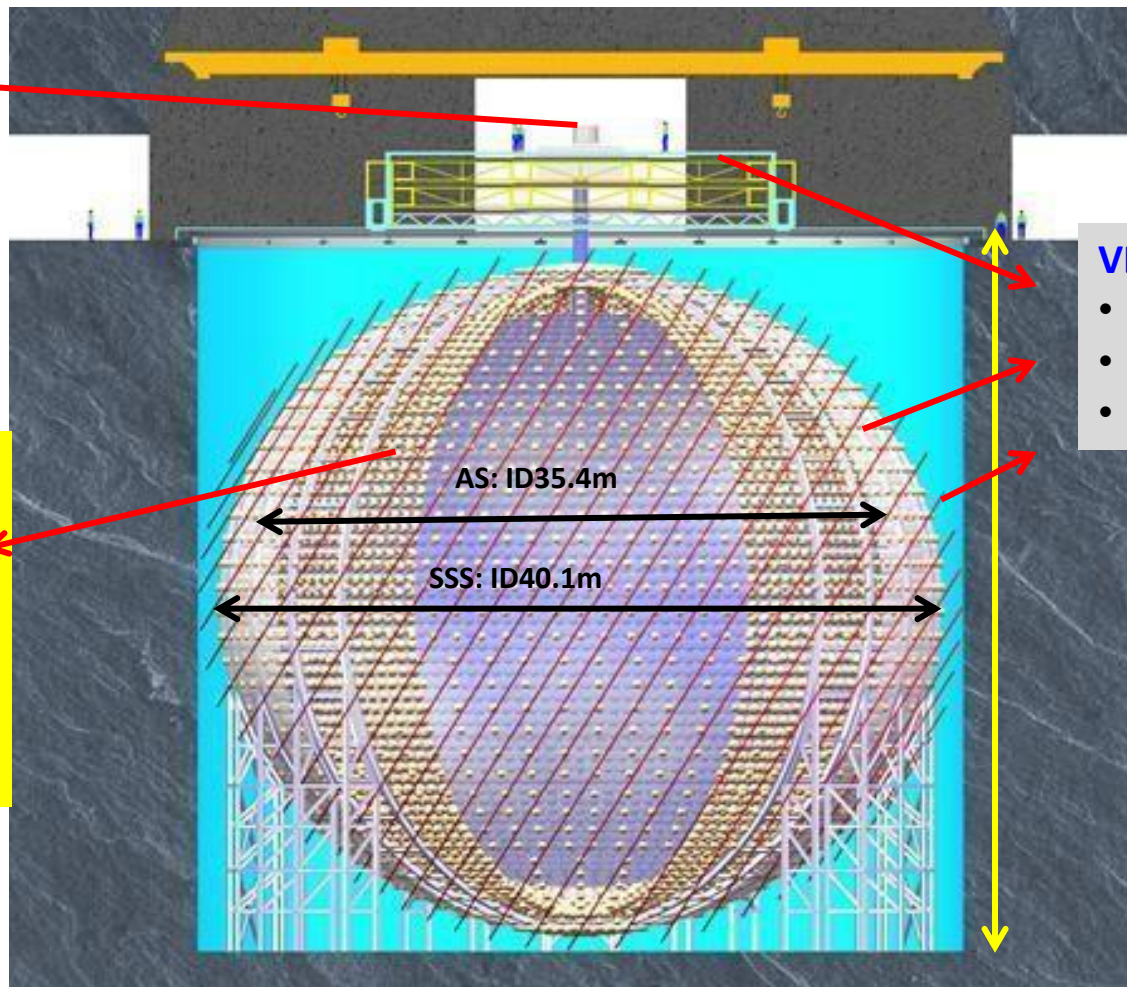
Calibration

Central detector

- Steel structure
- Acrylic sphere + 20kt Liquid scintillator
- 17612 20" PMT
- 25600 3" PMT

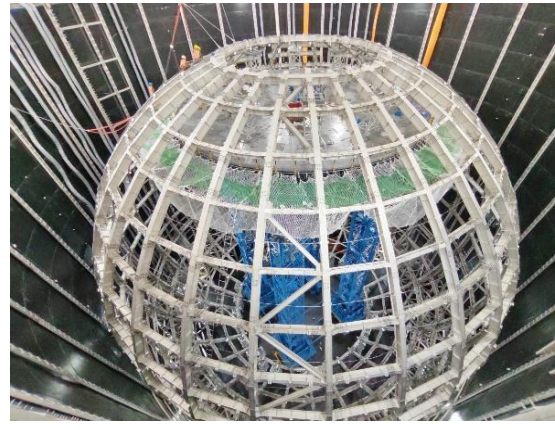
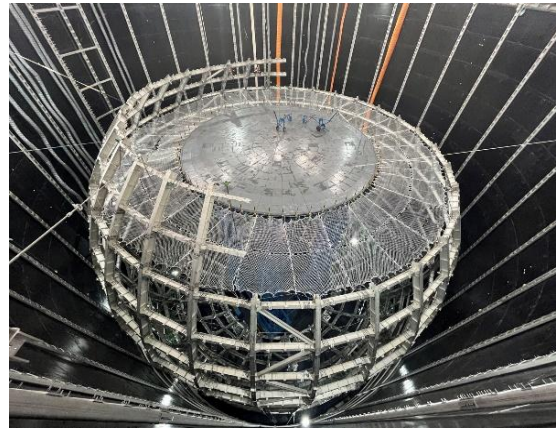
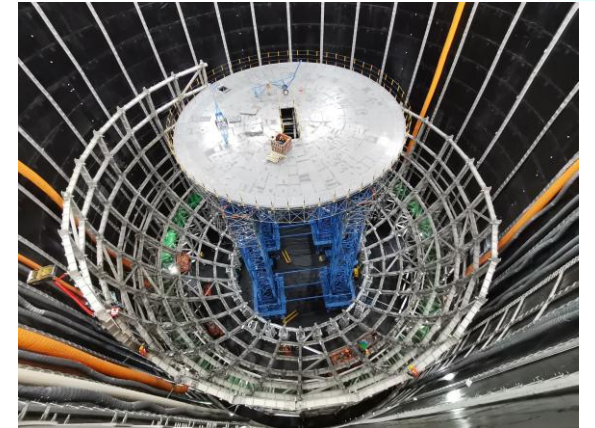
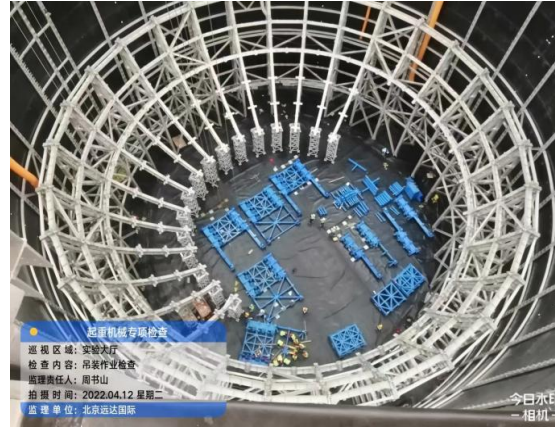
VETO system (for cosmic muon detection)

- Top Tracker: plastic scintillator
- Water + 2400 20" PMT
- Earth Magnetic Field shielding coils





Central detector (SS structure)



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

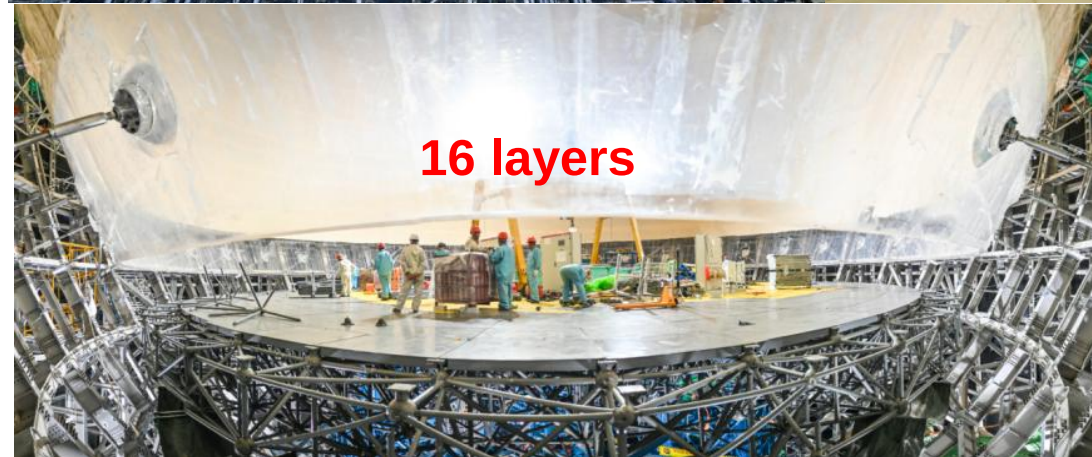
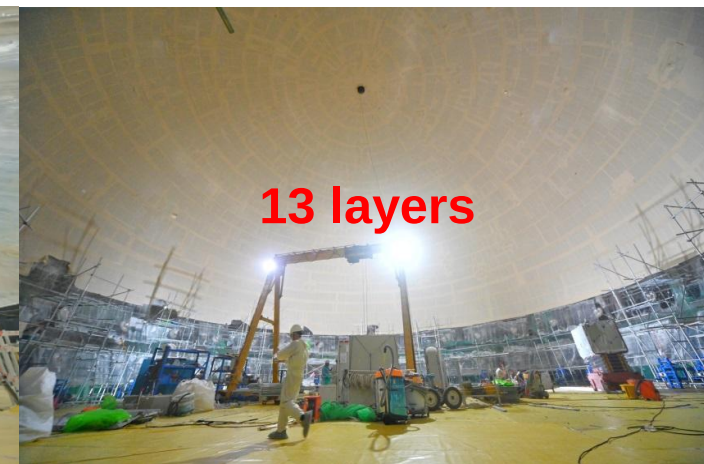
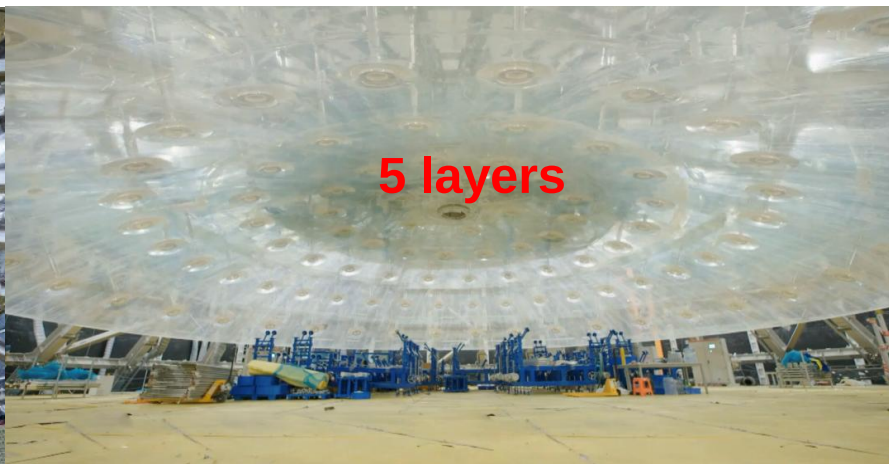
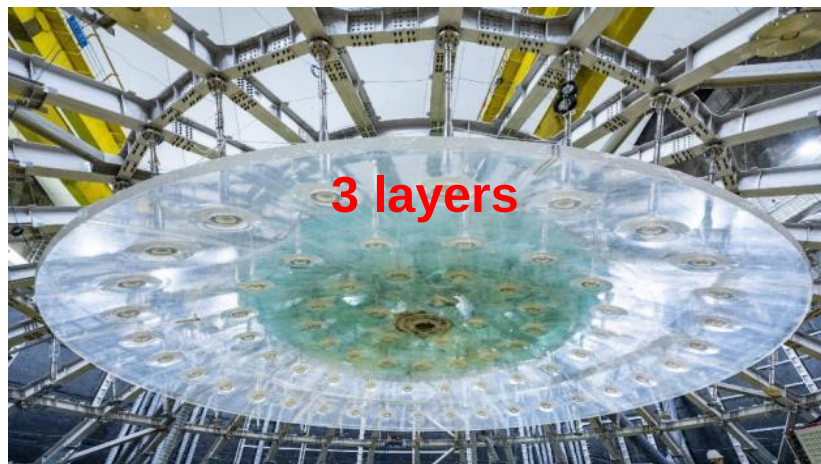
Assembly precision: < 3 mm for each grid. The final radius deviation -13 mm (0.06%)

Connected by 120,000 sets of special rivet bolts: high strength, high consistency, no welding.

2022.1~2022.6, pillar and shell most finished. 2024.11, bottom 4 layers of SS shell finished.



Central detector (acrylic tank)

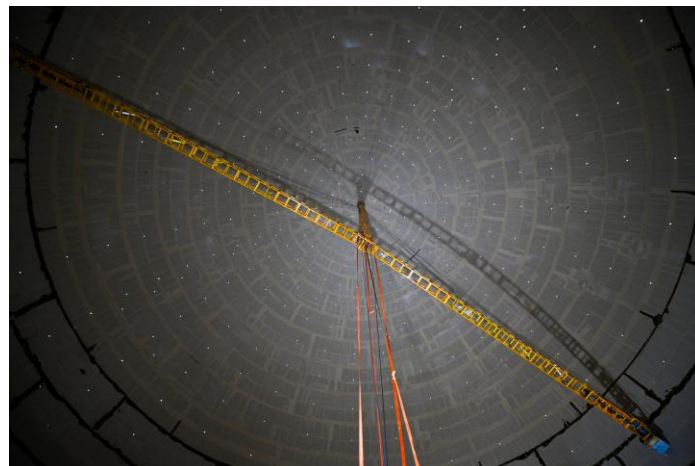


23 layers/263 spherical panels + top and bottom chimneys were bonded onsite (finished in Oct. 2024).

- ✓ A total of 21 cyclic operations for the construction, each **lasting 20-30 days**, with a total bonding length reaching 2 km.
- ✓ Developed large-volume injection, polymerization and annealing technology. The final fitting result of the **diameter deviation: -23mm (0.06%)**



Central detector (acrylic tank)



- Final checks of the acrylic tank inside and outside.
- **Moisture spray over two days** reduced dust levels inside CD air from **~10,000 to ~100**.
- **Two weeks high pressure water jet to remove the protection film and clean the inner acrylic surface** by 3D rotating nozzle. Check water cleanness until satisfactory.





PMT testing



All PMTs were produced, tested, and instrumented with waterproof



potting		LPMT (20-inch)		SPMT (3-inch)
		Hamamatsu	NNVT	HZC
Quantity		5000	15012	25600
Charge Collection		Dynode	MCP	Dynode
Photon Detection Efficiency		28.5%	30.1%	25%
Mean Dark Count Rate [kHz]	Bare	15.3	49.3	0.5
	Potted	17.0	31.2	
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		EPJC 82 (2022) 12, 1168		NIM.A 1005 (2021) 165347

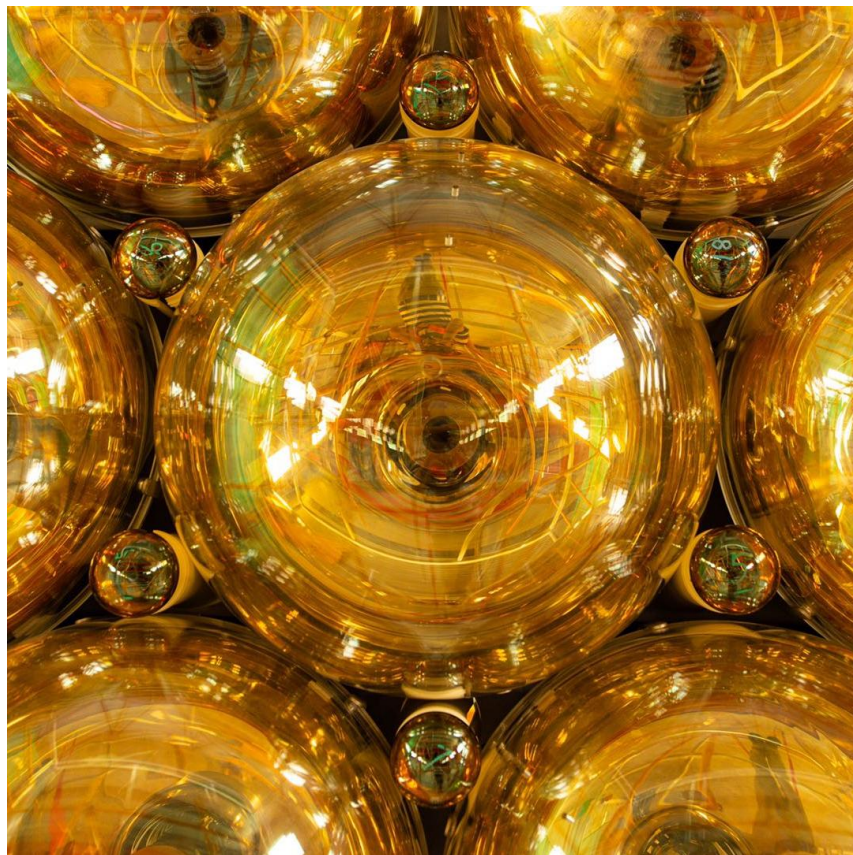
12.6k NNVT PMTs with highest PDE are selected for light collection from LS and the rest are used in the Water Cherenkov detector.



