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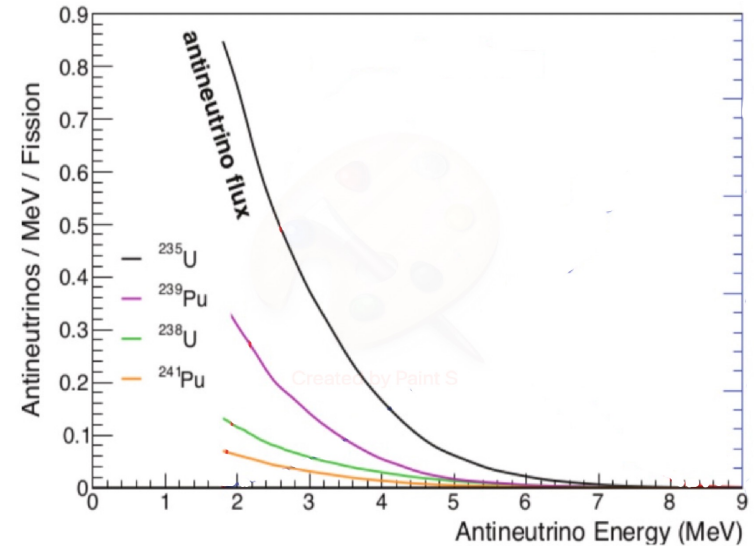
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Giorgio Bendiscioli - Fenomeni radioattivi. Dai nuclei alle stelle-Springer Milan (2013)

JUNO YELLOW BOOK: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.05613> J. Phys. G **43** (2016) n.3 030401

Nuclear power plants are an intense source of **electron antineutrinos**



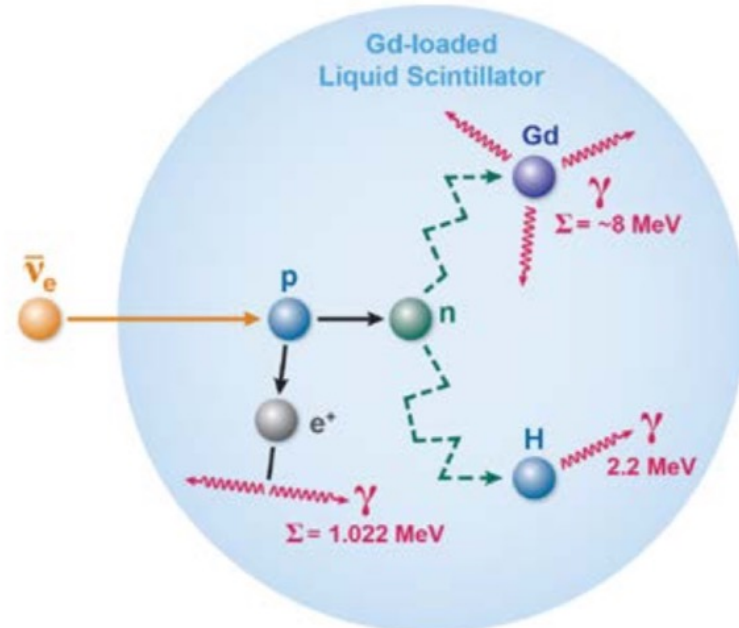
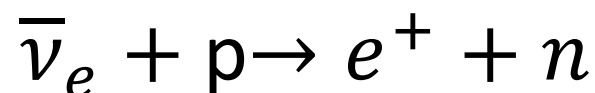
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Source: } & \text{pure } \bar{\nu}_e \\
 & \approx 200 \text{ MeV} / \text{fission} \\
 & \approx 6 \bar{\nu}_e / \text{fission} \\
 & \approx 2 \cdot 10^{20} \bar{\nu}_e / \text{GW}_{th} / \text{sec}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Il flusso degli anti- ν_e è approssimativamente dato da

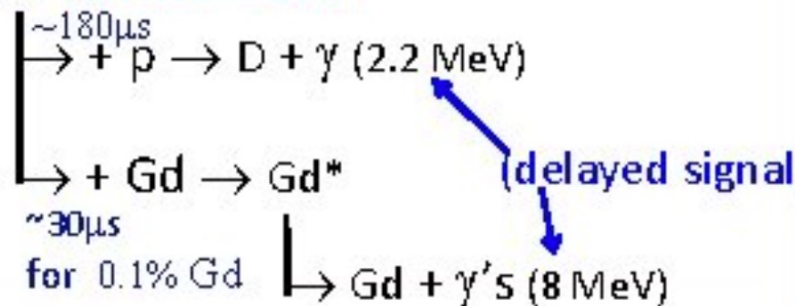
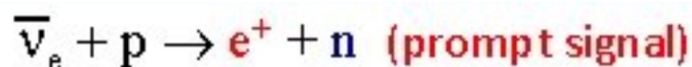
$$\phi \sim 1.5 \times 10^{15} P/L^2 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

dove P è la potenza termica del reattore espressa in GW e L la distanza espressa in metri

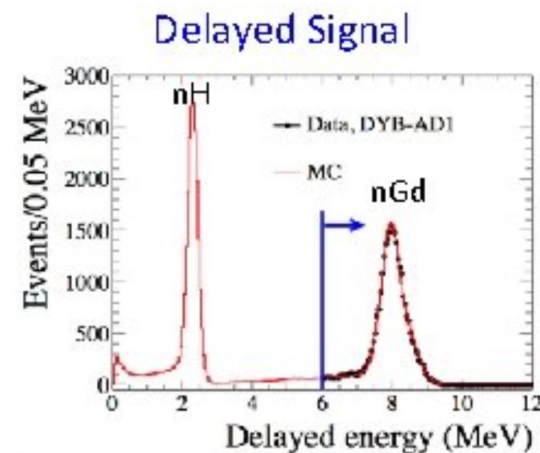
electron anti-neutrino are **detected**
through IBD (**Inverse Beta Decay**)



$$E_{vis}(e^+) = E_{\bar{\nu}} - 1806 \text{ keV} + 511 \text{ keV} + 511 \text{ keV} = E_{\bar{\nu}} - 784 \text{ keV}$$



- Coincidence signals to suppress background



Cinematica dell'Inverse Beta Decay

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

- Momentum conservation:

$$\vec{p}_{\nu_e} + \vec{p}_p = \vec{p}_{e^+} + \vec{p}_n$$

Most of the time $\vec{p}_p = \vec{0}$ (lab frame)

- Energy conservation:

$$E_{\nu_e} + E_p = E_{e^+} + E_n$$

neglecting neutron recoil

$$E_{\nu_e} + m_p c^2 = E_{e^+} + m_n c^2$$

$$E_{\nu_e} = E_{e^+} + (m_n - m_p) c^2 = E_{e^+} + \Delta$$

$$E_{e^+} = T_{e^+} + m_e c^2$$

$$E_{\nu_e} = T_{e^+} + m_e c^2 + \Delta$$

- Energy threshold:

$$\Delta \approx 1.293 \text{ MeV}$$

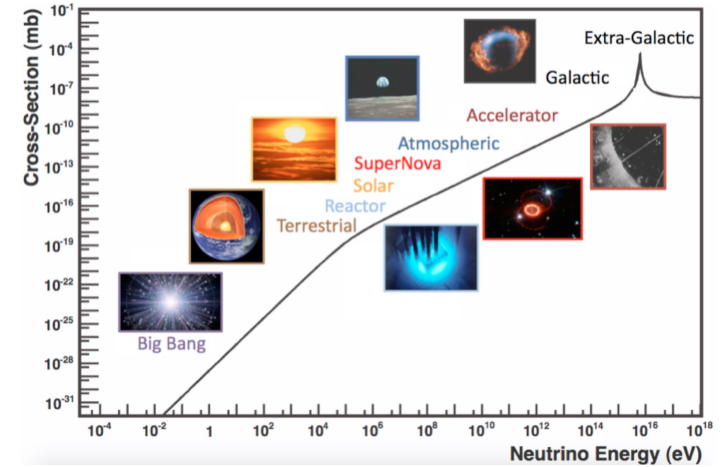
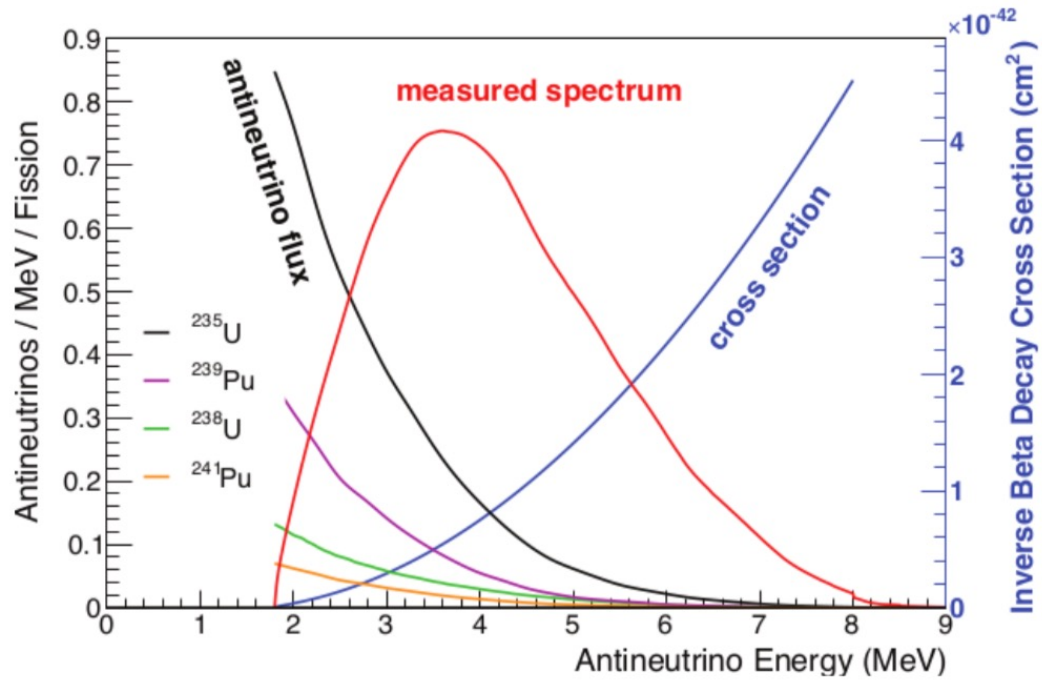
$$m_e c^2 \approx 0.5 \text{ MeV}$$

$$T_{e^+} = \Delta + m_e c^2 - E_{\nu_e}$$

$$T_{e^+} = 0 \rightarrow E_{\nu_e} = 1.804 \text{ MeV} = E_{\text{th, approx}}$$