PMT installation



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



Clearance between PMTs: 3 mm → **Assembly precision: < 1 mm**

17612-16 LPMTs installed for CD, **2400-1** LPMTs installed for VETO, **25600-13** sPMT installed for CD

External perspective



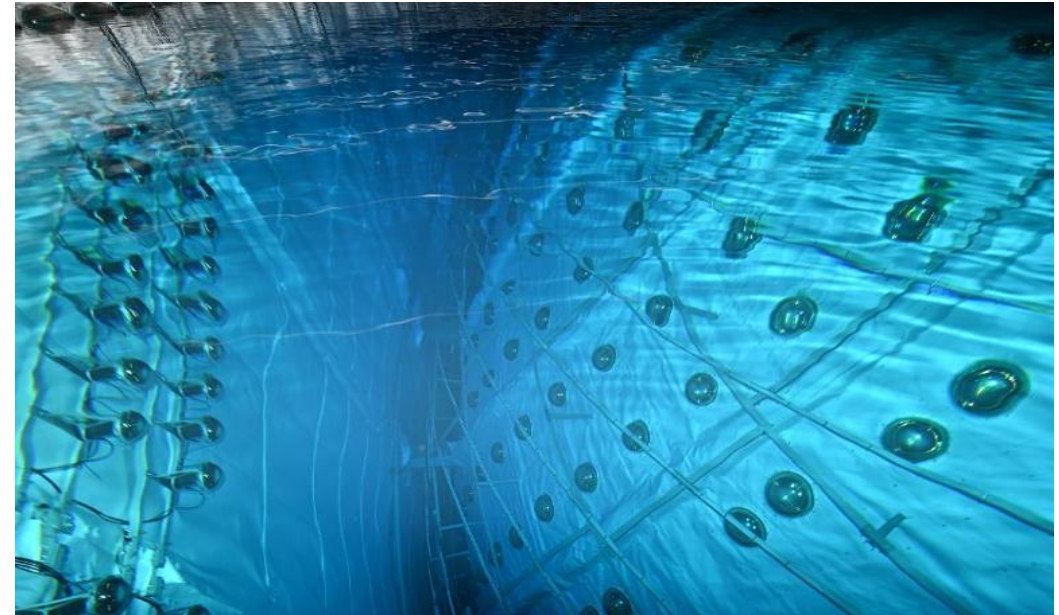
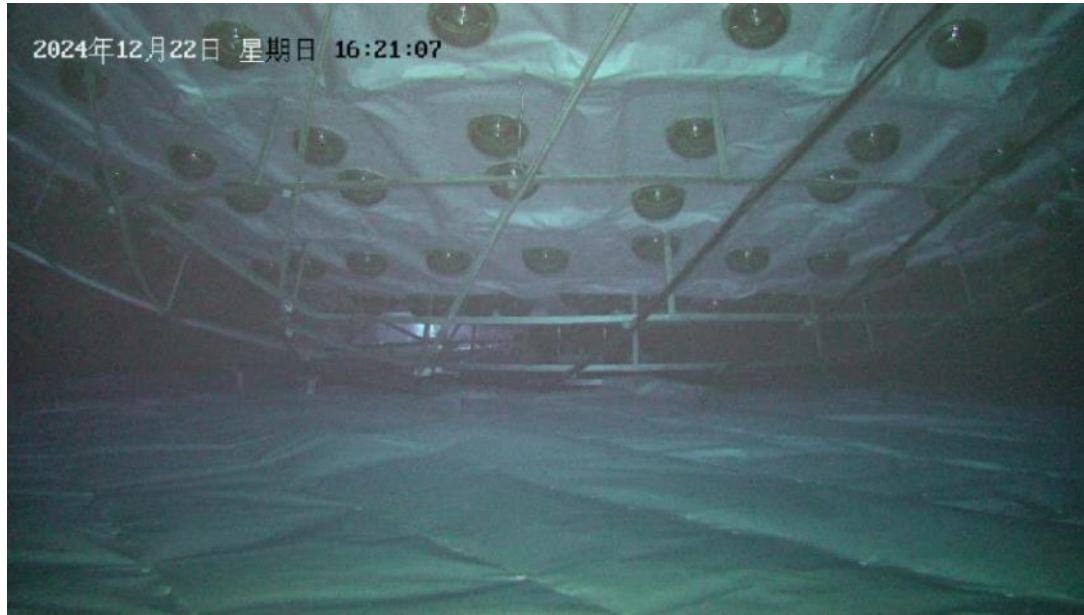
Internal perspective





Filling the detector with water

Simultaneous filling of ultrapure water inside and outside the sphere → totally filled 60 kt



- ✓ **Filling started on Dec. 18, 2024, and finished in 45 days. No light and gas leak.** Keep the temperature uniformity $21.1^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$
- ✓ Liquid and air pressure were kept the same between the inside and outside of the acrylic tank. Water pipes and acrylic tank “breathe” with N_2
- ✓ Stress of the detector structure closely monitored, in good agreement with expectations

	Muon rate [Hz]	Efficiency [%]	Attenuation length [m]	U/Th [10^{-15} g/g]	^{222}Rn [mBq/m ³]	^{226}Ra [mBq/m ³]
Design	~4	99.5	30-40	10	<10	<1
Reached	5	99.99	>60	<0.4	<5	<0.01



Liquid scintillator (20 kton)



Four purification plants + LS Mixing + QA/QC + high purity N₂ and water production plant
to guarantee radio-purity and transparency Recipe: LAB + 2.5g/L PPO + 3 mg/L bis-MSB

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5000 m³ LAB tank



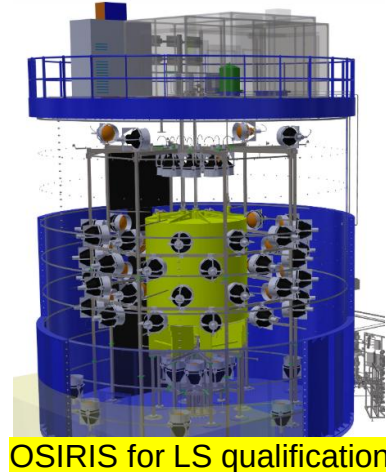
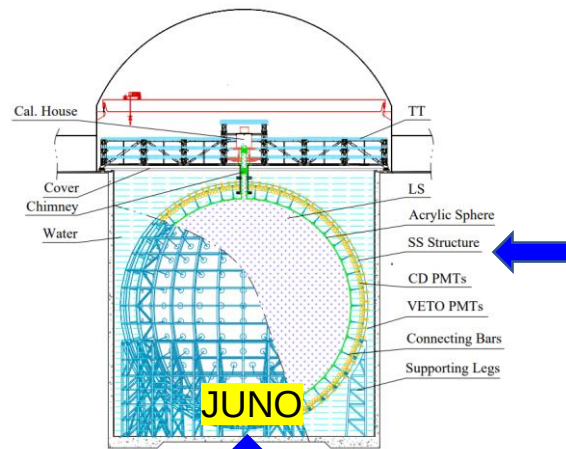
Al₂O₃ to remove particles



Distillation to remove
radioactive impurities



Add 2.5 g/L PPO and 3 mg/L bis-MSB



OSIRIS for LS qualification



Gas stripping to remove
Rn and O₂



Water extraction to remove
radioactive impurities



SS pipes to
underground

Samples tested by ICP-MS every week for radiopurity, verified by NAA and other methods



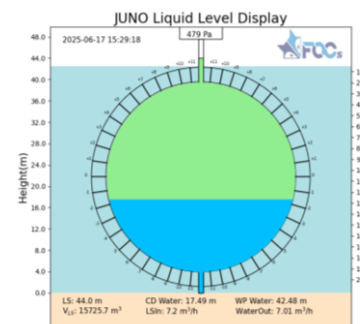
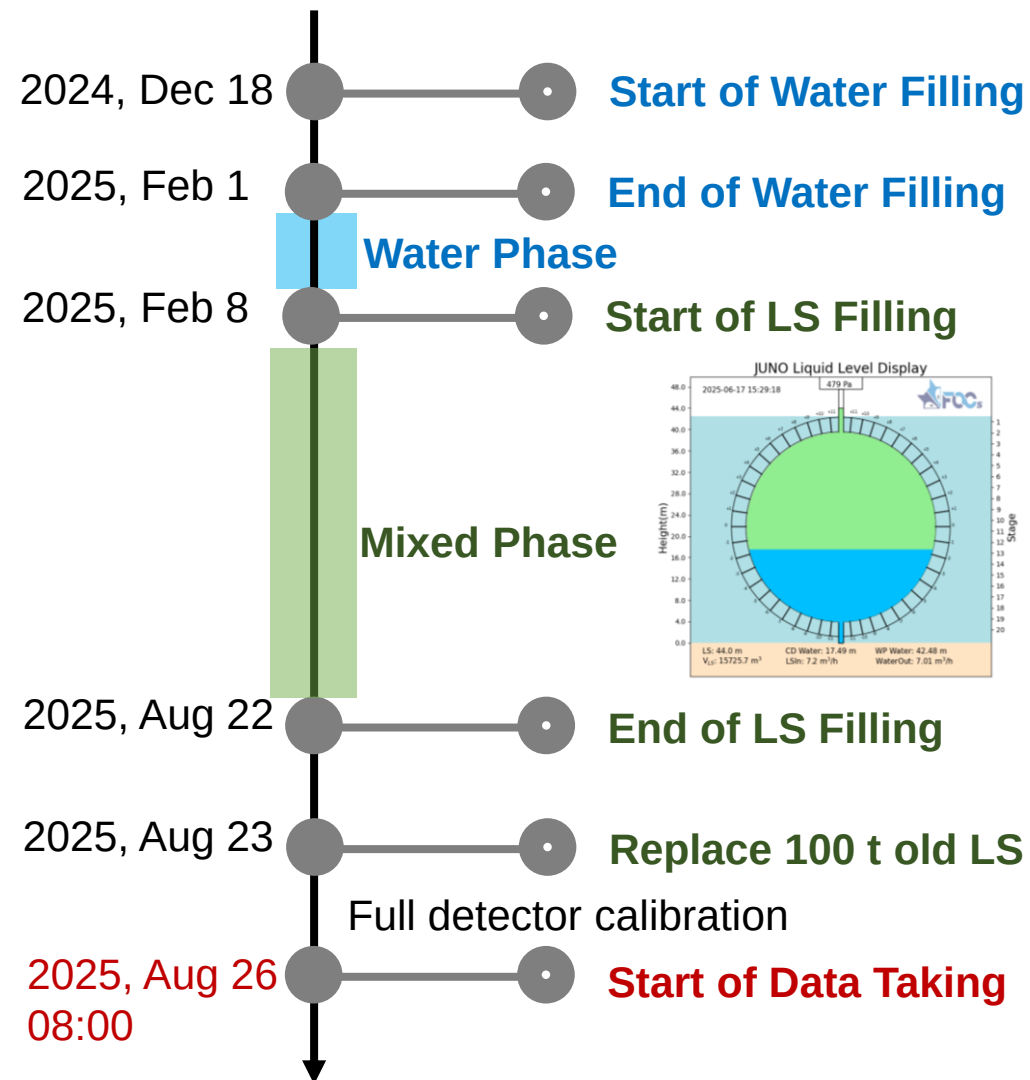
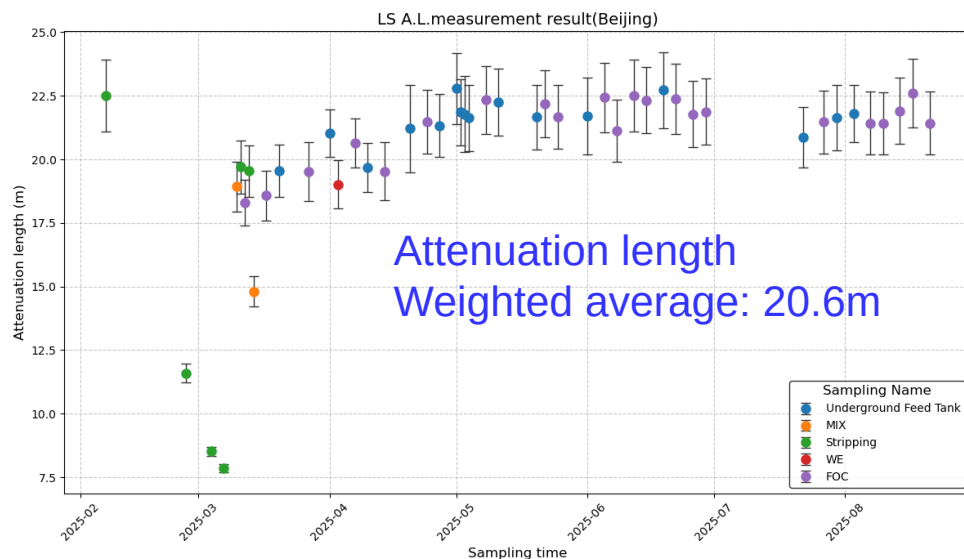
Liquid scintillator filling



Simultaneous water extraction and LS filling

Comprehensive QC/QA program for LS production, measured for batches:

- ✓ Radiopurity by ICP-MS every week: $U/Th < 1 \times 10^{-16} \text{ g/g}$
- ✓ ^{222}Rn in fresh LS, monitored by CD: $< 1 \text{ mBq/m}^3$
- ✓ ^{222}Rn leak $< 0.5 \text{ mBq/h}$
- ✓ Frequent radiopurity monitoring for N_2 and water
- ✓ Weighted average attenuation length $> 20\text{m}$





A clean detector



◆ VETO Water:

⇒ $U/Th < 0.4 \times 10^{-15} \text{ g/g}$, $^{222}\text{Rn} < 10 \text{ mBq/m}^3$, $^{226}\text{Ra} < 1 \text{ mBq/m}^3$

◆ Acrylic, water, PMTs, steel and LS are clean and water shielding works :

⇒ Single rate $< 7 \text{ Hz}$ for $R < 17.2\text{m}$ & $E > 0.7\text{MeV}$ (design 7.2Hz)

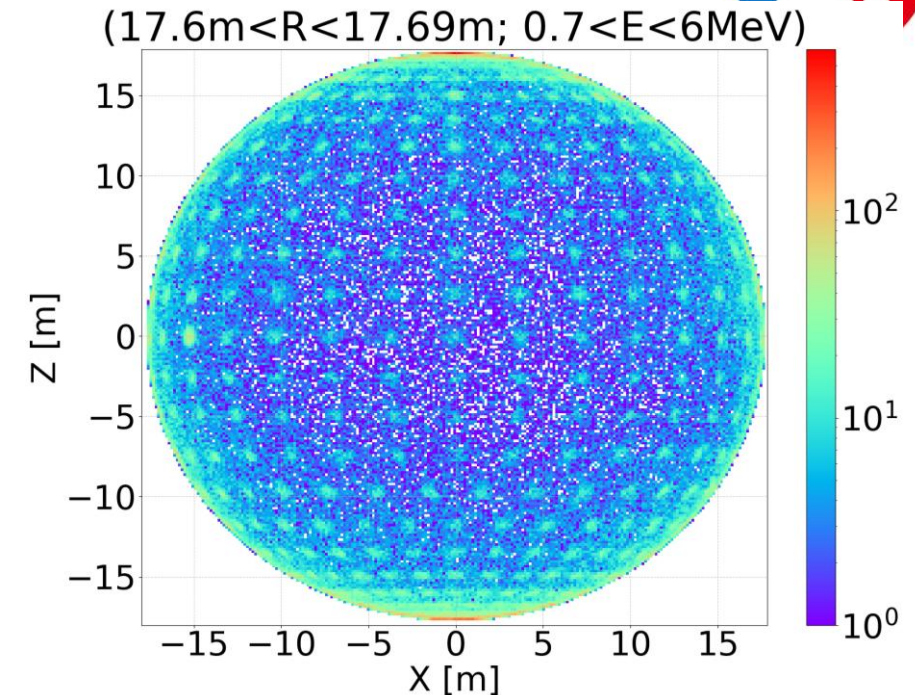
⇒ Good enough for reactor neutrinos

◆ LS cleanness is very close to other solar neutrino experiments

⇒ $^{238}\text{U} < 3 \times 10^{-17} \text{ g/g}$ (low radon area in a small fiducial volume)
 $< 1 \times 10^{-16} \text{ g/g}$ (fitted plateau from full detector radon decay)

⇒ $^{232}\text{Th} < 1 \times 10^{-16} \text{ g/g}$ ($R < 13\text{m}$)

⇒ $^{210}\text{Po} < 1 \times 10^5 \text{ [cpd/kt]}$



Radiopurity control of raw material:

- ✓ Meticulous Monte Carlo Simulation for proper distribution of radioactivity budget
- ✓ Careful material screening
- ✓ Accurate detector production handling

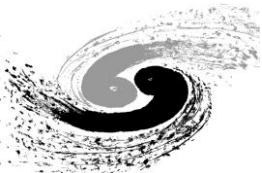
Better than spec. by 15% !