But exact threshold given by :

$$E_{\text{th, true}} = \frac{(m_n + m_e)^2 - m_p^2}{2m_p} = 1.806 \text{ MeV}$$



$$S(E_\nu) \approx c \cdot \sum_i f_i \cdot S_i(E_\nu) \cdot \sigma(E_\nu)$$

Observed $\bar{\nu}_e$
spectrum

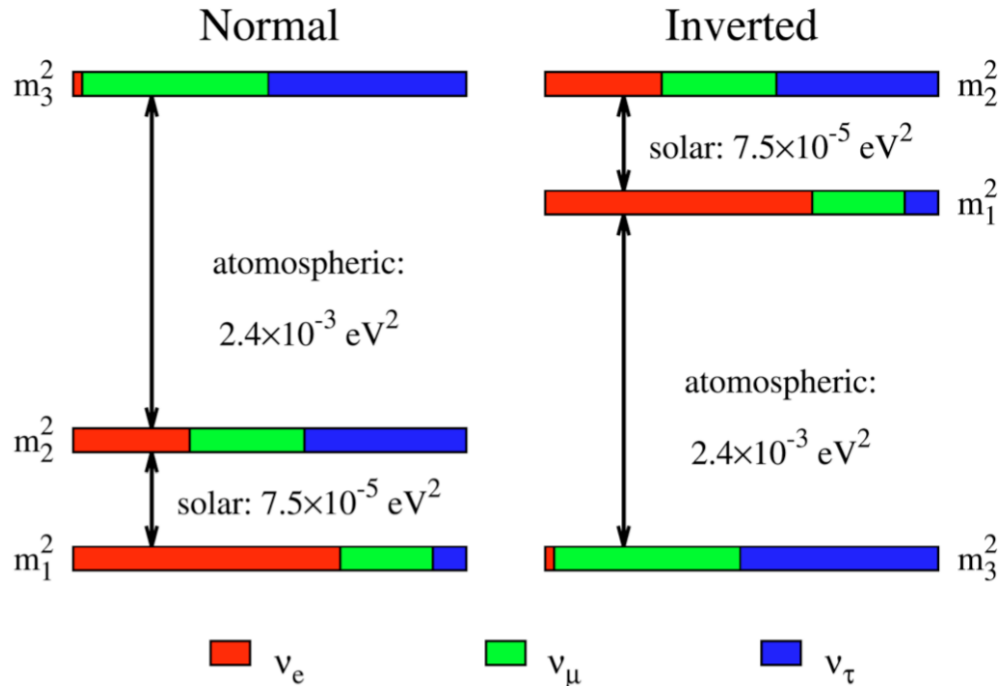
Isotope
fission
fraction

Isotope
neutrino
spectra

IBD
Xsec

- Threshold: 1.8 MeV

Determination of the Neutrino Mass Ordering (NMO)



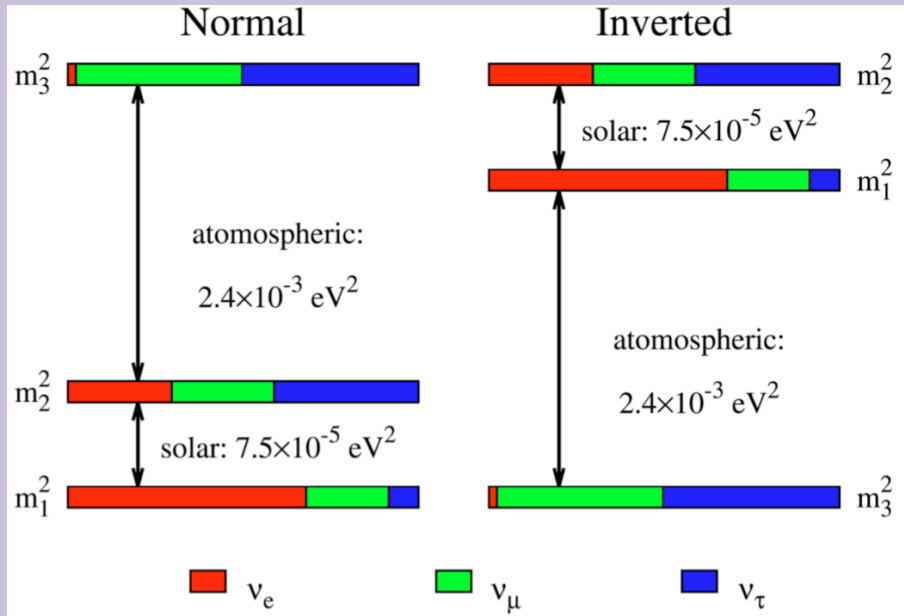
- ν_1, ν_2, ν_3 defined according to fraction of ν_e
- ν_2 is heavier than ν_1 (sun+MSW)
- **We do not know** if ν_3 is

heavier (Normal Ordering) or
lighter (Inverted Ordering) than ν_2

NO: $|\Delta m_{31}^2| = |\Delta m_{32}^2| + \Delta m_{21}^2$

IO: $|\Delta m_{31}^2| = |\Delta m_{32}^2| - \Delta m_{21}^2$

$$\Delta m_{ij}^2 \equiv m_i^2 - m_j^2$$



$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n U_{\alpha i}^* |\nu_i\rangle \quad \nu_\alpha \equiv \nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$$

$$\nu_i \equiv \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{U} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Tralasciamo la fase δ di Dirac ed introduciamo i valori degli angoli di mescolamento senza il loro errore:

$$\vartheta_{13} \simeq 8.5^\circ$$

$$\vartheta_{12} \simeq 34^\circ$$

$$\vartheta_{23} \simeq 45^\circ$$

Otteniamo:
$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8199313105799922 & 0.5530506522119778 & 0.14780941112961063 \\ -0.48205764462508816 & 0.5277729040674154 & 0.6993398236842793 \\ 0.308760543446031 & -0.6446632747567932 & 0.6993398236842793 \end{pmatrix}$$

Per passare alla Probabilità dobbiamo elevare al quadrato:

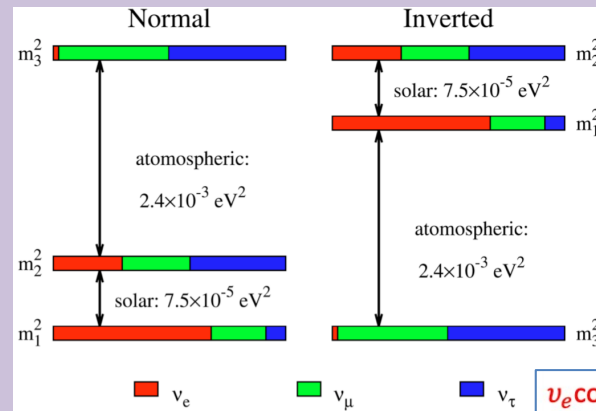
$$m_i^2 = \langle \nu_i | \nu_i \rangle = |U_{ei}|^2 \langle \nu_e | \nu_e \rangle + |U_{\mu i}|^2 \langle \nu_\mu | \nu_\mu \rangle + |U_{\tau i}|^2 \langle \nu_\tau | \nu_\tau \rangle$$

67.25%	30.55%	2.2%
23.25%	27.85%	48.9%
9.5%	41.60%	48.9%

*Abbiamo poi arrotondato i valori (espressi in percentuale) in modo che, sia la somma delle righe che quella delle colonne sia pari al 100%. **UNITARIETA'**: $U \cdot U^* = 1$*

Ad esempio: $|U_{e1}|^2 + |U_{e2}|^2 + |U_{e3}|^2 = 1$
 $|U_{e1}|^2 + |U_{\mu 1}|^2 + |U_{\tau 1}|^2 = 1$

	ν_1	ν_2	ν_3
ν_e	67.25 %	30.55 %	2.2 %
ν_μ	23.25 %	27.85 %	48.9 %
ν_τ	9.5 %	41.60 %	48.9 %