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Radiopurity control during installation :

- Leak check of all joints (each $< 10^{-8} \text{ mbar}\cdot\text{L/s}$) for ^{222}Rn and ^{85}Kr ✓
- Cleaning and washing of all pipes & vessels to remove dust (by check water/LAB cleanness) ✓
- Clean room environment during installation ✓
- Acrylic Surface treatment and protection(Rn daughters) ✓
- LS filling scheme: water replacement and water washing ✓

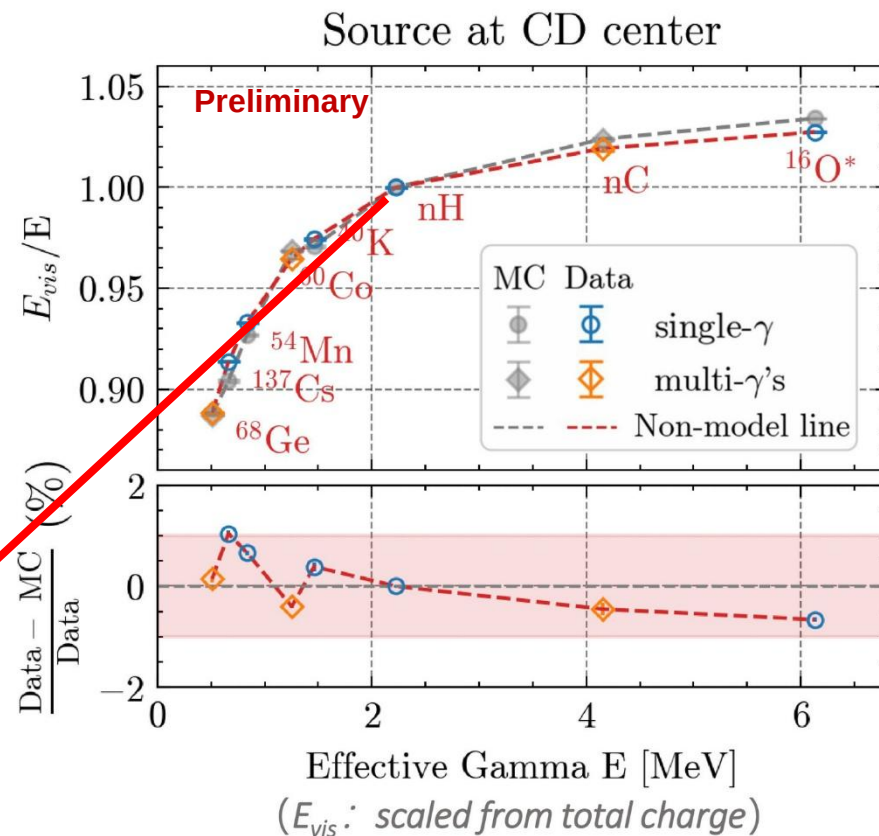
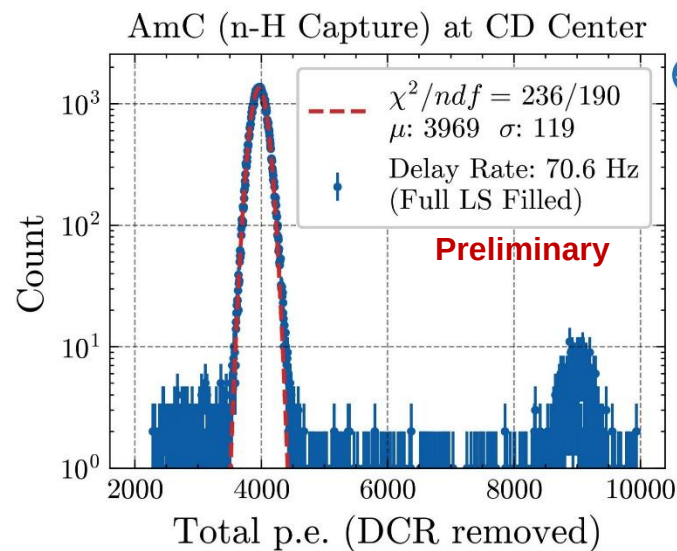
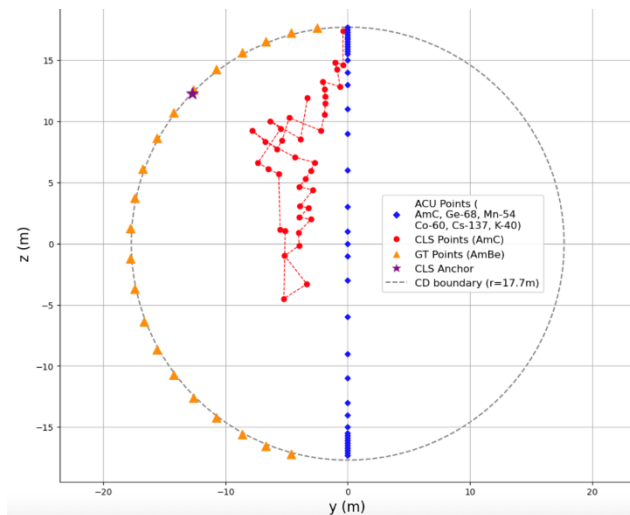
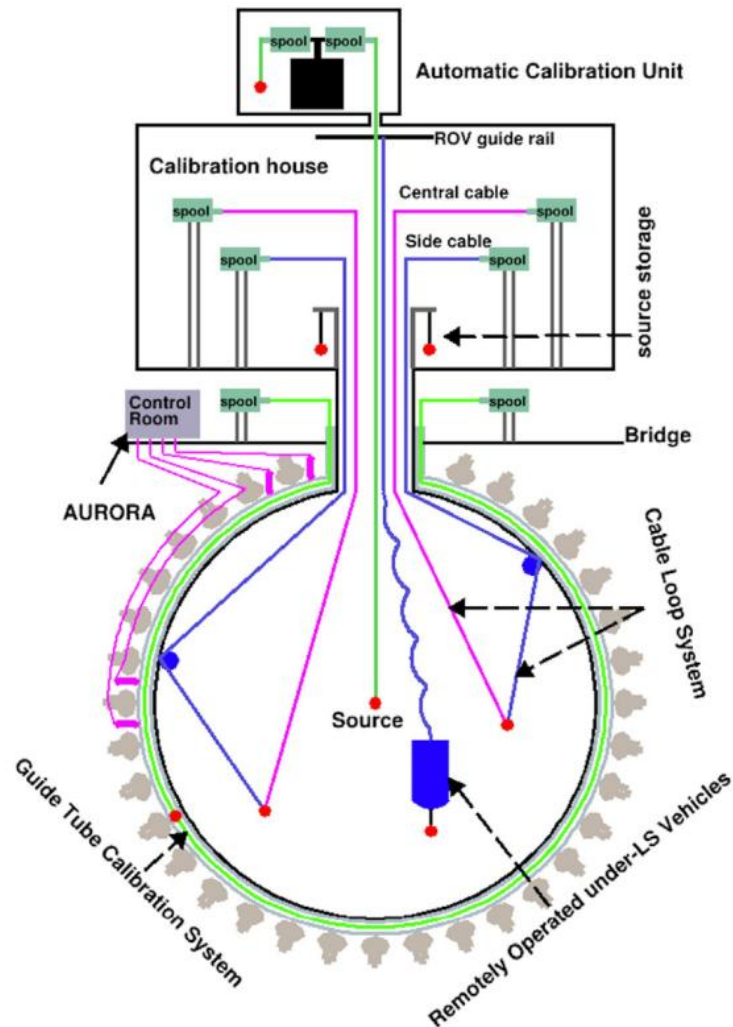
Recirculation probably impossible, unlike Borexino, KamLAND, SNO+,...



Calibration

1D, 2D, 3D scan systems using laser/ e^+ / γ / n sources + n/α background events

Calibration position performed



Energy Non-linearity is known to $< 1\%$!

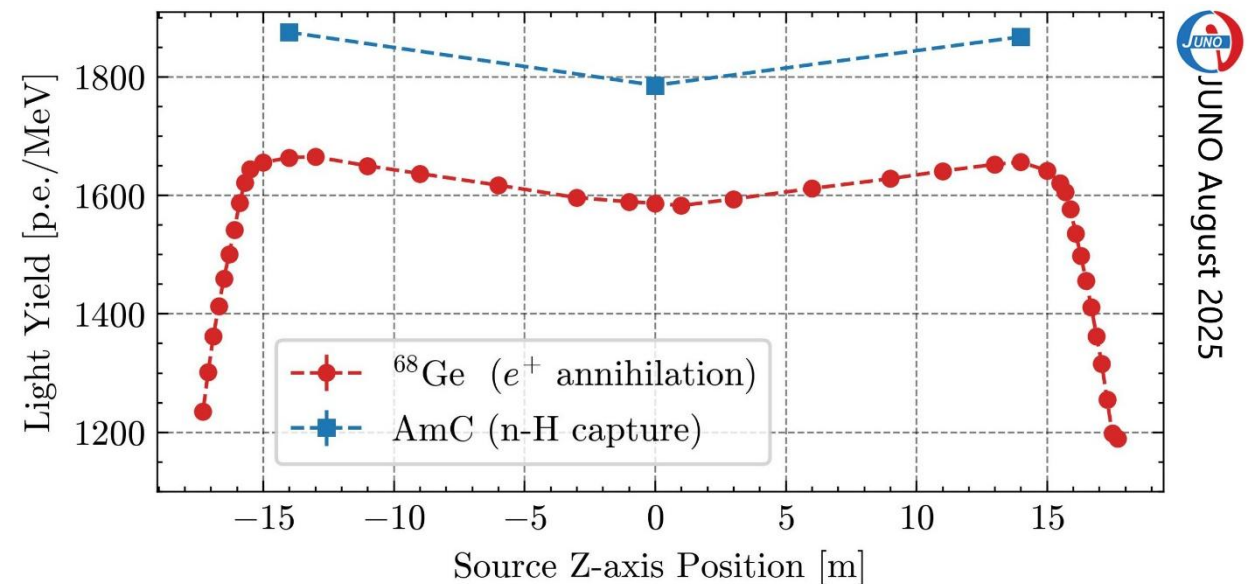
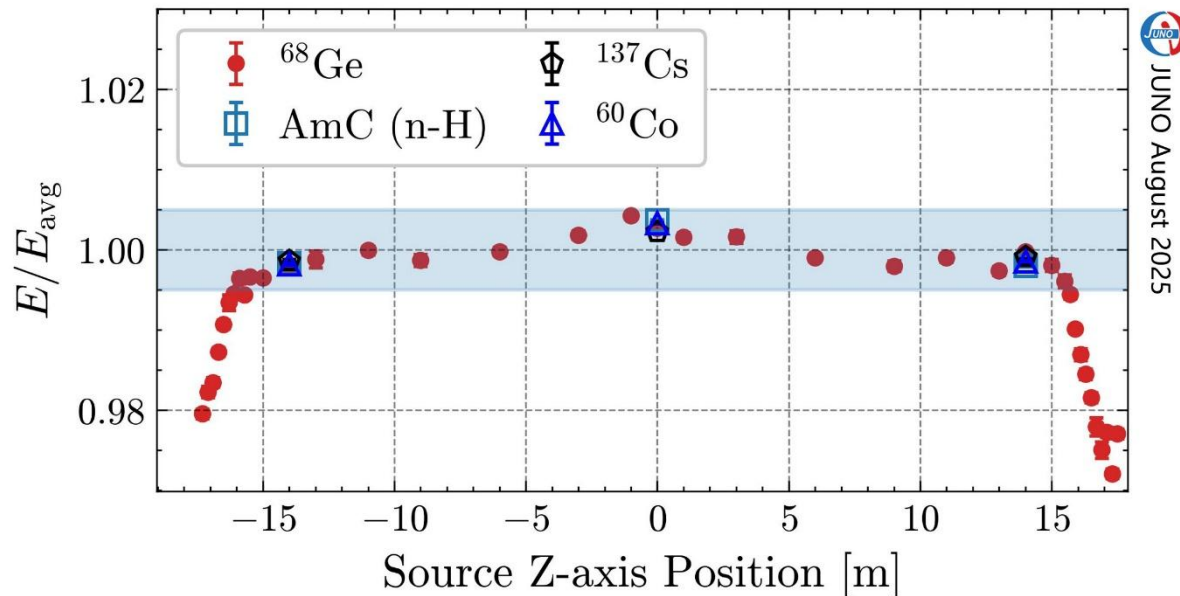


Uniformity and light yield



- ◆ For $R < 16\text{m}$, residual energy non-uniformity scanned along the Z-axis is $< 0.5\%$
- ◆ Light yield is $> 1600\text{ PE/MeV}$ for ^{68}Ge , $> 1800\text{ PE/MeV}$ for neutron, better than expectations (difference due to non-linearity, *Chinese Phys. C* 49 (2025) 013003)
- ◆ Edge effects still exist, more calibration data and software work needed

Residual Energy Non-uniformity



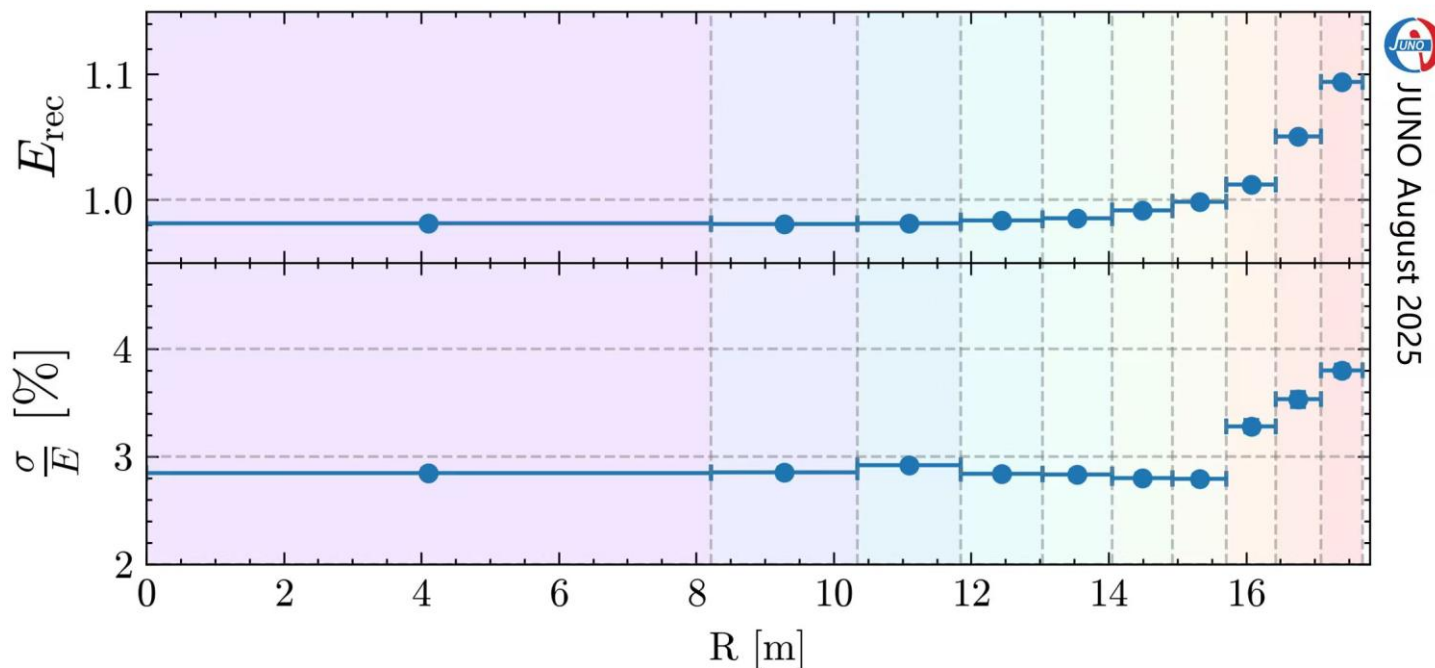


Energy Resolution

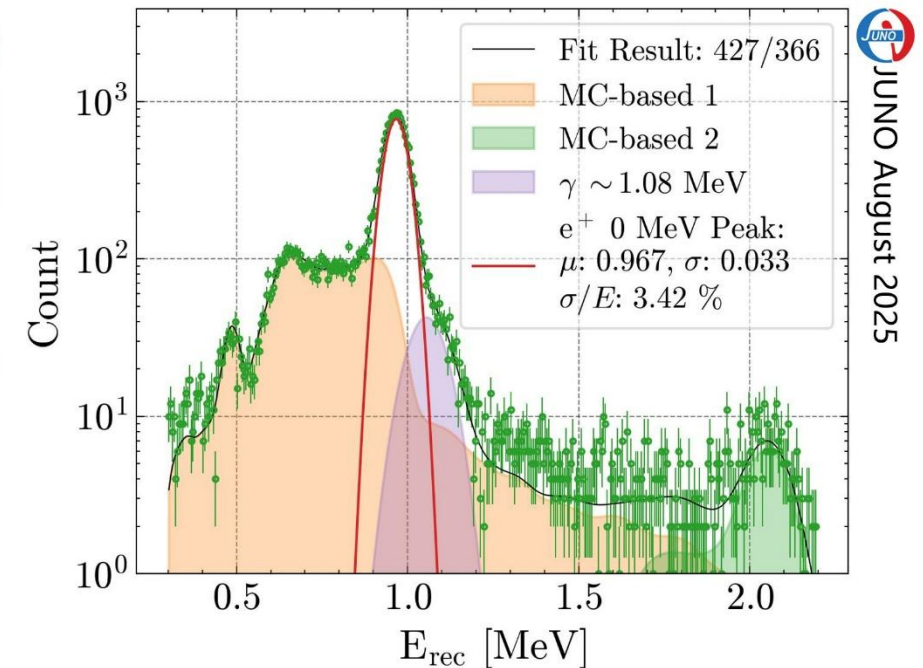


- ◆ Energy resolution for alpha from ^{214}Po is $\sim 3\%$ @ 0.92MeV
- ◆ Energy resolution for ^{68}Ge is $\sim 3.4\%$ @ $2 \times 0.511\text{ MeV}$, already close to but slightly worse than the expectation of 3.1%
- ◆ Further improvement are coming: more calibration data, noise/flasher removal, reconstruction and fit, ...

Energy Non-uniformity and Resolution of ^{214}Po

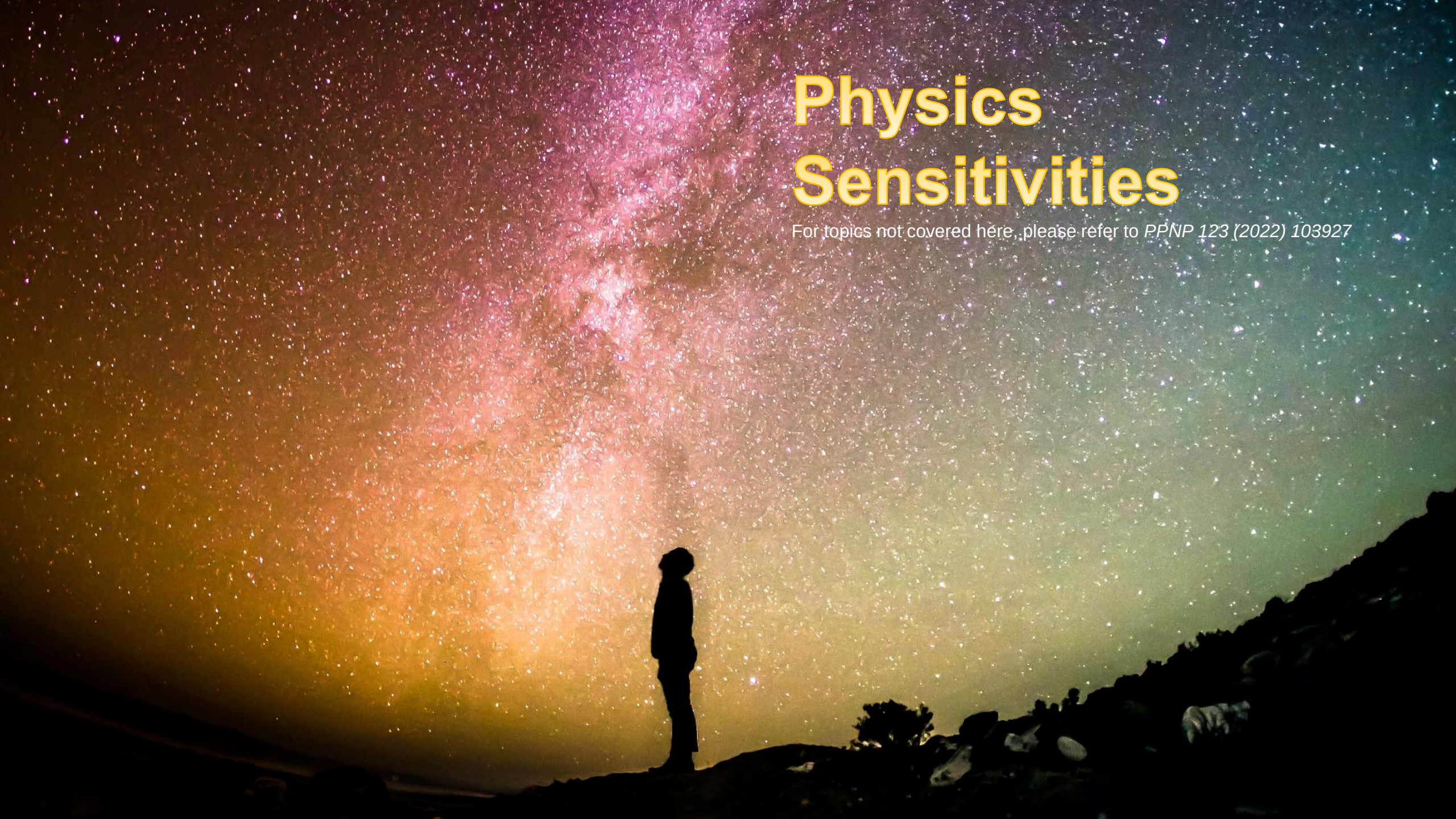


^{68}Ge at CD Center



Physics Sensitivities

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





A multi-purpose observatory



Reactor

~60 IBDs per day



Atmosphere

Several per day



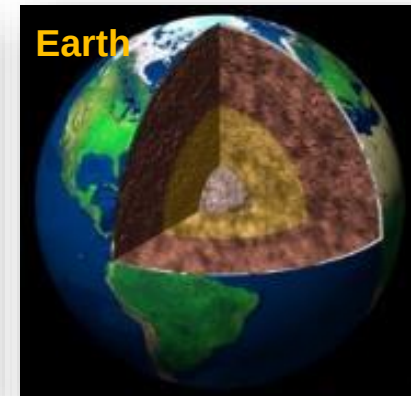
Solar

Hundreds per day



Supernova

~5000 IBDs for
CCSN @10 kpc



Earth

Several IBDs per
day

+

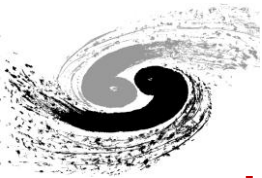
New
physics

Neutrino oscillation & properties

Neutrinos as a probe

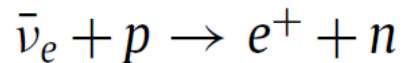
IBD: inverse beta decay $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$

CCSN: core-collapse supernova

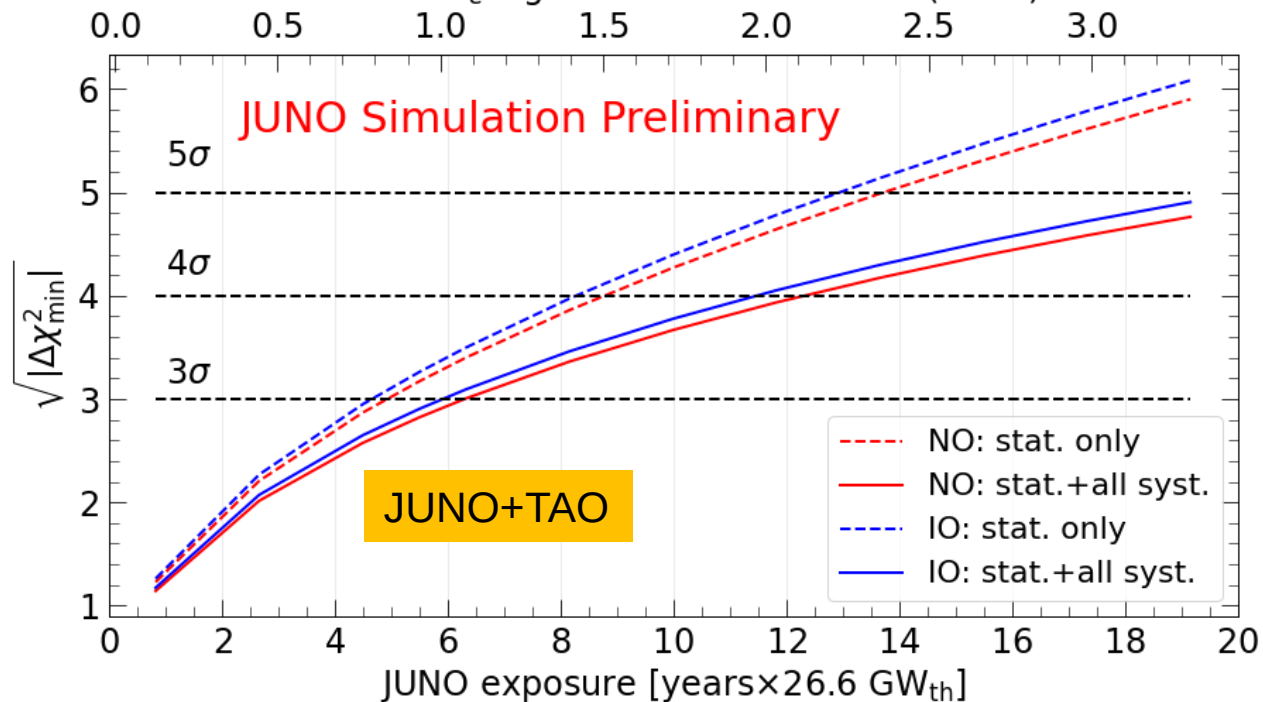


Neutrino Mass Ordering

Inverse beta decay reaction



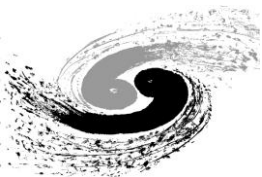
Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ signal IBD event number ($\times 10^5$)



	Design (J. Phys. G 43:030401 (2016))	Now (2022)
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%	93% (12%↑)
Signal rate	60 /day	47.1 /day (22%↓)
Backgrounds	3.75 /day	4.11 /day (10%↑)
Energy resolution	3% @ 1 MeV	2.9% @ 1 MeV (3%↑)
Shape uncertainty	1%	JUNO+TAO
3 σ NMO sensitivity exposure	< 6 yrs $\times$ 35.8 GW _{th}	~ 6 yrs $\times$ 26.6 GW _{th}

JUNO sensitivity on NMO: 3 σ (reactors only) @ ~6 yrs * 26.6 GW_{th} exposure

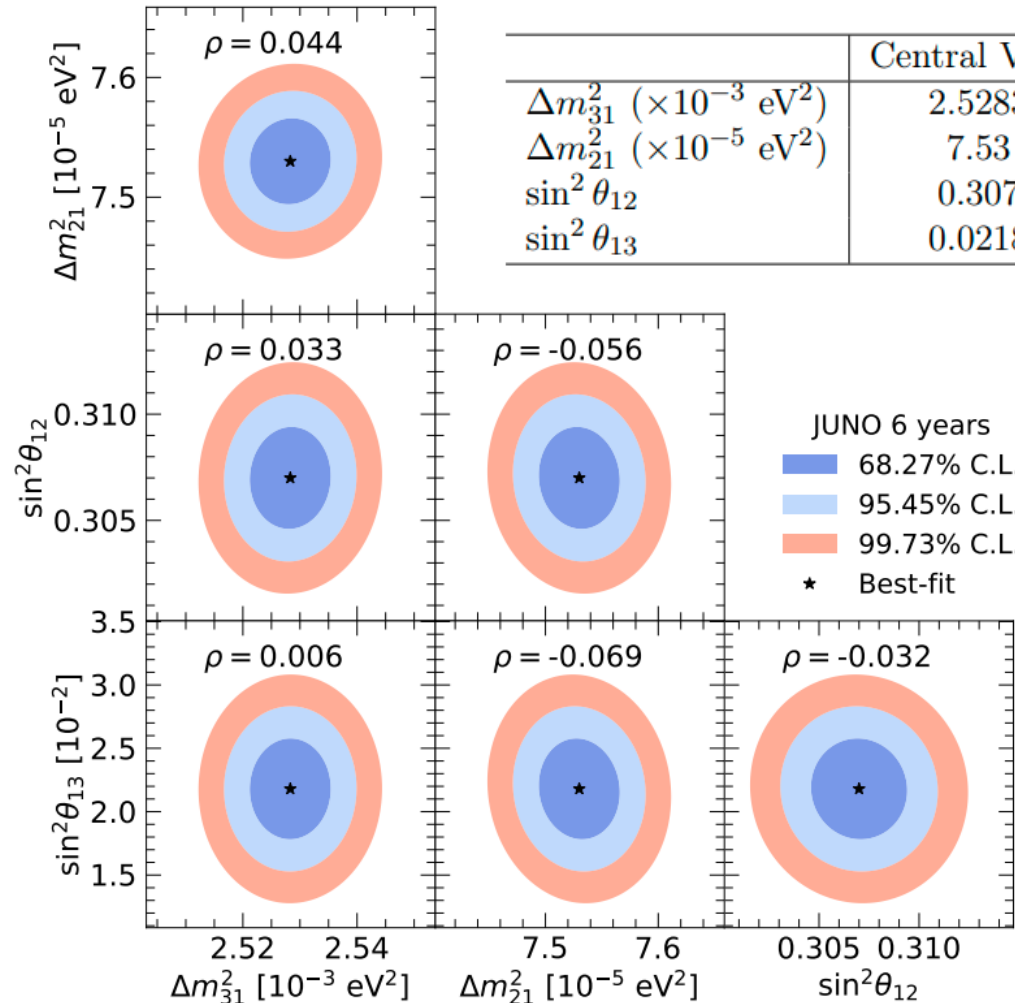
Combined reactor + atmospheric neutrino analysis is in progress: further improve the NMO sensitivity



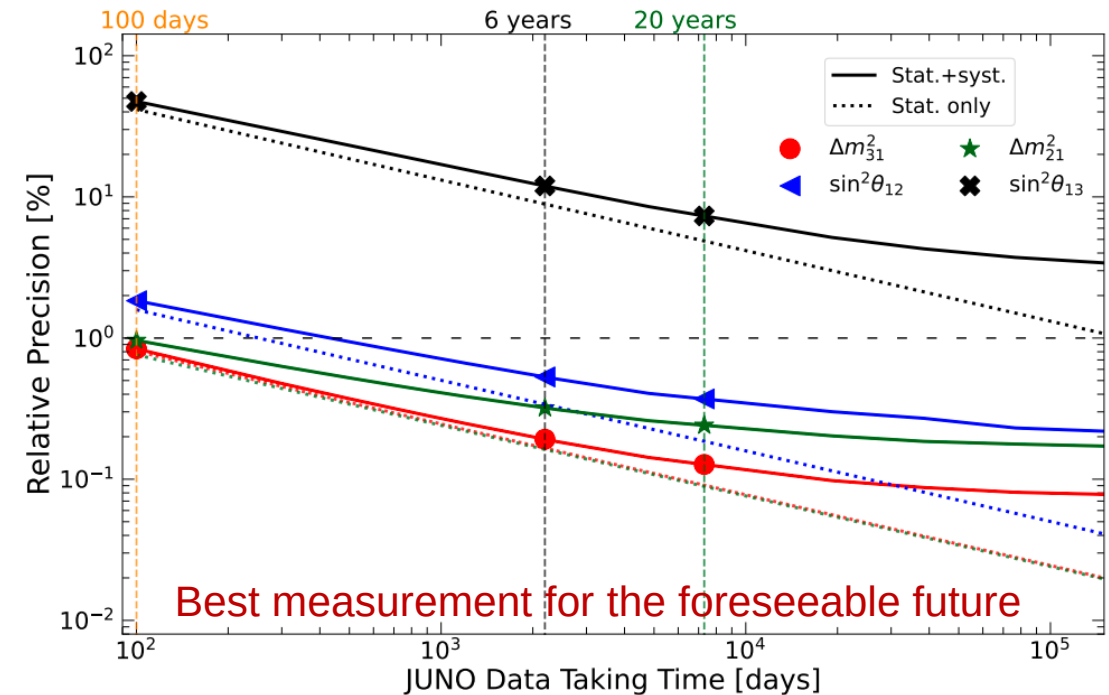
Neutrino oscillation parameters

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

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



	Central Value	PDG2020	100 days	6 years	20 years
$\Delta m_{31}^2 (\times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2)$	2.5283	± 0.034 (1.3%)	± 0.021 (0.8%)	± 0.0047 (0.2%)	± 0.0029 (0.1%)
$\Delta m_{21}^2 (\times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2)$	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%)



The improvement in precision over existing constraints will be about one order of magnitude



A: Inverse Beta Decay

$$\begin{aligned}\nu_e + n &\rightarrow p + \ell^- & n &\rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e \\ \bar{\nu}_e + p &\rightarrow n + \ell^+\end{aligned}$$

- Famous inverse beta decay on free proton (in **Hydrogen rich** detectors)

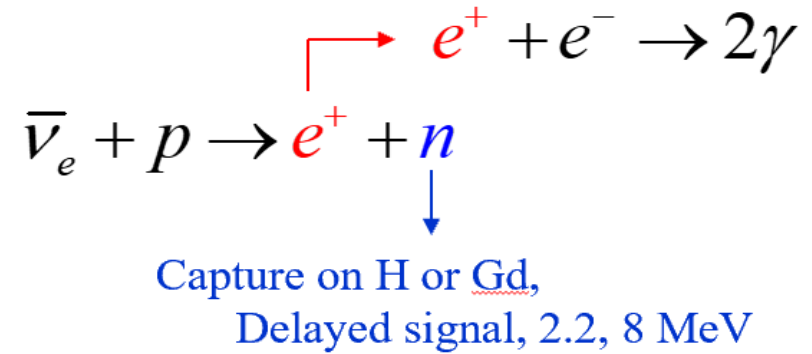
- Hadron weak current: **induced currents**

$$\overline{u}_u(p_u) \gamma^\rho (1 - \gamma^5) u_d(p_d) \rightarrow \langle p(p_p) | h_W^\rho(0) | n(p_n) \rangle$$

- Isospin symmetry

- Correlated with free neutron decay

$$\begin{aligned}\langle p(p_p) | v_W^\rho(0) | n(p_n) \rangle &= \overline{u}_p(p_p) \left[\gamma^\rho F_1(Q^2) + \frac{i \sigma^{\rho\eta} q_\eta}{2m_N} F_2(Q^2) + \frac{q^\rho}{m_N} F_3(Q^2) \right] u_n(p_n) \\ \langle p(p_p) | a_W^\rho(0) | n(p_n) \rangle &= \overline{u}_p(p_p) \left[\gamma^\rho \gamma^5 G_A(Q^2) + \frac{q^\rho}{m_N} \gamma^5 G_P(Q^2) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{p_p^\rho + p_n^\rho}{m_N} \gamma^5 G_3(Q^2) \right] u_n(p_n).\end{aligned}$$



Dedicated calculations in :

[Vogel & Beacom, 1999](#)

[Strumia & Vissani, 2003](#)

[Ricciardi, Vignaroli, Vissani, 2022](#)

Radiative correction:

[Kurylov, Ramsey-Musolf, Vogel, 2003](#)

Uncertainty as small as ~0.2%

Excellent opportunity for new physics searches!