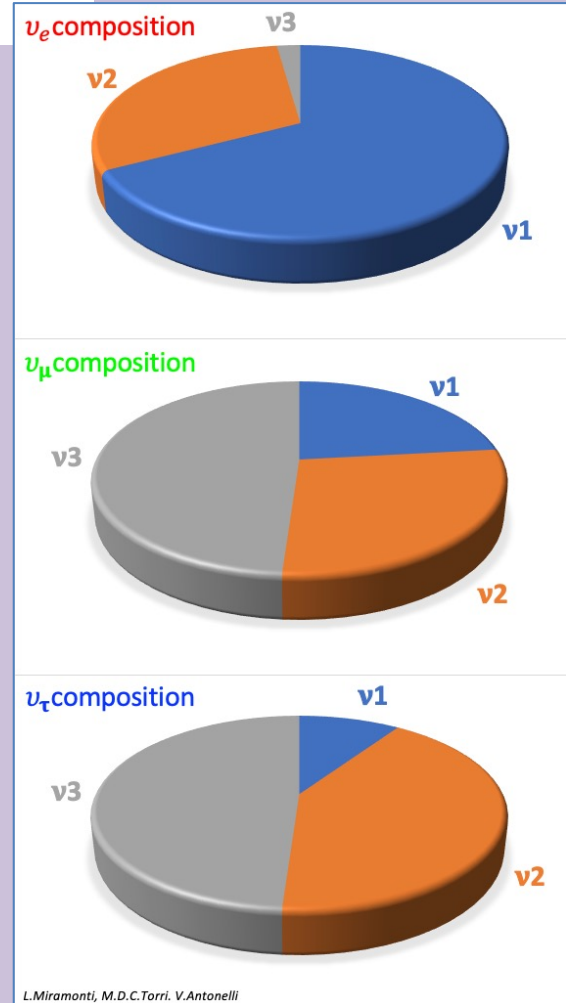
Il ν_1 è composto per la maggior parte da ν_e

Il ν_3 è quello che ha il minor contributo di ν_e

Per tanto:

Un fascio di ν_e è composto per la maggior parte da ν_1

Un fascio di ν_τ è quello che ha il minor contributo di ν_1



It is possible to infer the **Neutrino Mass Ordering** studying the **interference effect** between the oscillations driven by Δm_{sol}^2 and Δm_{atm}^2 using reactor experiments (2002 Petcov and Piai)

$$\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2, \Delta m_{32}^2}{\Delta m_{21}^2} \approx \frac{\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2}{\Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2} \approx \frac{2.4 \cdot 10^{-3}}{7.5 \cdot 10^{-5}} \approx \frac{1}{30}$$

$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{12} \approx \sin^2 2 \cdot 34^\circ \approx 0.86$$

$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{13} \approx \sin^2 2 \cdot 8.5^\circ \approx 0.085$$

$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{23} \approx \sin^2 2 \cdot 45^\circ \approx 1$$

ϑ_{23} Non rientra nell'equazione

Electron antineutrino
survival probability:

$$P_{\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e} = 1 - \underbrace{\cos^4 \vartheta_{13} \sin^2 2\vartheta_{12} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E}}_{\text{(slow)}} - \underbrace{\sin^2 2\vartheta_{13} \left(\cos^2 \vartheta_{12} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} + \sin^2 \vartheta_{12} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E} \right)}_{\text{(fast)}}$$

$$\cos^4 \vartheta_{13} \approx \cos^4 8.5^\circ \approx 0.96$$

Per $\vartheta_{13} = 0$

$$P_{\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e} = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E}$$

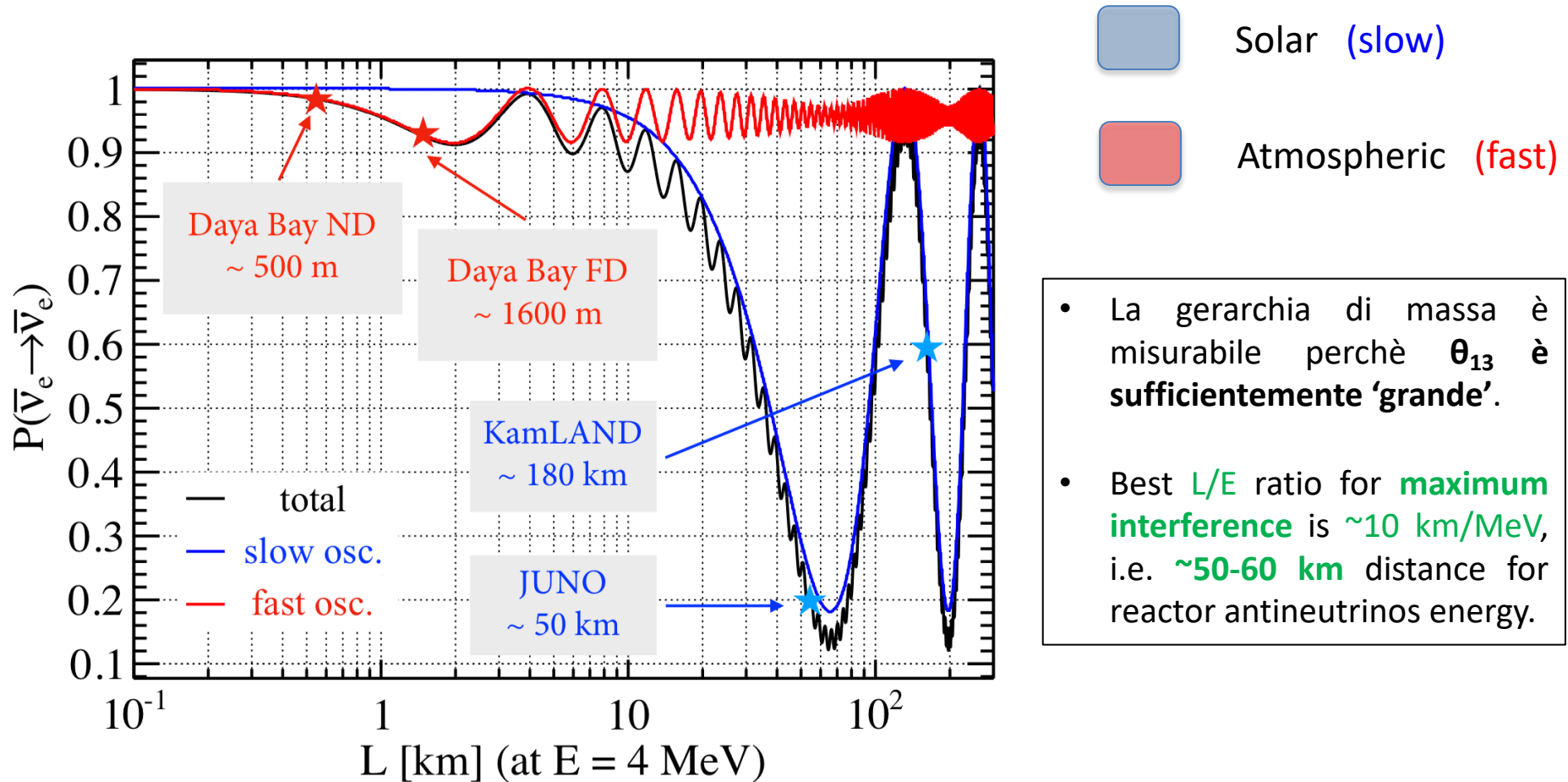


Solar (slow)



Atmospheric (fast)

$$P_{\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e} = 1 - \underbrace{\cos^4 \vartheta_{13} \sin^2 2\vartheta_{12} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E}}_{\text{(slow)}} - \underbrace{\sin^2 2\vartheta_{13} \left(\cos^2 \vartheta_{12} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} + \sin^2 \vartheta_{12} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E} \right)}_{\text{(fast)}}$$



JUNO will be the first experiment able to measure simultaneously the **fast** (Δm_{31}^2) and **slow** (Δm_{21}^2) oscillations

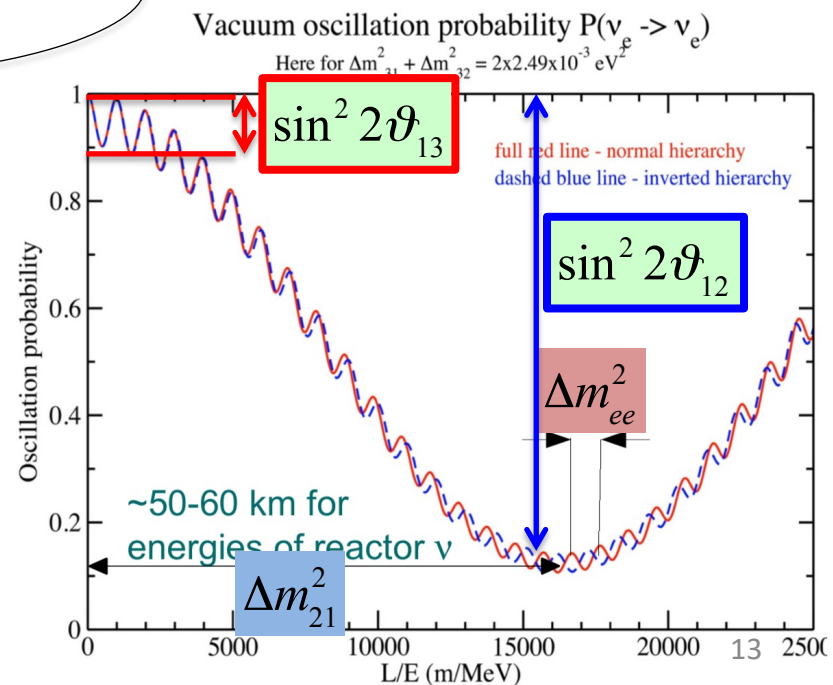
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Effective neutrino mass-squared difference:
(beat frequency)

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

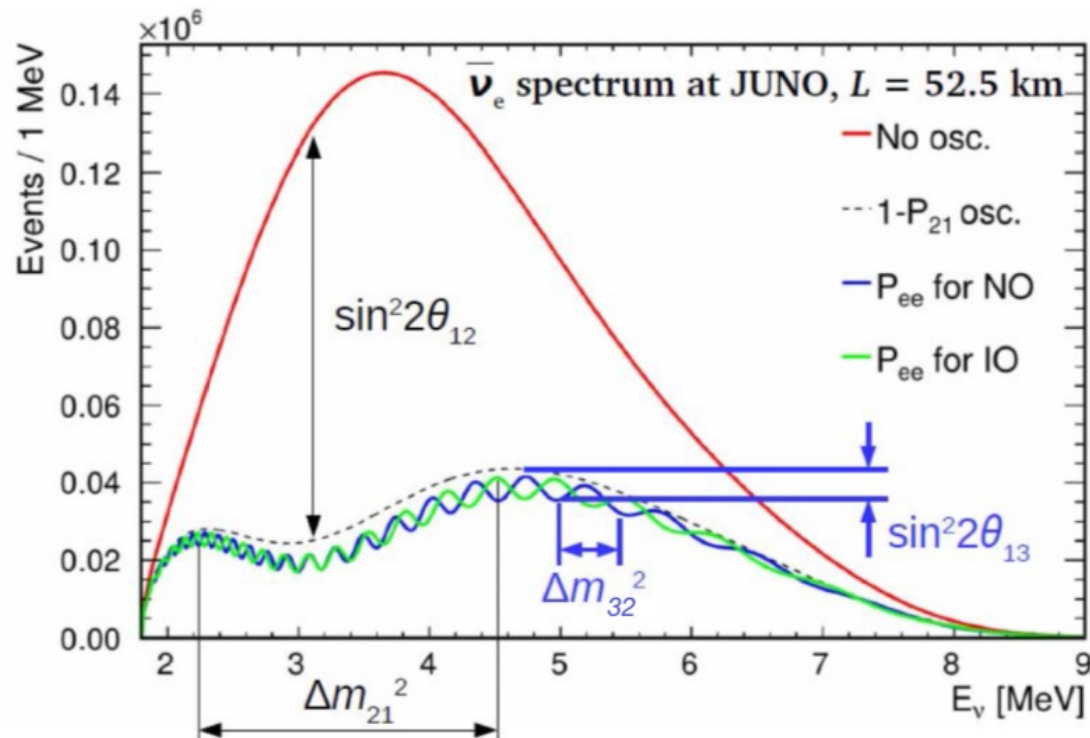
Difference between:

- Normal Ordering
- Inverted Ordering



Spettro atteso in JUNO (L=52.5 km)

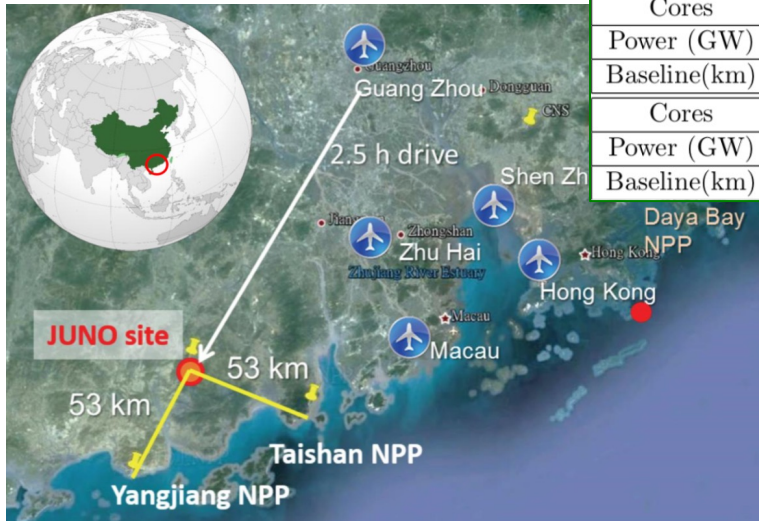
$$F(E) = \Phi(E) \sigma(E) P_{\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e} \left(\frac{L}{E} \right)$$



The Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory (JUNO)

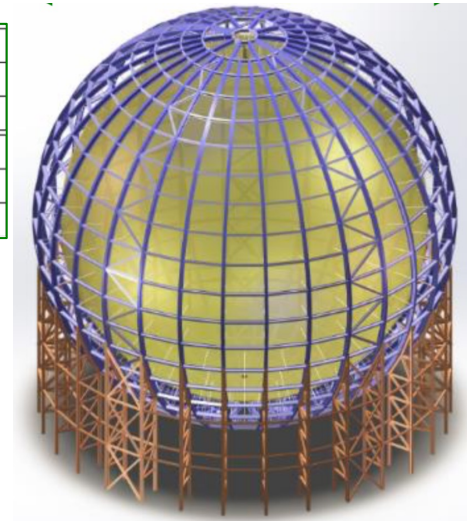
large liquid scintillator detector under construction in China.

- ~ **20 ktons** of **liquid scintillator** contained in an **Acrylic Sphere** of **35.4 m in diameter**
- ~ **53 km** from two nuclear power plants: **Yangjian** and **Taishan**



Cores	YJ-C1	YJ-C2	YJ-C3	YJ-C4	YJ-C5	YJ-C6
Power (GW)	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Baseline(km)	52.75	52.84	52.42	52.51	52.12	52.21
Cores	TS-C1	TS-C2	TS-C3	TS-C4	DYB	HZ
Power (GW)	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	17.4	17.4
Baseline(km)	52.76	52.63	52.32	52.20	215	265