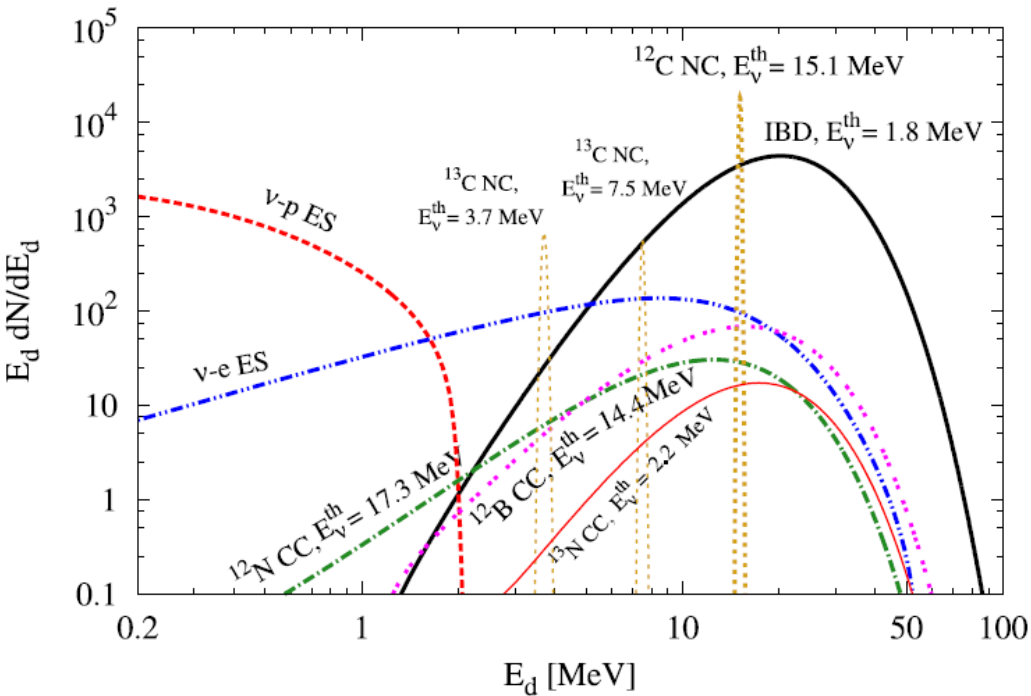
CCSN potential at JUNO



Multi-channel detection, all flavors

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

- Early warning
- CCSN Characteristics
 - Time evolution & Energy spectra
 - Total energy, luminosity,



■ Neutrino properties

- Mass ordering
- Absolute mass
- New physics

Channel	Type	Events for different $\langle E_\nu \rangle$ values		
		12 MeV	14 MeV	16 MeV
$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$	CC	4.3×10^3	5.0×10^3	5.7×10^3
$\nu + p \rightarrow \nu + p$	NC	0.6×10^3	1.2×10^3	2.0×10^3
$\nu + e \rightarrow \nu + e$	ES	3.6×10^2	3.6×10^2	3.6×10^2
$\nu + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow \nu + {}^{12}\text{C}^*$	NC	1.7×10^2	3.2×10^2	5.2×10^2
$\nu_e + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow e^- + {}^{12}\text{N}$	CC	0.5×10^2	0.9×10^2	1.6×10^2
$\bar{\nu}_e + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow e^+ + {}^{12}\text{B}$	CC	0.6×10^2	1.1×10^2	1.6×10^2



JUNO: Feasibility (high energy)



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Interaction channels of ^8B - ν :

ES: $\nu_x + e^- \rightarrow \nu_x + e^-$

- No threshold
- All flavours & $\sigma(\nu_{\mu,\tau}) / \sigma(\nu_e) = 1/6$
- Single events - continuous spectrum

CC: $\nu_e + ^{13}\text{C} \rightarrow e^- + ^{13}\text{N}$

- $E_{\text{thr}} = 2.2 \text{ MeV}$
- Possible only with ν_e
- Prompt: e^- ; Delayed: ^{13}N decay

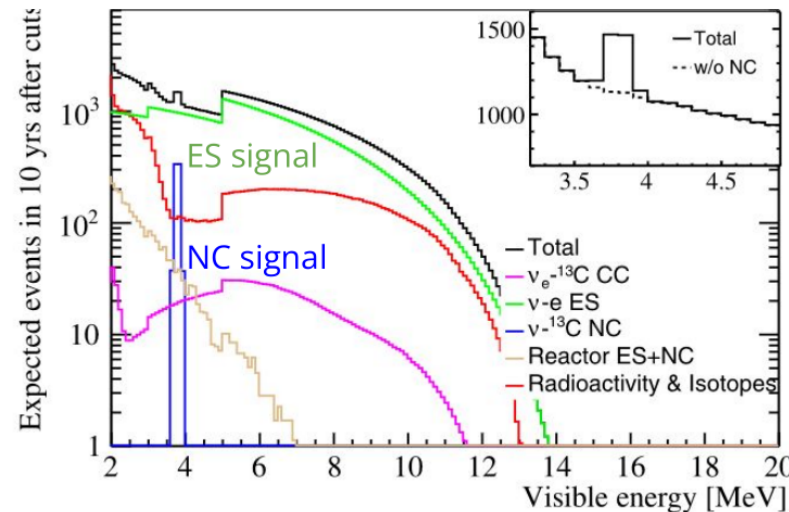
NC: $\nu_x + ^{13}\text{C} \rightarrow \nu_x + ^{13}\text{C}^*$

- $E_{\text{thr}} = 3.685 \text{ MeV}$
- All flavors & equal σ
- Single events - monochromatic γ

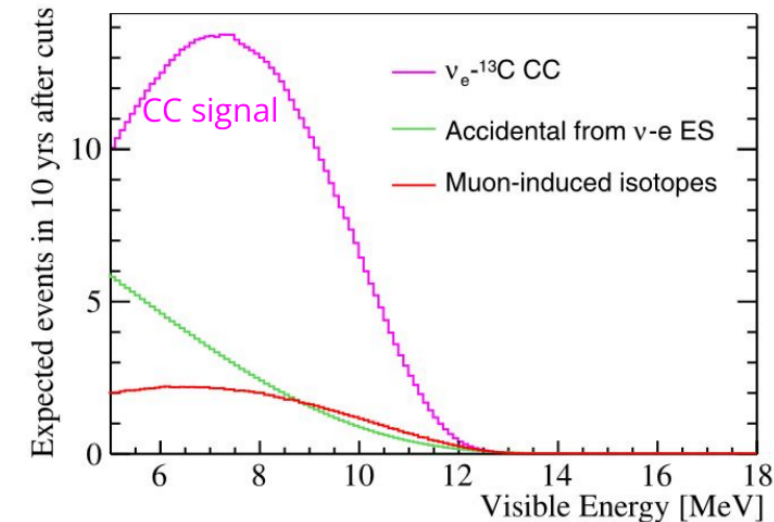
Backgrounds:

- ❖ **Externals:** can be neglected after FV cuts
- ❖ **Internals:** unstable nuclei in ^{232}Th and ^{238}U chains with high Q values
- ❖ **Cosmogenics:** can be reduced after Three-Fold Coincidences cuts
- ❖ **Accidental** coincidences (specific for CC)

10 years, single events
after cuts



10 years, correlated prompt
events after cuts





Neutrinos from Sun (B8)

CC & ES: their event **rate** depends on the neutrino flux and on the ν_e **survival probability** model

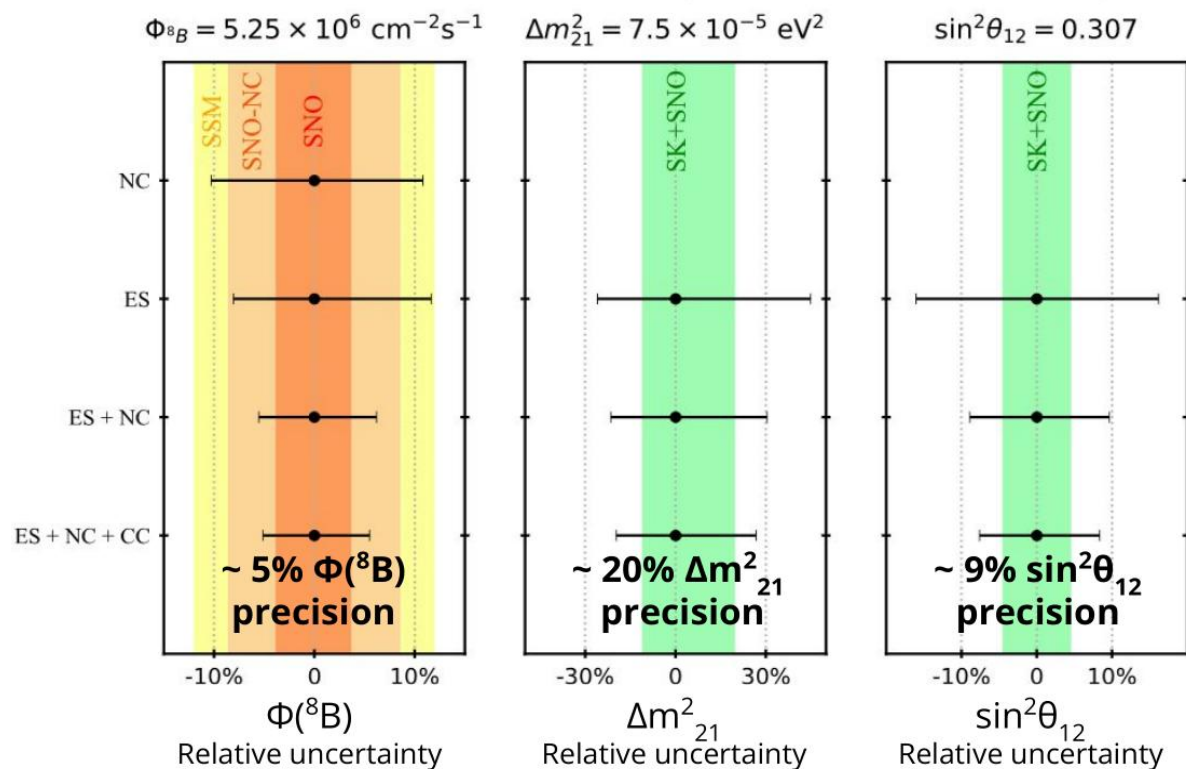
NC: it will allow a **model independent measurement** of $\Phi(^8\text{B})$, first after SNO

→ **Simultaneous measurement** of $\Phi(^8\text{B})$, Δm_{21}^2 , and $\sin^2\theta_{12}$

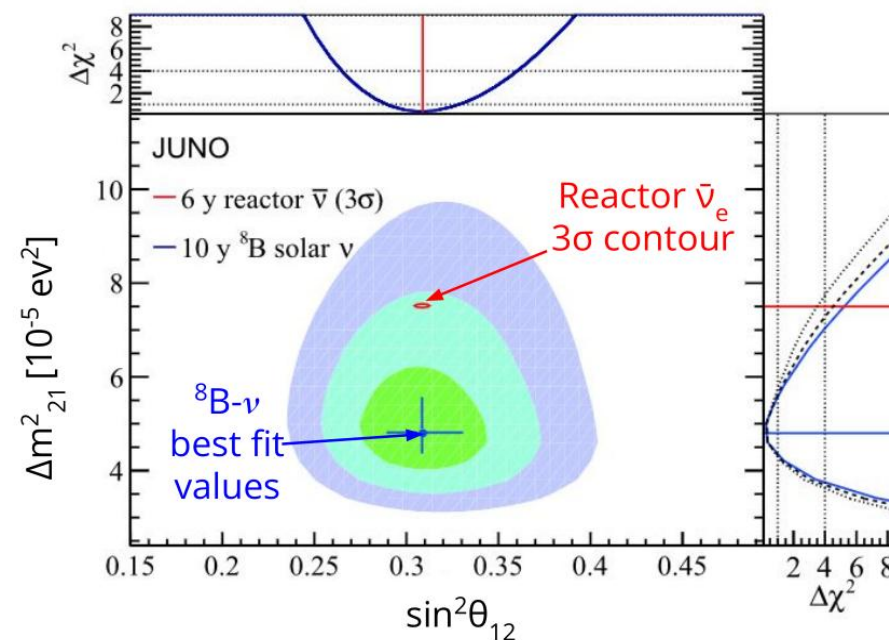
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JUNO results with 10 years of data-taking



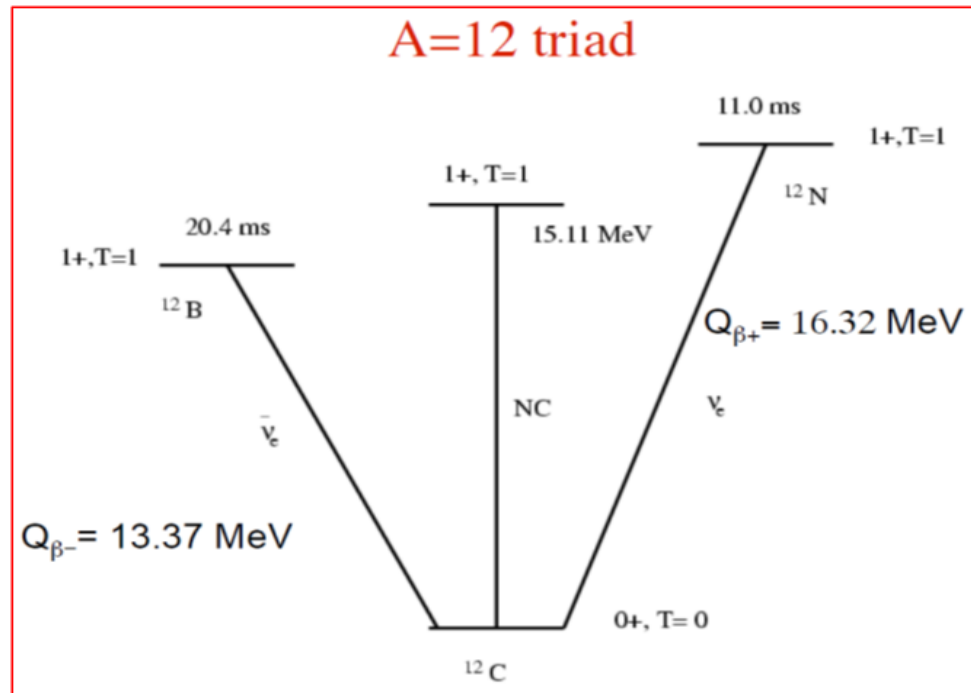
Δm_{21}^2 and $\sin^2\theta_{12}$ with $^8\text{B}-\nu$ & reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$



Potential to search for possible discrepancies



B: Low Energy Scattering on Carbon



Nuclear structure effects:

- **beta (M1) decay calibration**
- **ν -energy $\sim$ nuclear excitation energy: shell model**
- **giant resonance: CRPA or shell model**
- **>100 MeV, fermi Gas models or spectral function method**
- **DIS region: parton,**

From Vogel, NPA 777 (2006) 340-355

	$^{12}\text{C}(\nu_e, e^-)^{12}\text{N}_{\text{gs}}$ decay at rest	$^{12}\text{C}(\nu_\mu, \mu^-)^{12}\text{N}_{\text{gs}}$ decay in flight	$^{12}\text{C}(\nu_e, e^-)^{12}\text{C}(15.11)$ decay at rest
Experiment [31]	$9.4 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.8$	—	$11 \pm 0.85 \pm 1.0$
Experiment [32]	$9.1 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.9$	$66 \pm 10 \pm 10$	—
Experiment [33]	$10.5 \pm 1.0 \pm 1.0$	—	—
Shell model [36]	9.1	63.5	9.8
CRPA [34,35]	8.9	63.0	10.5
EPT [37]	9.2	59	9.9

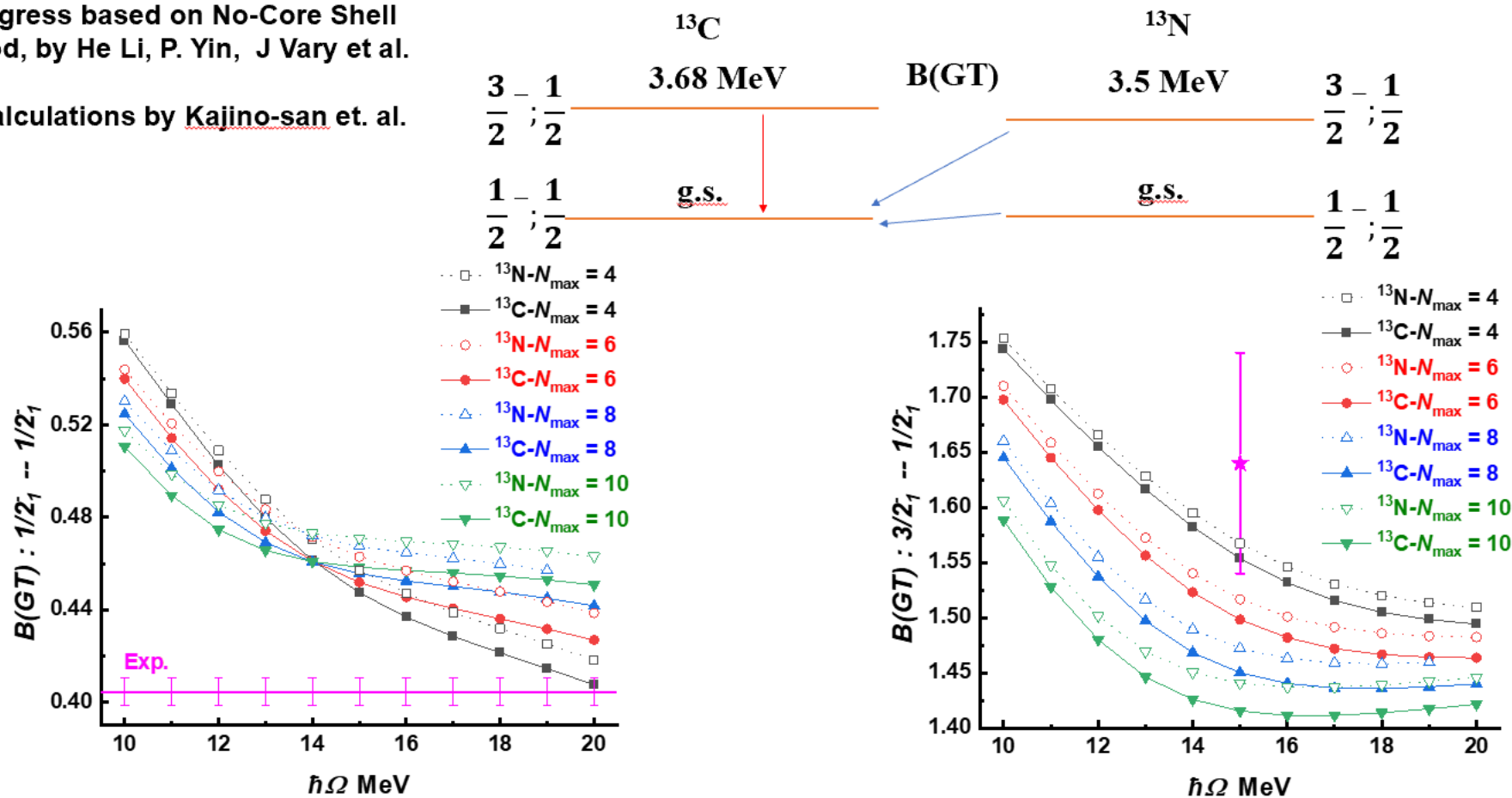


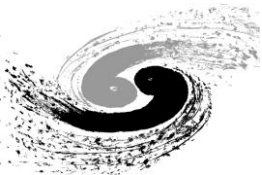
B: Low Energy Scattering on Carbon

□ $B(GT)$ from Daejeon16 using the wave functions from ^{13}C or ^{13}N (based on isospin symmetry)

Work in progress based on No-Core Shell
Model method, by He Li, P. Yin, J Vary et al.