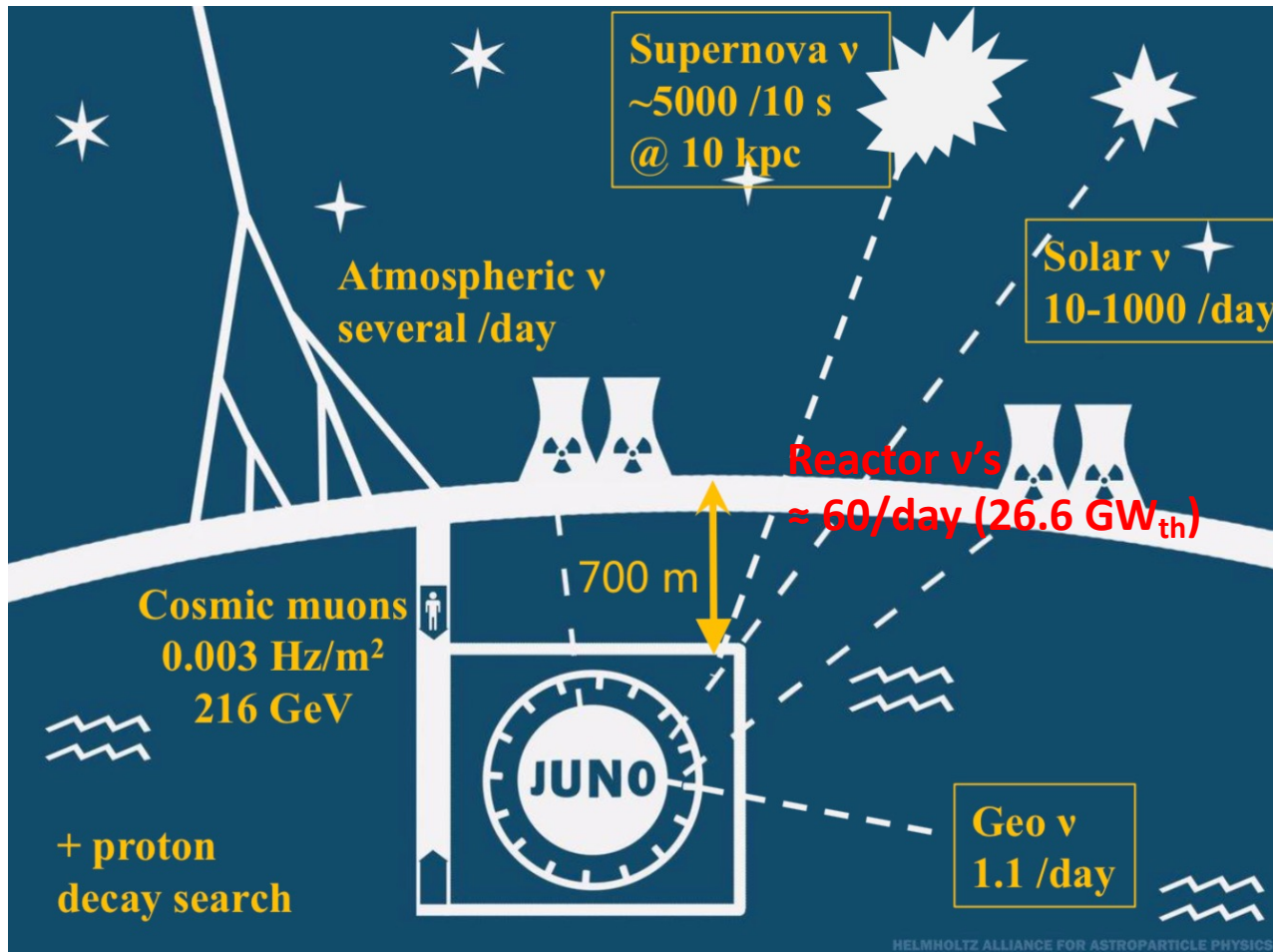
Total power: 35.8 GW
by 2020: 26.6 GW



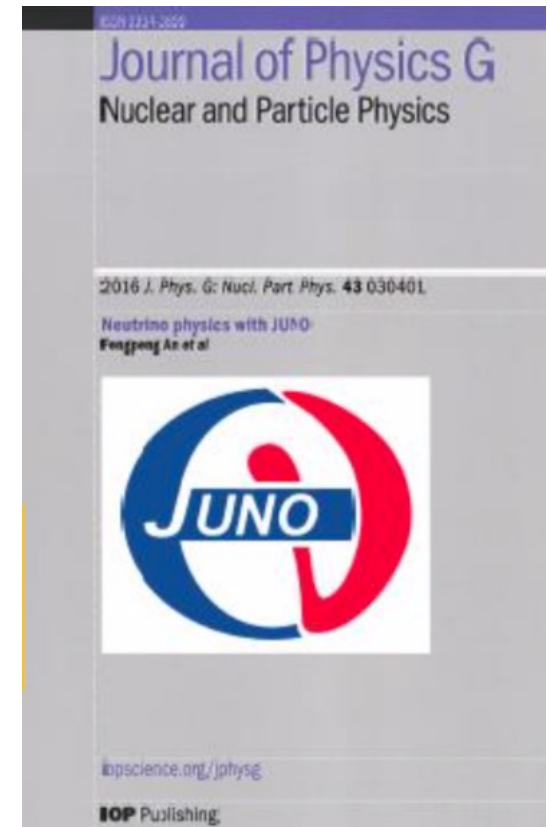
Experiment	Daya Bay	Borexino	KamLAND	JUNO
LS mass (tons)	20 /detector	~300	~1,000	20,000
Nb of collected p.e. per MeV	~160	~500	~250	~1200
Energy resolution @ 1 MeV	~7.5%	~5%	~6%	~3%

A Multipurpose Neutrino Observatory

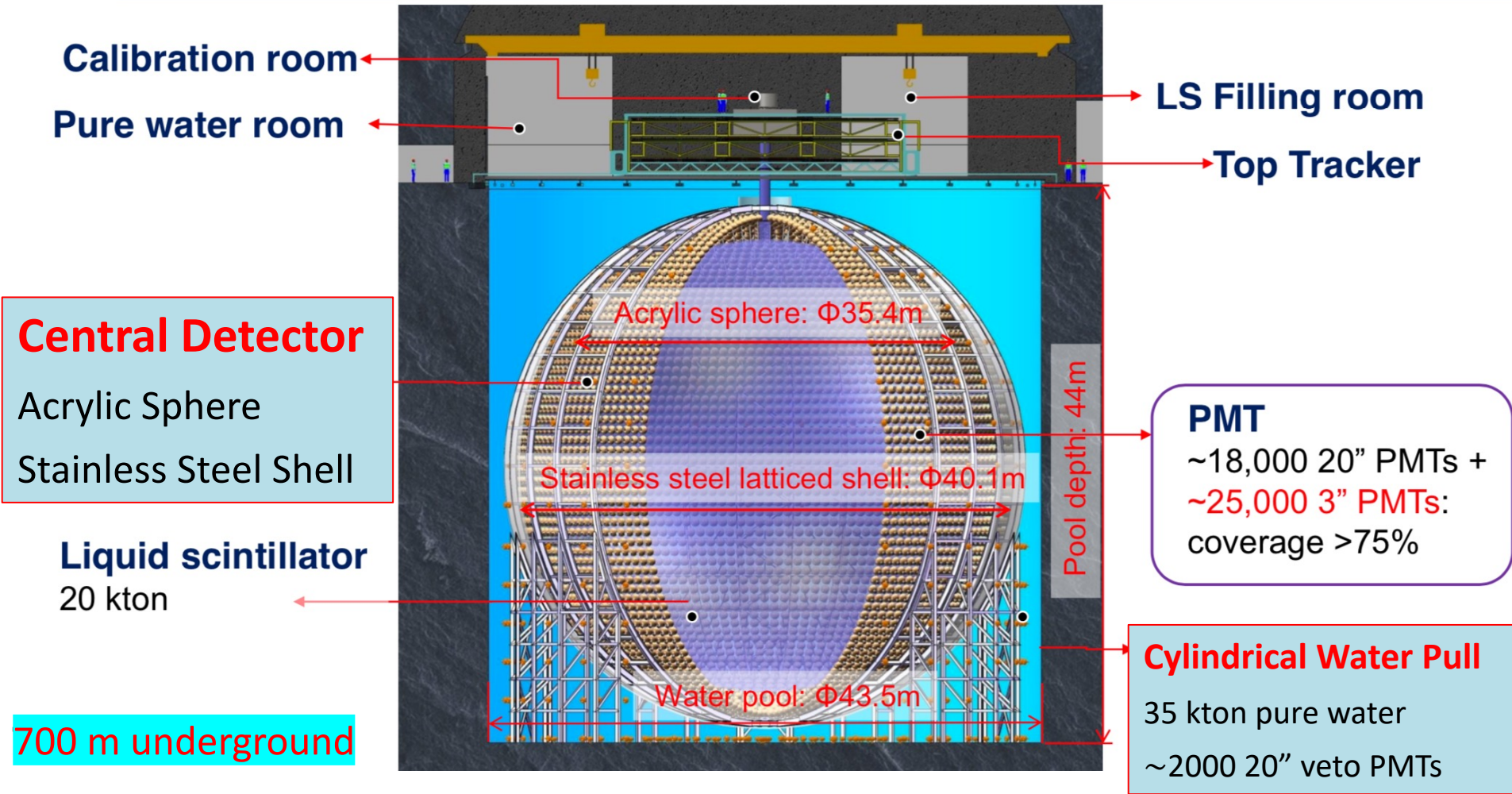
.....not only anti- ν_e from reactors



Neutrino Physics with JUNO
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JUNO Detector Concept



JUNO Liquid Scintillator

Composition:

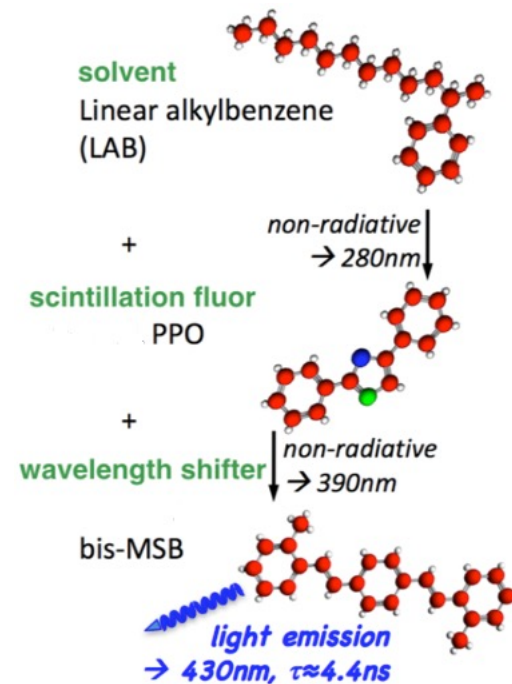
- LAB
- PPO (2.5 g/l)
- bis-MSB (3 mg/l)

(60 ton of PPO and 72 kg of bis-MSB in total)

Requirements:

- High light yield (10^4 photons/MeV)
- Attenuation length: > 20 m @ 430 nm
- Good radiopurity:
 $^{238}\text{U}/^{232}\text{Th} < 10^{-15}$ g/g, $^{40}\text{K} < 10^{-16}$ g/g.

LS & purification are being tested in a Daya Bay detector



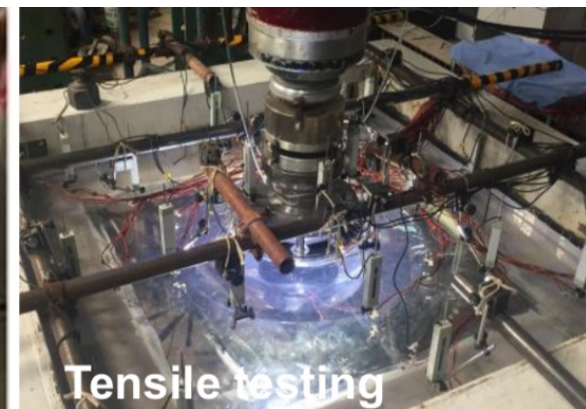
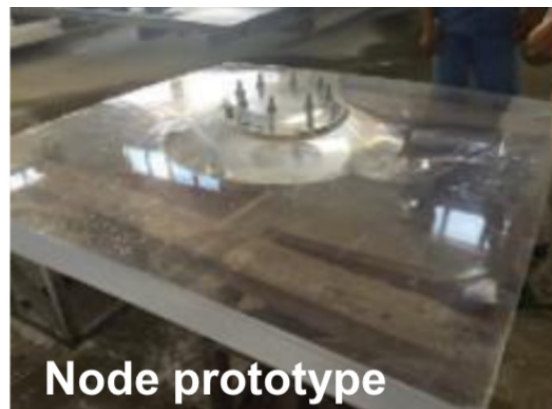
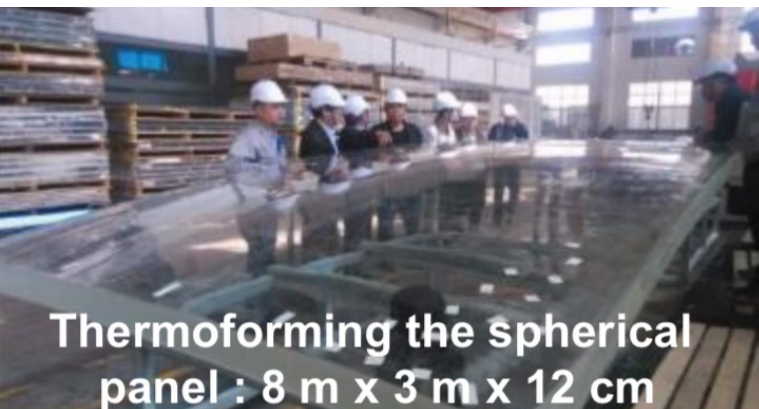
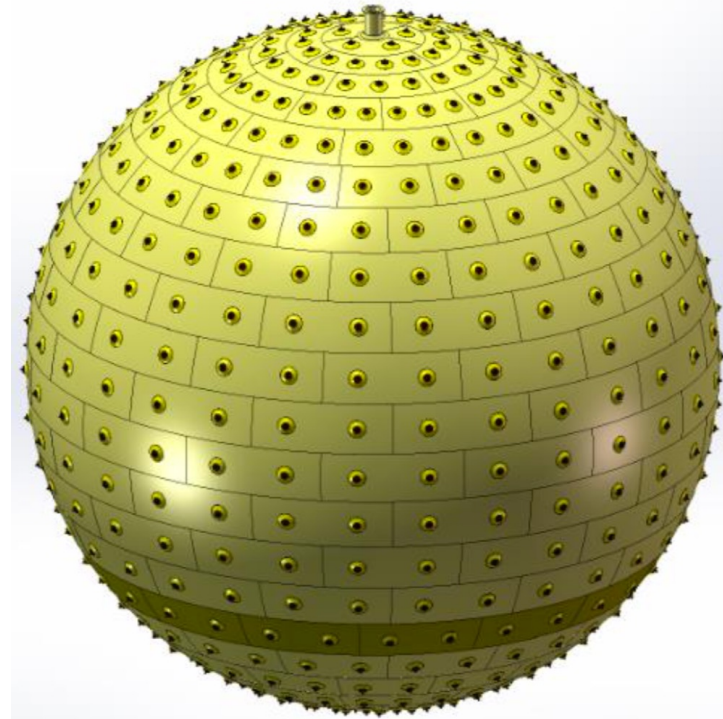
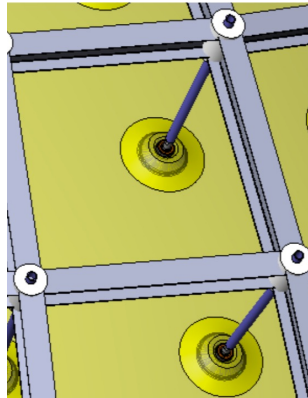
Purification:

- **Distillation** (remove heavy metals and increase transparency)
- **Filtration with Al_2O_3 column purification** (remove impurities and increase attenuation length)
- **Water extraction** (remove U/Th/K)
- **Gas stripping** (remove Ar/Kr/Rn)

JUNO Acrylic and CD Prototype

The **Central Detector** is composed by **260 acrylic panels** with **12 cm thickness** (total weight of ~600 tons)

A JUNO 1:12 **prototype** has been successfully built at IHEP !

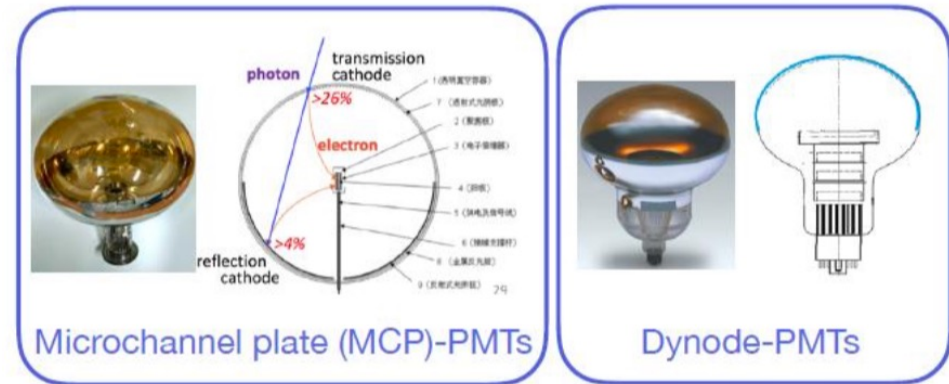
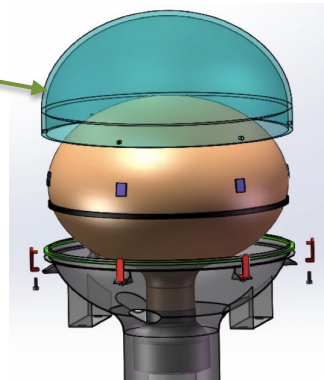


Photodetection System - Large PMT System

JUNO will use **2 types of large 20-inch PMTs** as its main photodetection system

- **15000 MCP-PMTs** from **NNVT** (*Northern Night Vision Technology*)
- **5000 dynode-PMTs** from **Hamamatsu** (*R12860 HQE*)

All PMTs are equipped with an implosion protection cover.



Characteristics	unit	MCP-PMT (NNVT)	R12860 (Hamamatsu)
Detection efficiency (QE*CE)	%	27 (increased to 30)	27
P/V of SPE		3.5, >2.8	3, >2.5
TTS on top point	ns	~12, <15	2.7, <3.5
Rise time/Fall time	ns	R~2, F~12	R~5, F~9
After pulse rate	%	1, <2	10, <15
Glas radioactivity	ppb	238U : 50 232Th : 50 40K : 20	238U : 400 232Th : 400 40K : 40

Photodetection System - Small PMT System

JUNO will also have **to control the non-stochastic term** of the energy resolution at an unprecedented level below (**<1%**)

$$\frac{\sigma(E)}{E} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{\text{STOCH}}^2}{E} + \sigma_{\text{NON-STOCH}}^2}$$

JUNO will use also **3-inch PMTs** as a complementary photodetection system in order to

- a. improve the **control of systematics**
- b. increase the **dynamic range**

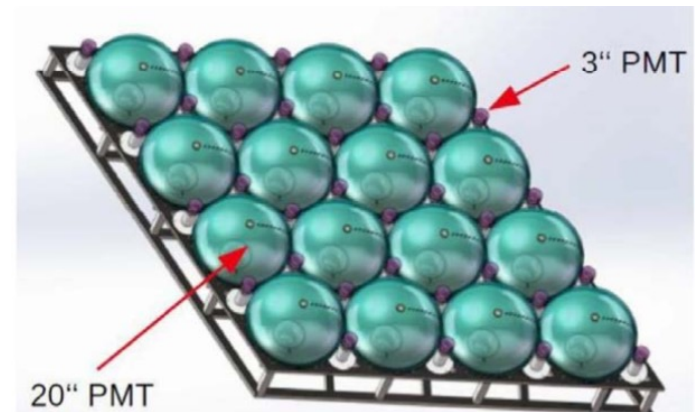
*Helps with large signals
(e.g. muons, supernova)*



JUNO custom design: XP72B22
QE 24%, Peak / Valley 3.0, TTS 2-5 ns

Operate in photon-counting mode.