Also early calculations by [Kajino-san et. al.](#)





Atmospheric neutrinos



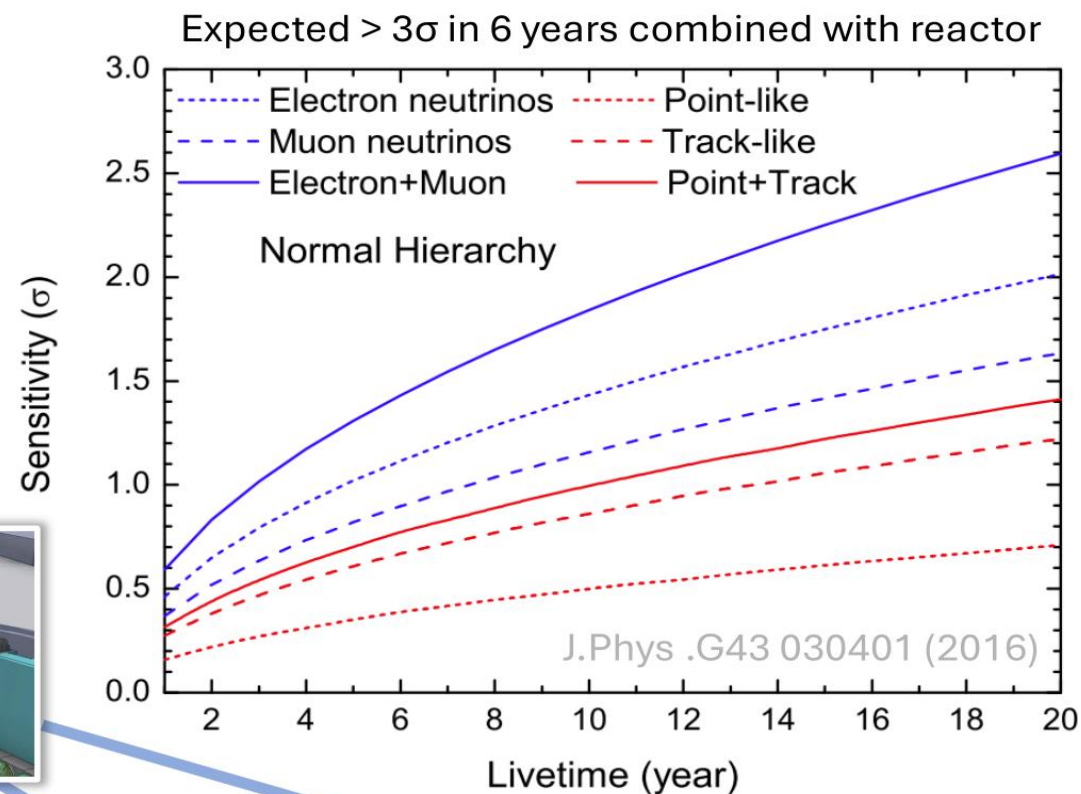
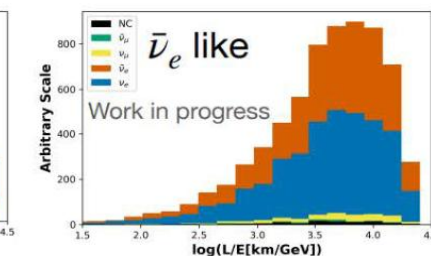
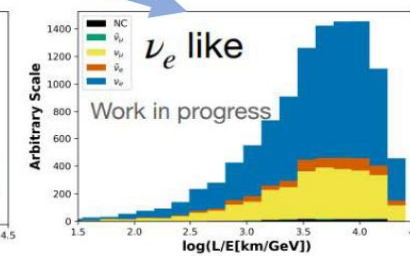
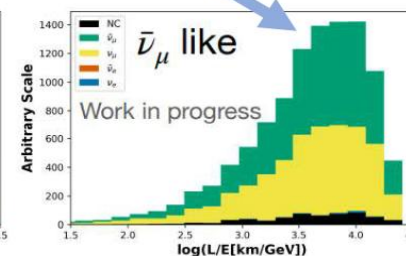
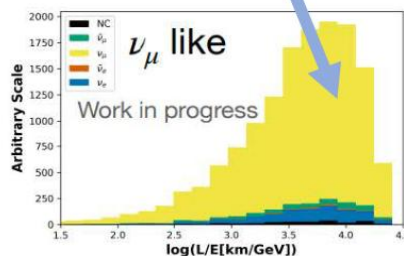
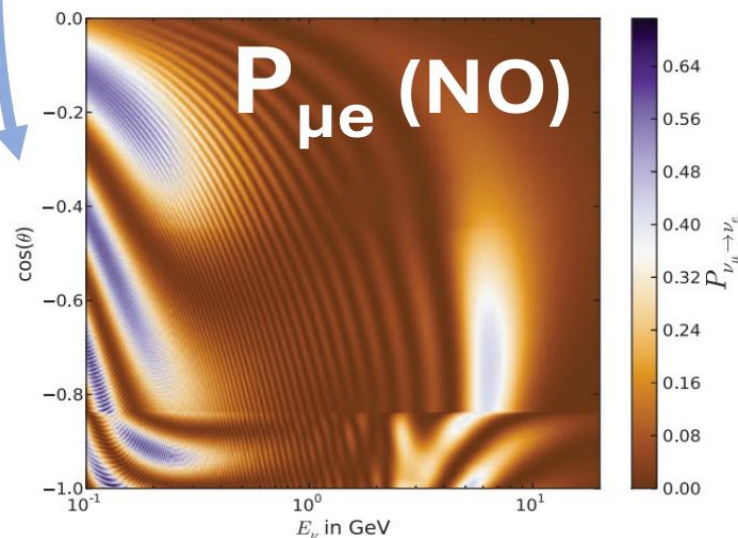
MSW effect $\rightarrow$ Neutrino Mass Ordering (NMO) $\rightarrow$ Independent measurement from reactor antineutrinos

JUNO first experiment to study atmospheric neutrino oscillation with **liquid scintillator**:

NMO via **matter effects** requirements:

$\rightarrow$ Good **flavor separation** (traditional + ML)

$\rightarrow$ Good track reconstruction





Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background (DSNB)



■ DSNB: 2-4 events in JUNO per year

✓ **Not detected yet**

Holding:

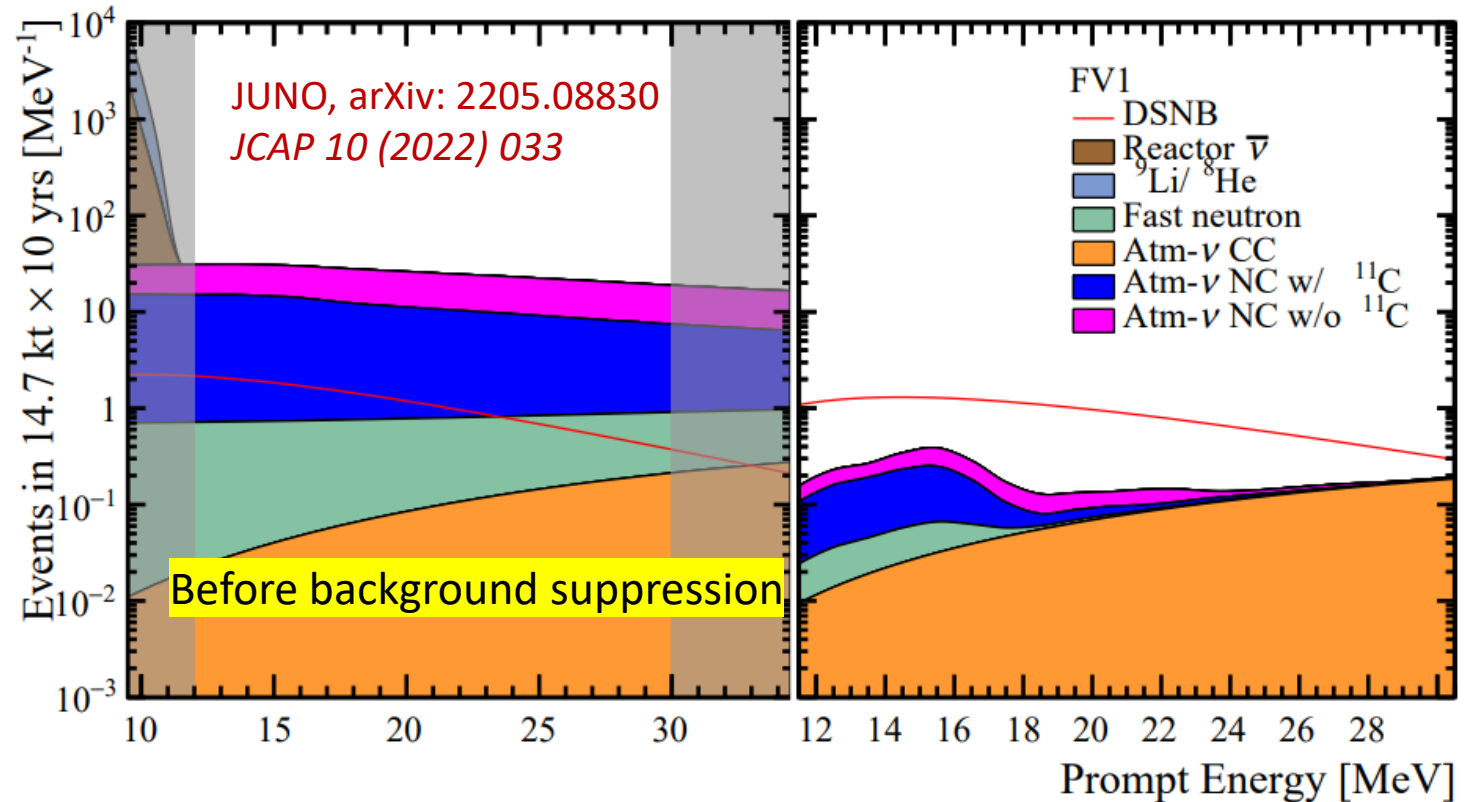
- ▶ Supernova (SN) rate ($R_{SN}(0)$)
- ▶ Average energy of SN neutrinos ($\langle E_\nu \rangle$)
- ▶ Fraction of black hole (f_{BH})

■ 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**

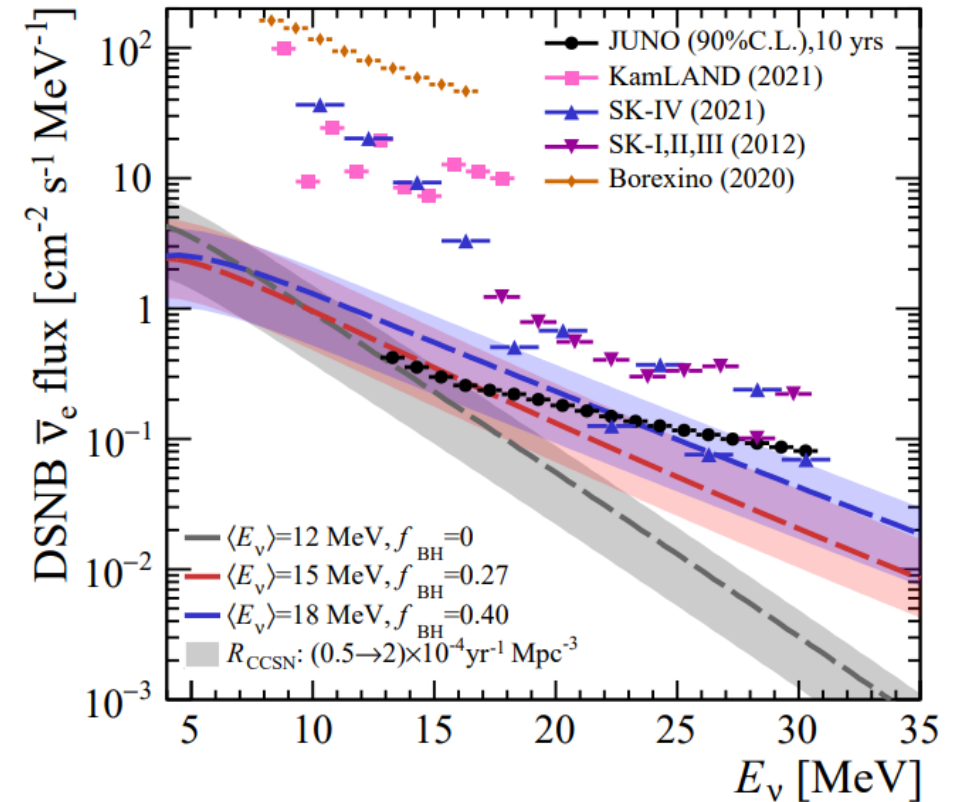
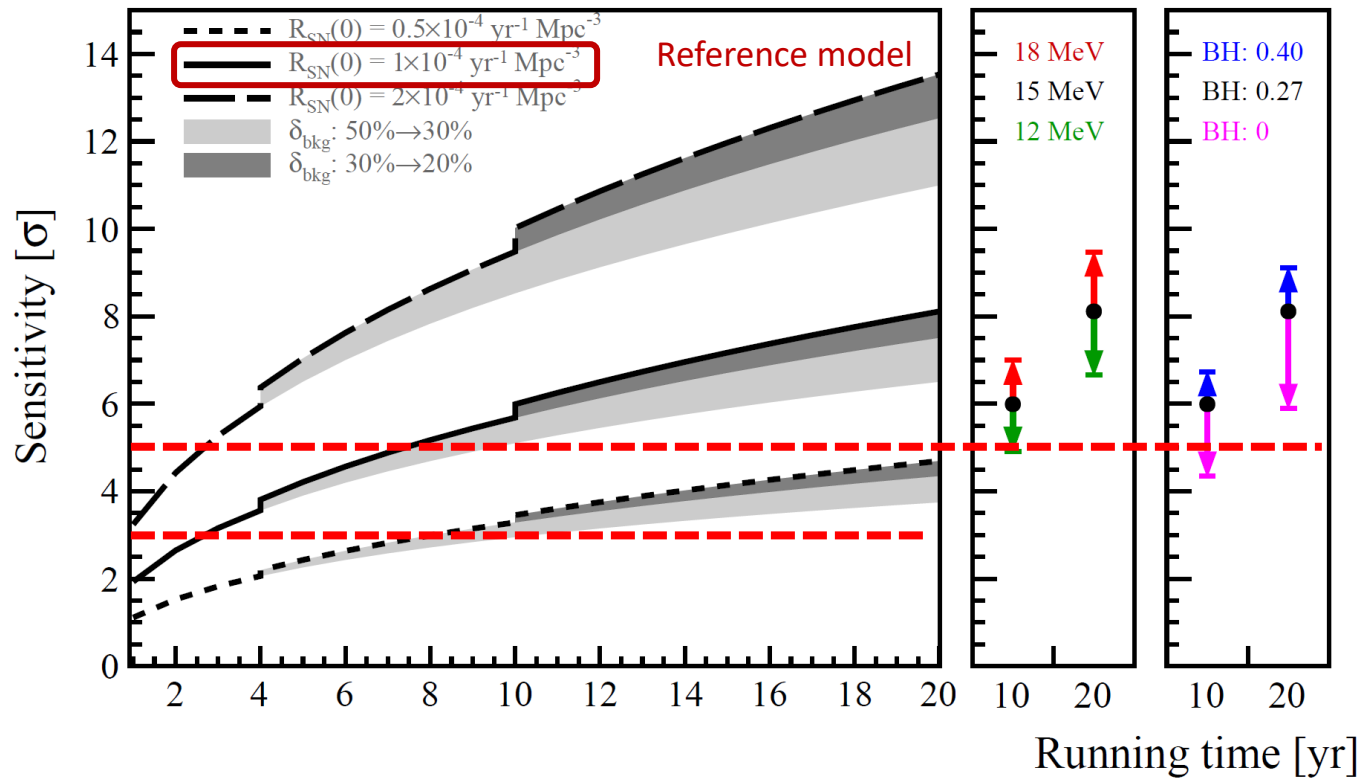
➡ S/B improved from **2** to **3.5**



Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background (DSNB)



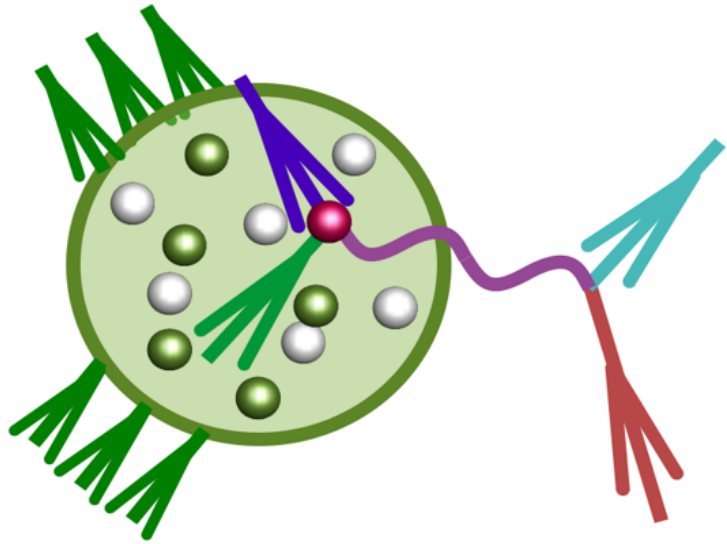
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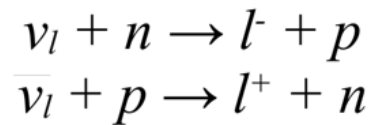
- If no positive observation, JUNO can set the world-leading best limits of DSNB flux
- With the nominal model (black solid curve (left plot)): 3σ (3 yrs) and 6σ (10 yrs)



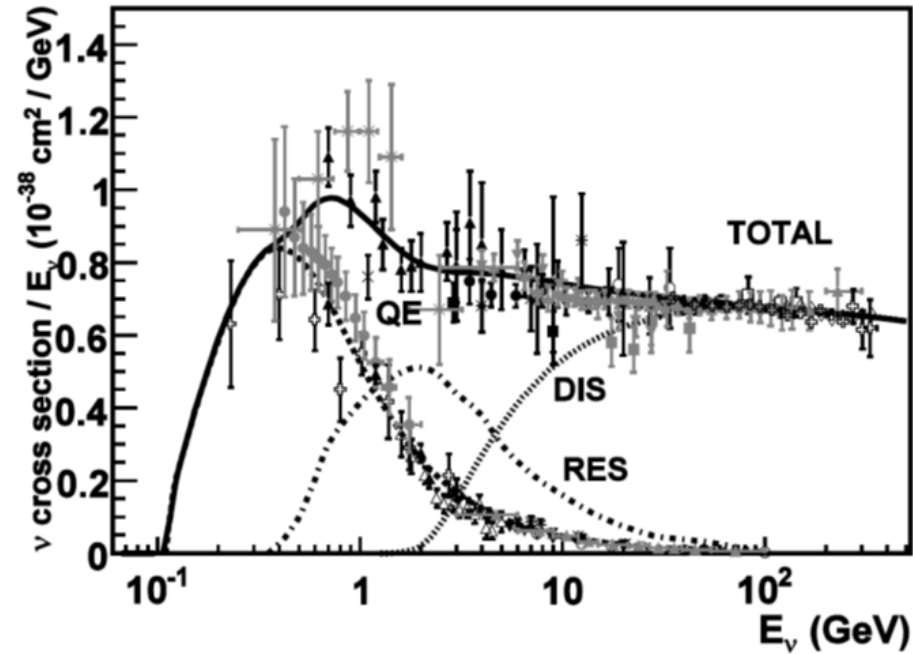
C: GeV neutrino-nucleus interactions



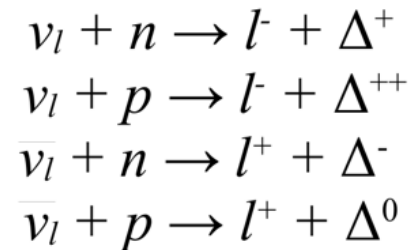
quasielastic
scattering



**Fermi motion, binding
energy, M_A , 2p2h,**

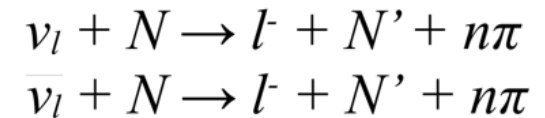


resonance
production



Hadron production, FSI

deep-inelastic
scattering



Parton Model, FSI



C: Generators in the Market



Status overview

- Well established generator
 - Used by many experiments around the world
 - Main new addition is JUNO
 - Main generator for all the LAr experiments
- Two main efforts
 - Model development
 - Tuning
- Contacts, details and code are all available from our website: www.genie-mc.org/
- Latest release: version 3.04.02, released in April 2024
 - Previous release was 3.04.00, released in March 2023
 - <http://releases.genie-mc.org/>
- Recent publications
 - Neutrino-nucleon cross-section model tuning in GENIE v3 - [Phys.Rev.D 104 \(2021\) 7, 072009](#)
 - Hadronization model tuning in genie v3 - [Phys.Rev.D 105 \(2022\) 1, 012009](#)

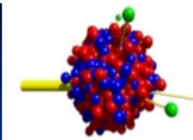
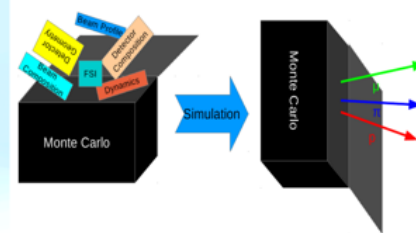
Marco Roda @ NUINT24



NuWro - general information (1)

Jan T. Sobczyk @ NUINT24

- Monte Carlo generator of neutrino interactions
- Beginning ~ 2005 at the University of Wrocław
- Optimized for ~1 GeV
- Can handle all kind of targets, neutrino fluxes, equipped with detector interface
- Written in C++
- Output files in the ROOT format
- PYTHIA6 used for hadronization in DIS
- Open source code, repository: <https://github.com/NuWro/nuwro>



GiBUU

The Giessen Boltzmann-Uehling-Uhlenbeck Project

Ulrich Mosel and Kai Gallmeister @ NUINT24

GiBUU is presently used to describe

- Dilepton and pion production in heavy-ion collisions (HADES experiment at GSI)
- Inelastic electron scattering at JLAB (and SLAC, MAMI)
- Neutrino-nucleus reactions at Fermilab, T2K and FASER

All with the same theory input and code!

We provide the code for download from gibuu.hepforge.org,

The NEUT neutrino interaction simulation program library

Yoshinari Hayato and Luke Pickering
[The European Physical Journal Special Topics](#)
 volume 230, pages 4469–4481 (2021)

Patrick Stowell @ NUINT24

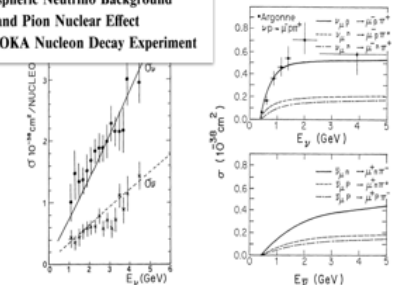
- MeV to TeV scale neutrino interaction generator originally created in the 70s to support neutrino backgrounds at Kamioka.

- Long history of development driven by evolving requirements of KamiokaNDE, Super-KamiokaNDE, and T2K.

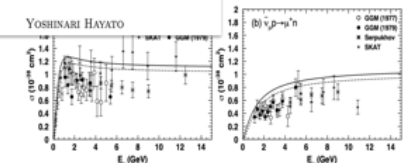
- Currently the primary interaction generator for SK and T2K, used in all oscillation/cross-section analyses.

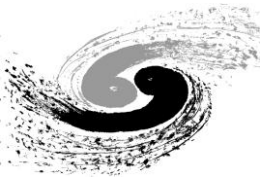
- See Laura, Stephen, Ulyesse, and Cesar's talks this NuINT!

Atmospheric Neutrino Background and Pion Nuclear Effect for KAMIOKA Nucleon Decay Experiment