25600 PMTs from **HZC Photonics** (Hainan, PR China) 2.5% coverage



Arrangement of large and small PMTs

In order to obtain:

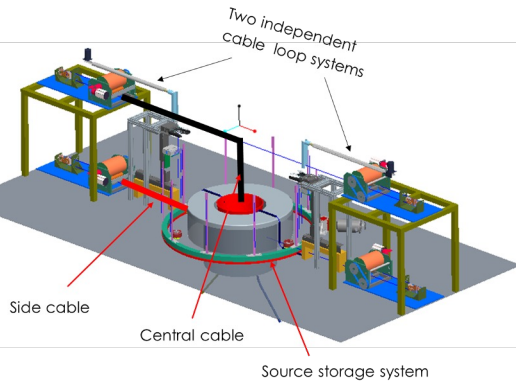
- Energy Resolution 3% @ 1MeV
- Energy Scale Uncertainty < 1%

JUNO has developed 4 complementary calibration systems

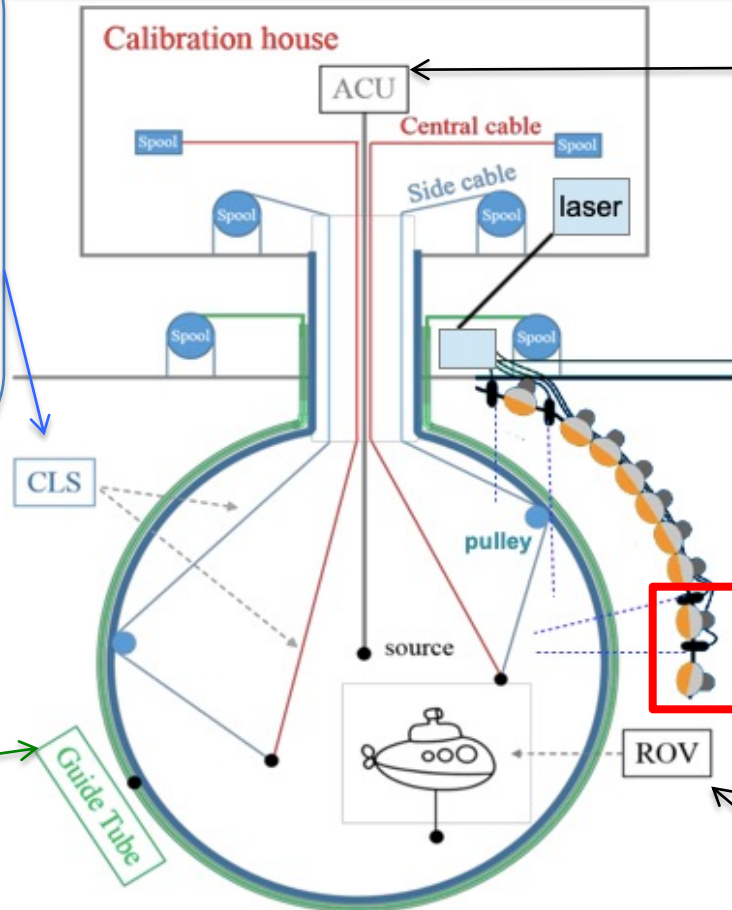
Calibration Systems

Overview of JUNO's Calibration Systems (including **LASER** calibration system)

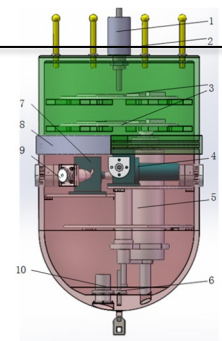
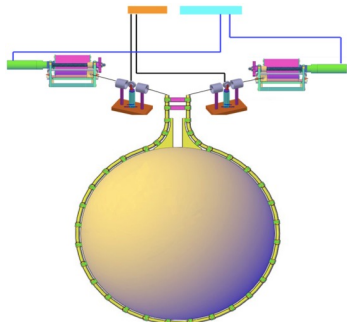
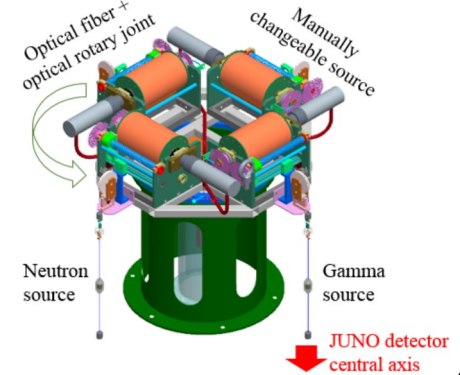
Cable Loop System CLS



Calibration house



Automatic Calibration Unit **ACU**



Remotely Operated Vehicle **ROV**

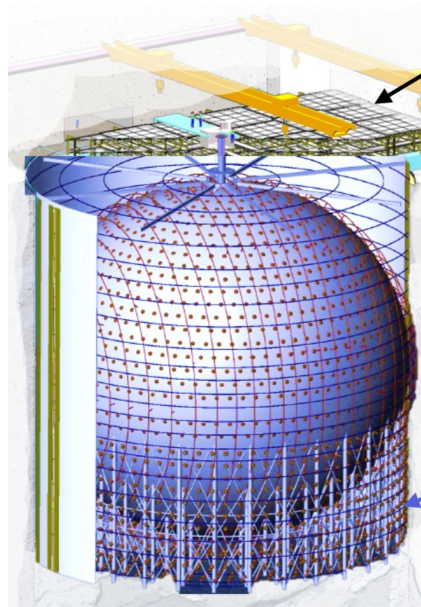
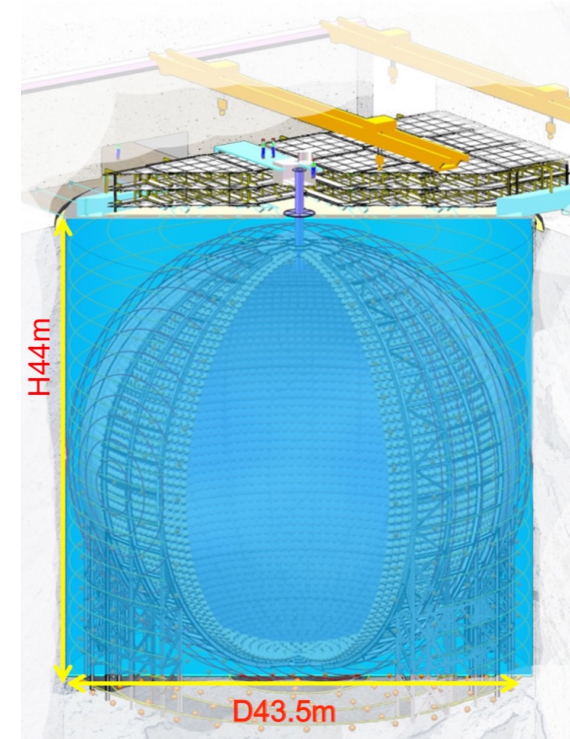
Muon Veto System

The acrylic sphere will be immersed in a **cylindrical water pool** containing **35 kton ultrapure water** instrumented with **2400 20-inch PMTs**

Double- purpose:

1. Shield central detector against **radioactivity from rock** and neutrons from cosmic rays
2. Veto cosmic-ray **muons** (*most backgrounds are of cosmic ray origin*)

Detection efficiency > 95%



The muon veto system will also have a **top tracker** composed by 3-layers of plastic scintillators.

There will also be a **compensation magnetic field** (EMF) shielding system



Real photo of the stainless steel structure inside the water pool. Picture taken on November 2022.

TAO – near JUNO detector

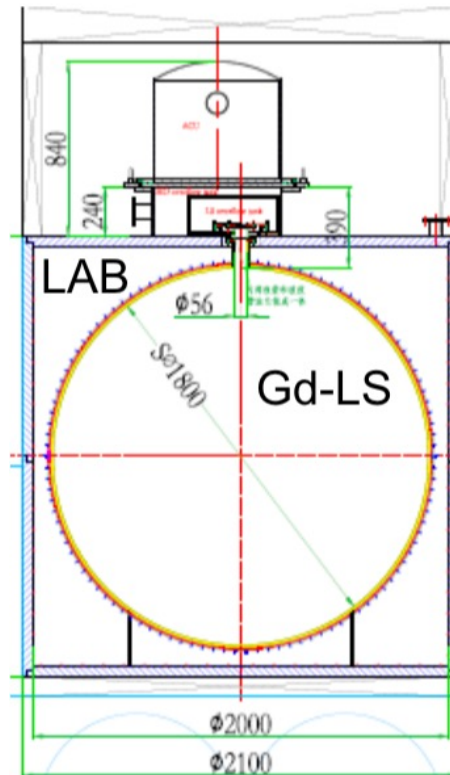
Reactor shape uncertainties

- “Standard” reactor shape uncertainties have minor impact on the MO sensitivity
- But reactor spectrum might have not yet observed **micro-structures**
- These micro-structures degrade the MO sensitivity by **mimicking periodic oscillation pattern**

→ **reference detector needed for JUNO**

Taishan Antineutrino Observatory (TAO) has several physics motivation:

- To measure precisely the **4-6 MeV bump** and the **fine structure** of reactor antineutrino spectrum with unprecedented energy resolution.
- Provide a benchmark for investigation of nuclear database
- Measure **antineutrino spectra from ^{235}U and ^{239}Pu**
- **Search for sterile neutrino** with good vertex reconstruction capability