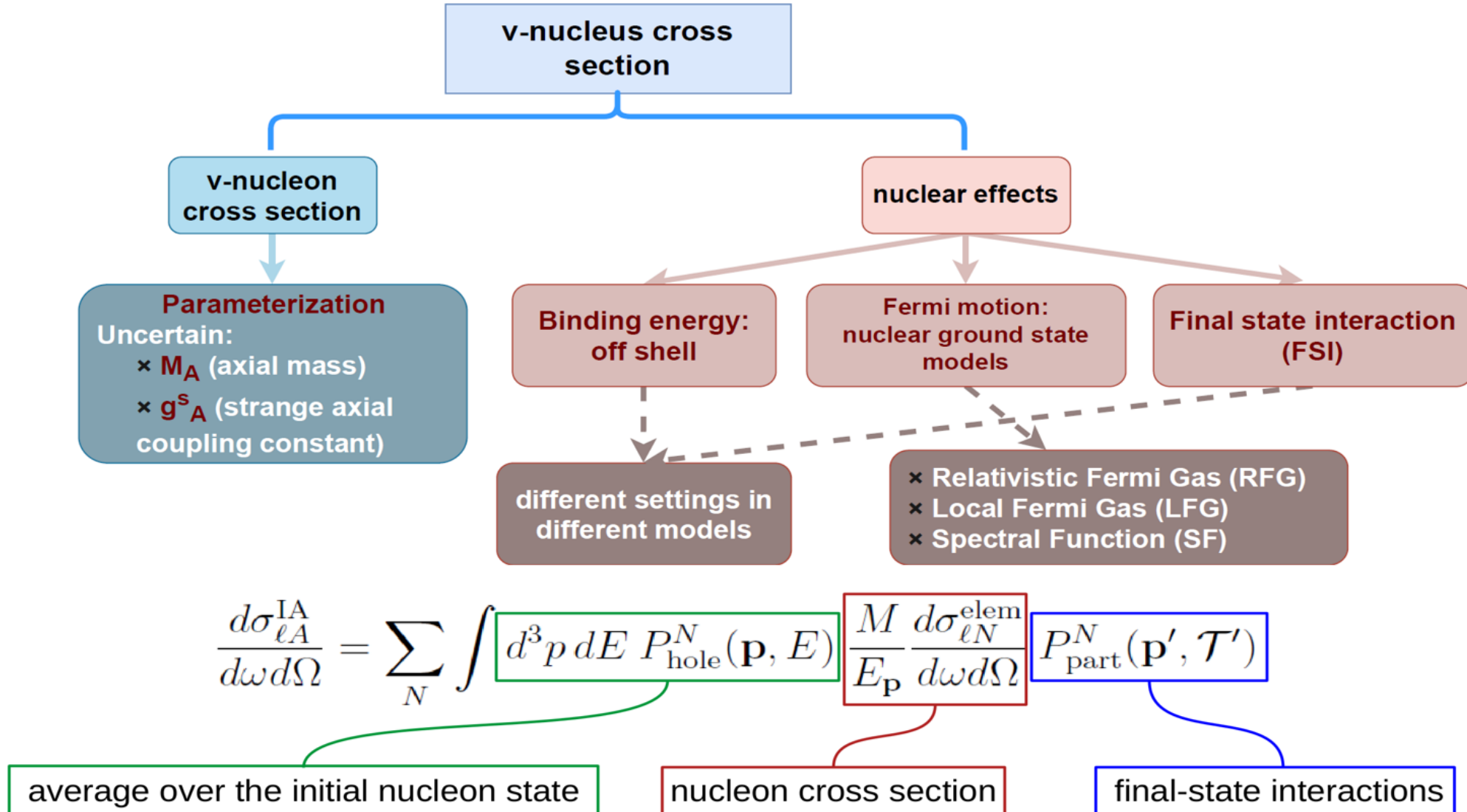
A NEUTRINO INTERACTION SIMULATION PROGRAM LIBRARY NEUT*





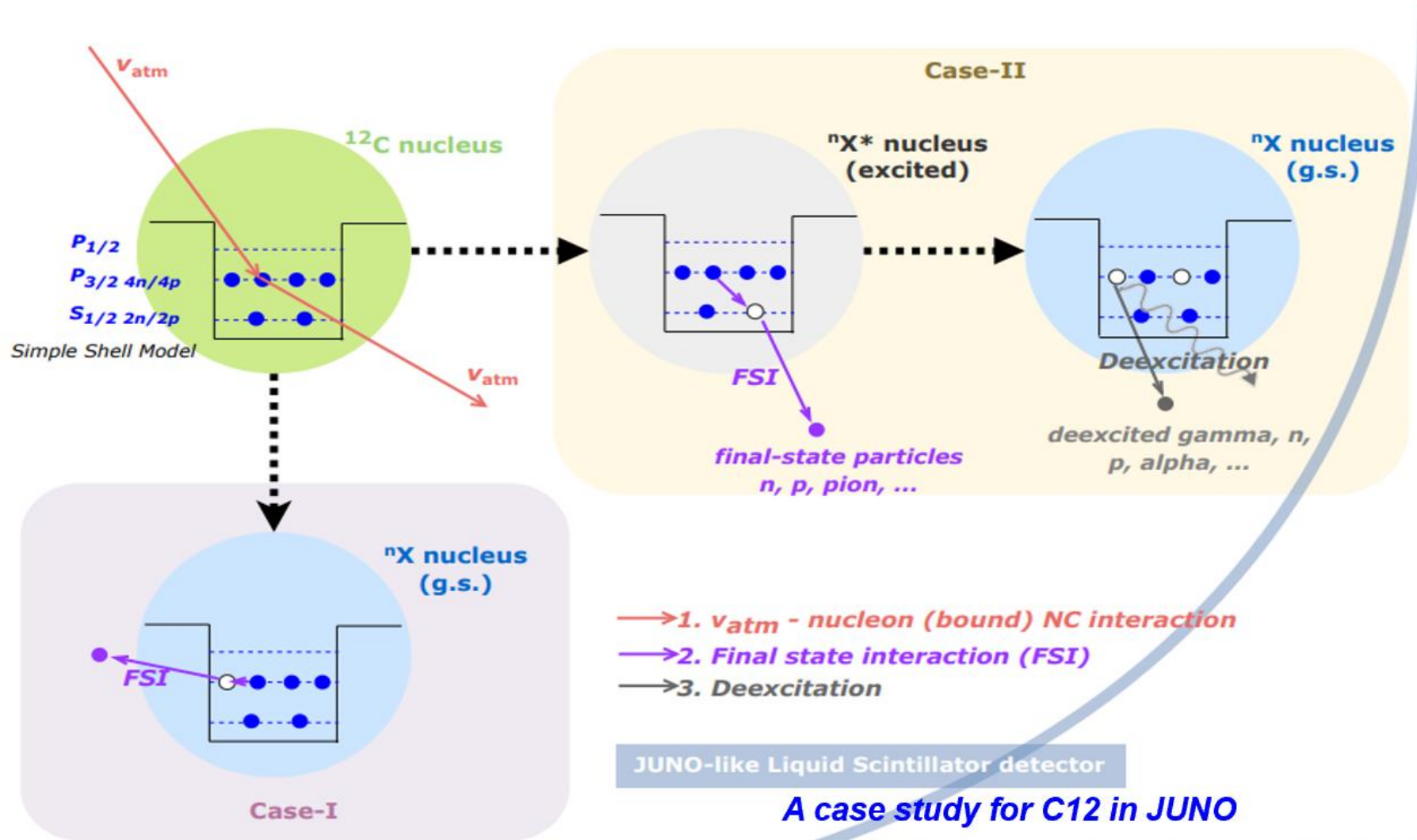
C: General components in generators

Brief summary of GeV neutrino interaction models





C: New component: adding deexcitation

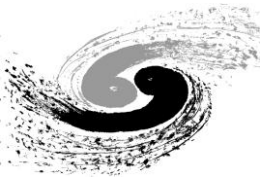


A case study for C12 in JUNO

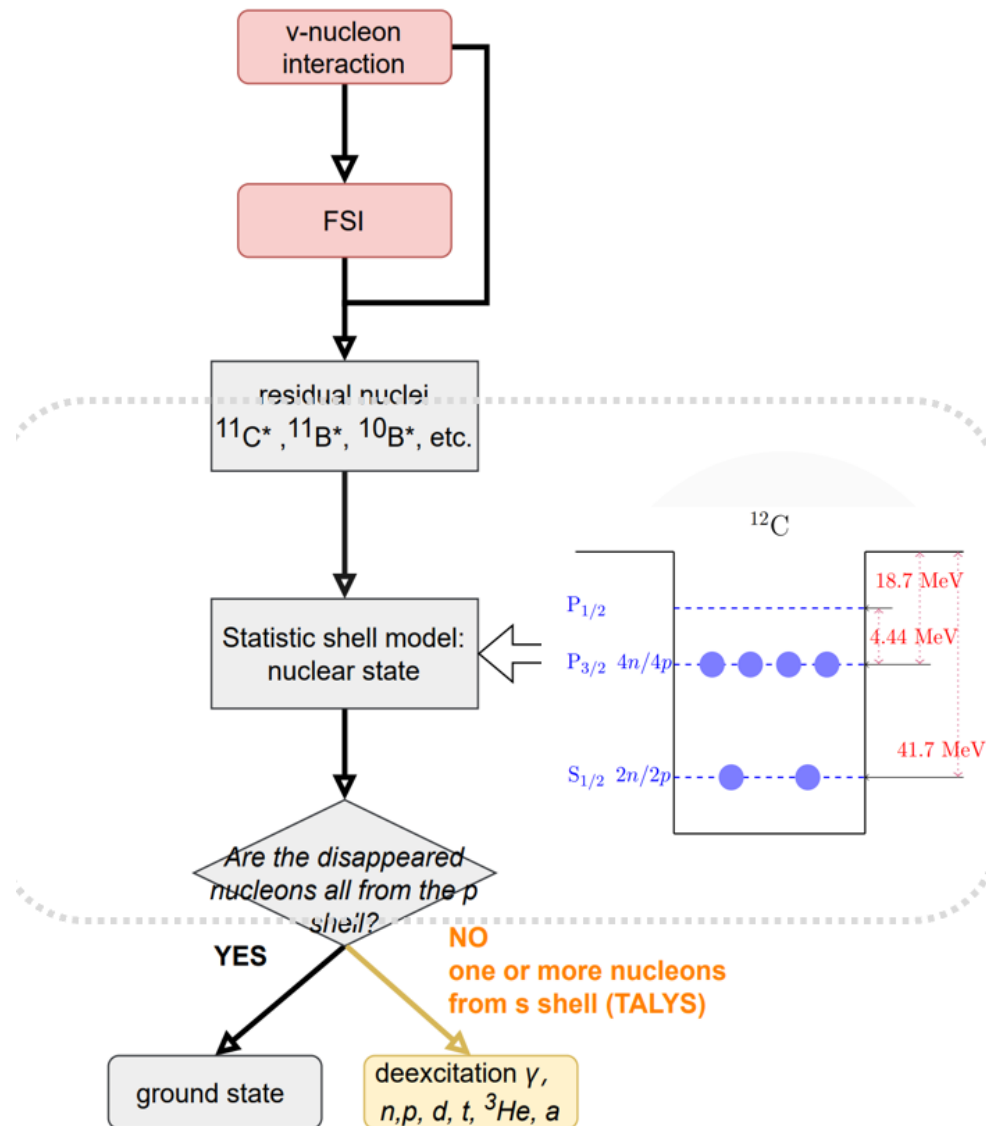
Cheng, YFL, et al., *Phys. Rev. D* 103, 05001 (2021)

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Cheng, Li, YFL, et al, *Eur.Phys.J.C* 85, 295 (2025)



C: TALYS-based Deexcitation



Simple shell model →

Status of the residual nuclei

- All residual nuclei with $A > 5$ have been considered
- Taking $^{11}\text{C}^*$, $^{11}\text{B}^*$, $^{10}\text{C}^*$, $^{10}\text{Be}^*$ and $^{10}\text{B}^*$ for example

Daughter Nuclei	Shell Hole	Configuration Probability	Excitation Energy
$^{11}\text{C}^*$ or $^{11}\text{B}^*$	$s_{1/2}$	1/3	$E^* = 23 \text{ MeV}$
	$p_{3/2}$	2/3	$E^* = 0 \text{ MeV}$
$^{10}\text{C}^*$ or $^{10}\text{Be}^*$	$s_{1/2}$	1/15	$E^* = 46 \text{ MeV}$
	$p_{3/2}$	6/15	$E^* = 0 \text{ MeV}$
	$s_{1/2} \& p_{3/2}$	8/15	$E^* = 23 \text{ MeV}$
$^{10}\text{B}^*$	$s_{1/2}$	1/9	$E^* = 46 \text{ MeV}$
	$p_{3/2}$	4/9	$E^* = 0 \text{ MeV}$
	$s_{1/2} \& p_{3/2}$	4/9	$E^* = 23 \text{ MeV}$

Triggered a variety of research interest in the neutrino interaction community:

Abe, PRD (2024), 2508.04040, etc.

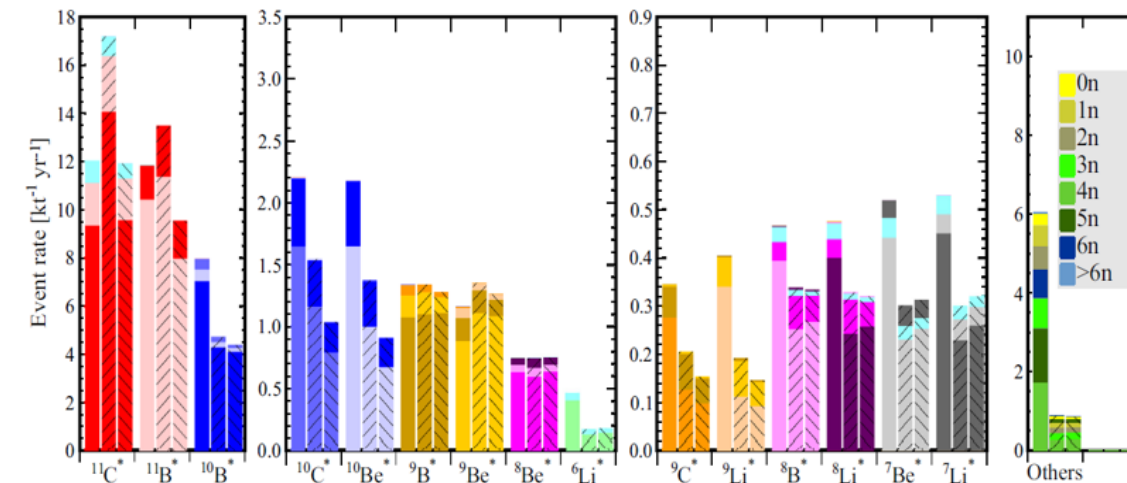
Guo et al, PLB (2022), PLB (2025) etc.

Gardiner, MARLEY, etc.

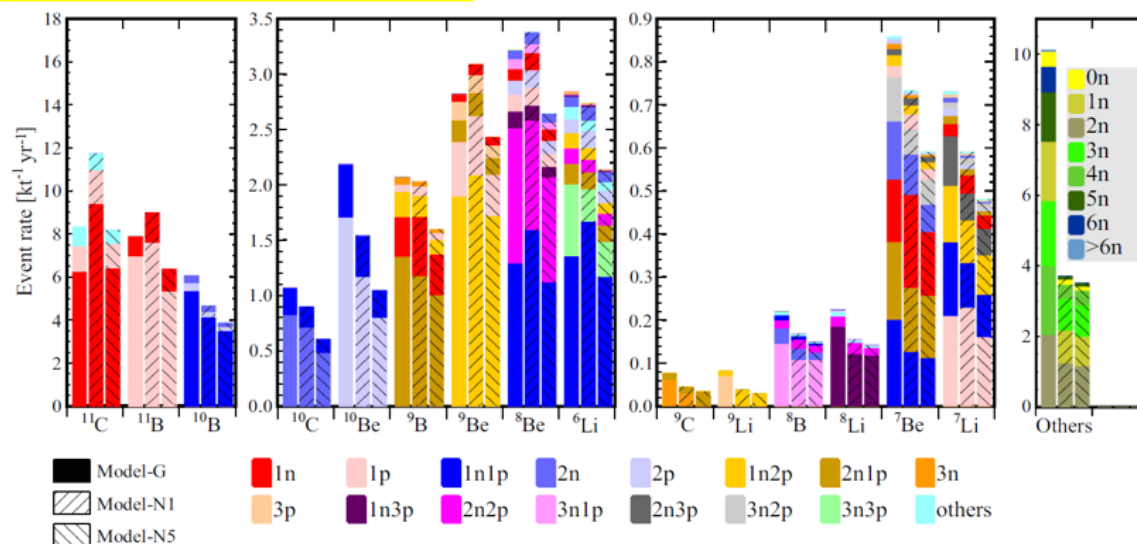


C: Impact on exclusive cross sections

Before deexcitation



After deexcitation

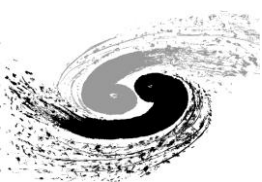


➤ ¹¹C, ¹¹B, ¹⁰B reduced, and lighter nuclei increased; neutron multiplicity redistributed.

➤ Exclusive final-state information, such as **neutron multiplicity, charge pion multiplicity, unstable nuclei,** is important for

(a) Energy reconstruction

(b) Evaluate systematics

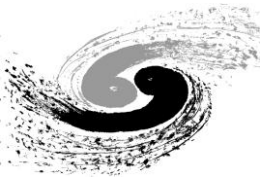


Summary and outlook



- After 17 years efforts, from idea to construction, JUNO detector is fully completed, despite numerous challenges
- Initial testing and performance studies show that key specifications have been mostly met
- We are excited to have started the physics data taking
- **Many important and challenging topics on neutrino-scattering physics!**

Physics	Sensitivity	<i>PPNP 123 (2022) 103927</i>
Neutrino Mass Ordering	3σ ($\sim 1\sigma$) in 6 yrs by reactor (atmospheric) $\bar{\nu}_e$	
Neutrino Oscillation Parameters	Precision of $\sin^2\theta_{12}$, Δm_{21}^2 , $ \Delta m_{32}^2 < 0.5\%$ in 6 yrs	
Supernova Burst (10 kpc)	~ 5000 IBD, ~ 300 eES and ~ 2000 pES of all-flavor neutrinos	
Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background	3σ in 3 yrs	
Solar neutrino	Measure Be7, pep, CNO simultaneously, measure B8 flux independently	
Nucleon decays ($p \rightarrow \bar{\nu} K^+$)	9.6×10^{33} years (90% C.L.) in 10 yrs (<i>CPC 47, 113002 (2023)</i>)	
Geo-neutrino	~ 400 per year, 8% measurement in 10 yrs	



Central detector (acrylic tank)



LS container:

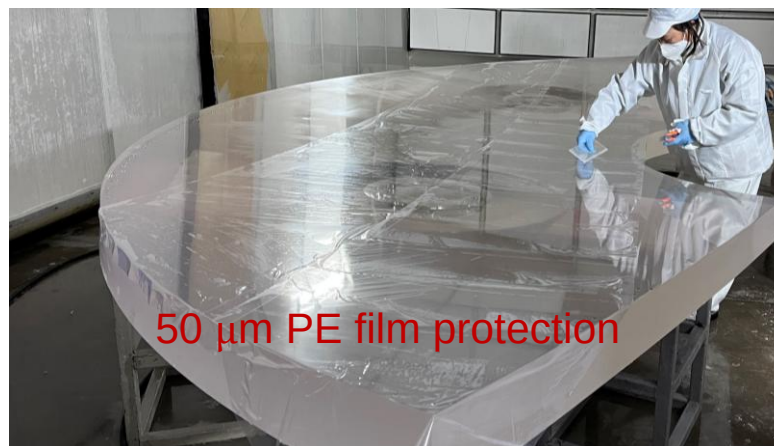
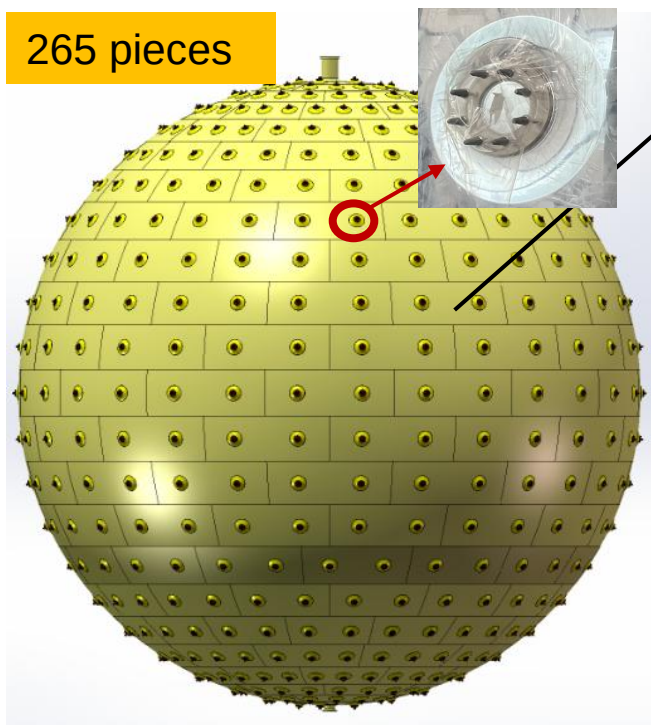
Inner diameter: 35.40 ± 0.04 m

Thickness: 124 ± 4 mm

Light transparency $> 96\%$ @ LS

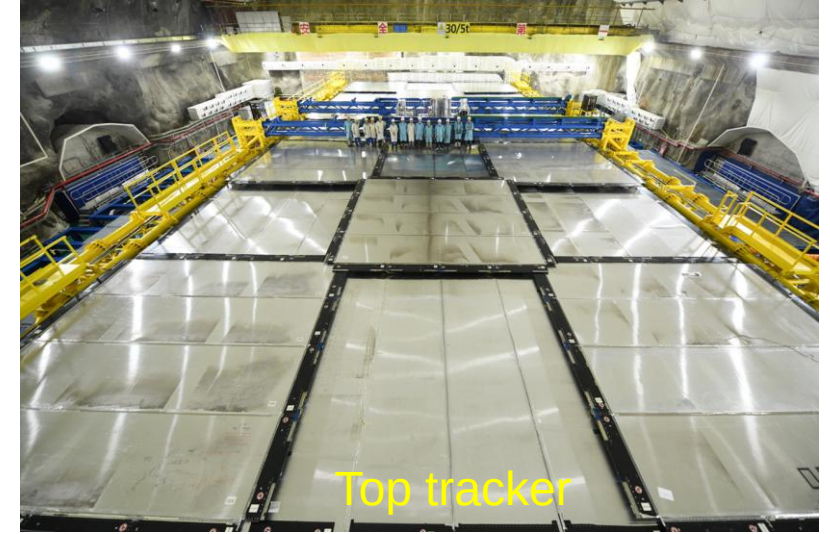
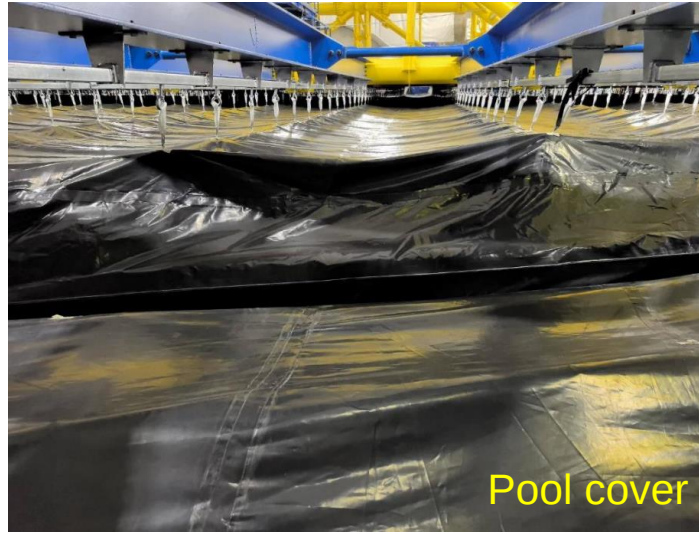
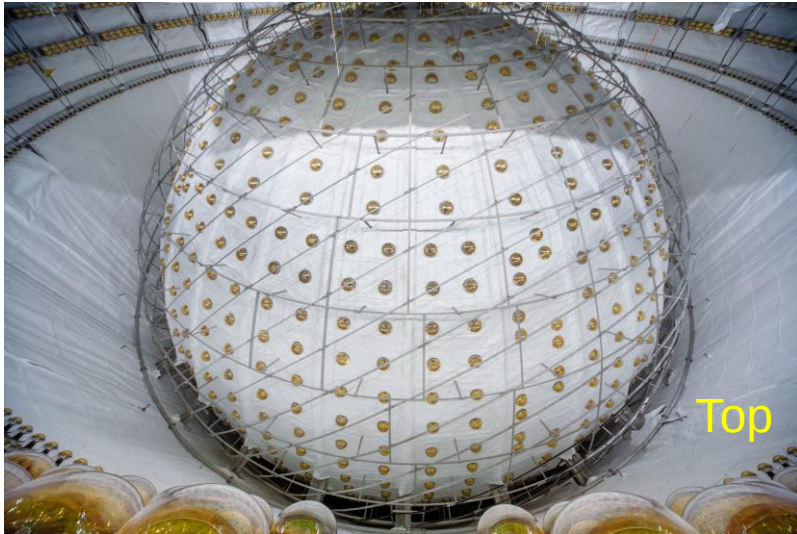
Radiopurity: U/Th/K < 1 ppt

265 pieces





Veto detector



Water Cherenkov:

- ✓ 40 kt pure water for backgrounds shielding & tagging + 2400 20" PMTs + Tyvek for light reflection
- ✓ 100 t/h pure water production system
- ✓ Pool lining: 5 mm HDPE for clean water and Rn prevention
- ✓ Pool cover by using 0.6 mm vulcanized fabric

Top tracker: refurbished OPERA plastic scintillators

Earth magnetic field compensation coil