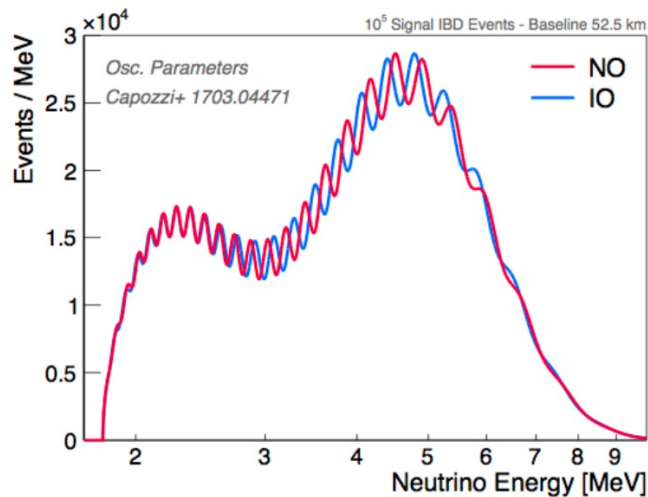
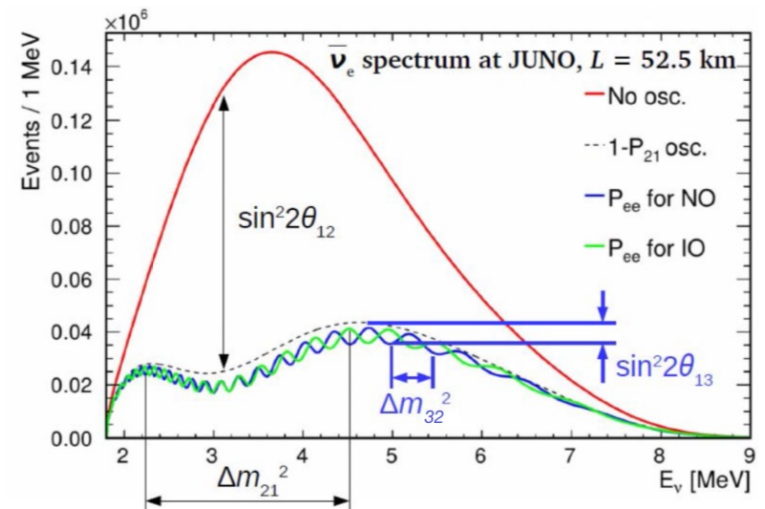


JUNO-TAO detector design

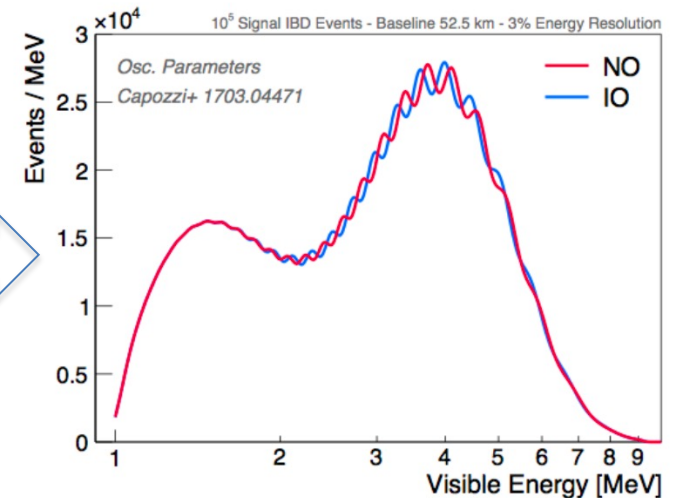
- **1 ton** fiducial volume **Gd-LS** detector at **30 m** from core
- Full coverage **10 m²** SiPM with **50% PDE** operated at **-50°C**
- Energy resolution of **1.7%/√E(MeV)**

To distinguish between **NO/IO** at 3σ , one needs:

- ✓ at least **100,000 events** (nominal luminosity)
- ✓ an **energy resolution** of $3\%/ \sqrt{E}(\text{MeV})$
- ✓ baseline ~ 53 km with **core dispersion** < 0.5 km
- ✓ an **energy scale uncertainty** $< 1\%$

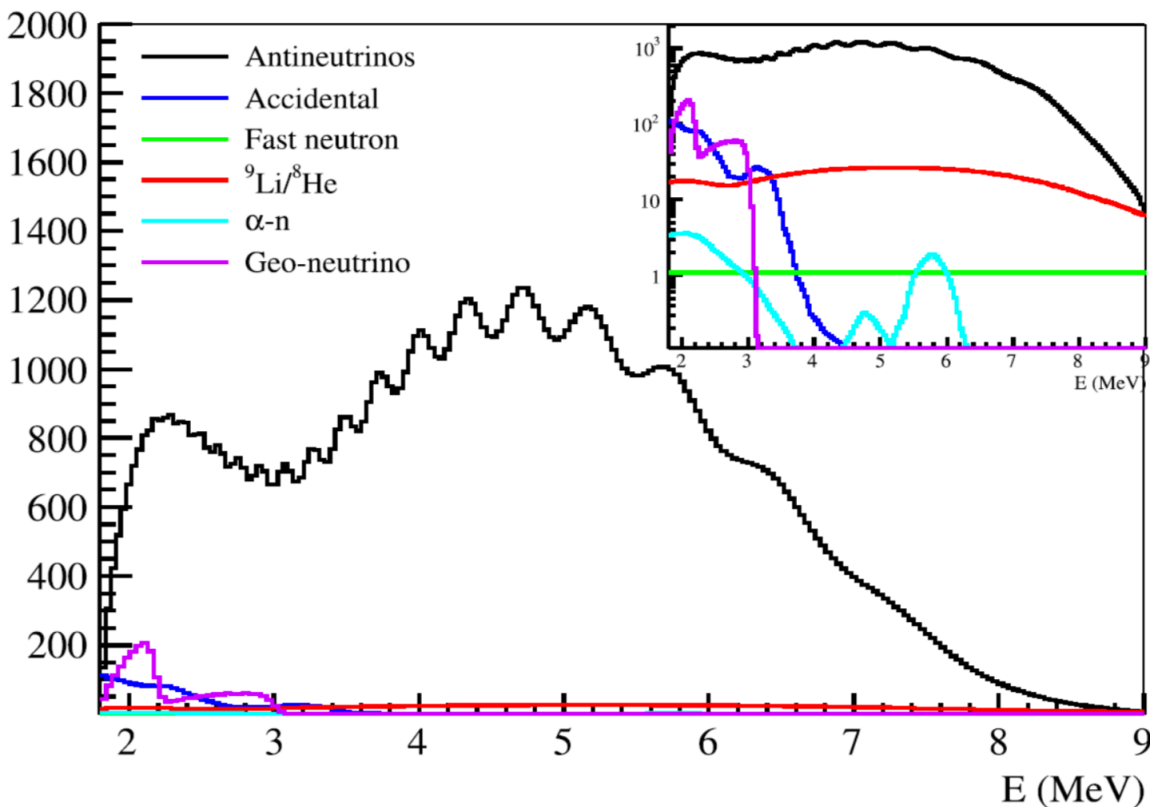


Senza tener conto della
Risoluzione Energetica



Risol. En, = $3\%/ \sqrt{E}(\text{MeV})$

Signal vs. Backgrounds



Backgrounds

• Uncorrelated

- **Accidental**: (radioactivity, radioactivity), (radioactivity, cosmogenic isotope), (radioactivity, spallation neutrons)

• Correlated

- ${}^8\text{He}/{}^9\text{Li}$: muon-induced isotopes, $\beta - n$ decays
- **Fast neutron**: cosmic muons passing surrounded rock, non-tagged
- ${}^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n){}^{16}\text{O}$: U/Th-chain radioactivities
- **Geo-vs**: U/Th antineutrinos from the earth

Signal vs. Backgrounds

Antineutrino selection criteria

- **fiducial volume** cut $r < 17$ m;
- prompt energy cut $0.7 \text{ MeV} < E_p < 12 \text{ MeV}$;
- delayed energy cut $1.9 \text{ MeV} < E_d < 2.5 \text{ MeV}$;
- **time cut** between the prompt and delayed signal $\Delta T_{p-d} < 1.0$ ms;
- **distance cut** between the prompt and delayed signal $R_{p-d} < 1.5$ m;
- **Muon veto**.

Selection	IBD efficiency	IBD	Geo- ν s	Accidental	${}^9\text{Li}/{}^8\text{He}$	Rate/day	
						Fast n	(α, n)
—	—	83	1.5	$\sim 5.7 \times 10^4$	84	—	—
Fiducial volume	91.8%	76	1.4		77	0.1	0.05
Energy cut	97.8%			410			
Time cut	99.1%	73	1.3		71		
Vertex cut	98.7%			1.1			
Muon veto	83%	60	1.1	0.9	1.6		
Combined	73%	60			3.8		

$$\text{BKG/Signal} = 3.8/60 = 6\%$$

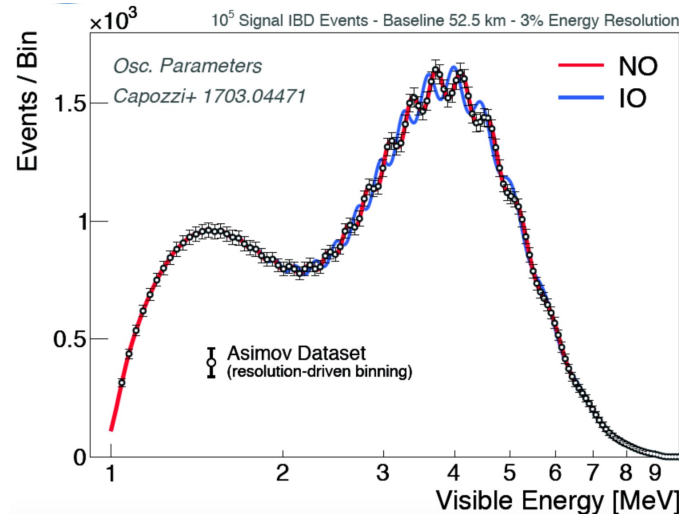
Sensitivity to NMO determination

Sensitivity estimation

In order to determine the NMO we **fit data** against both models

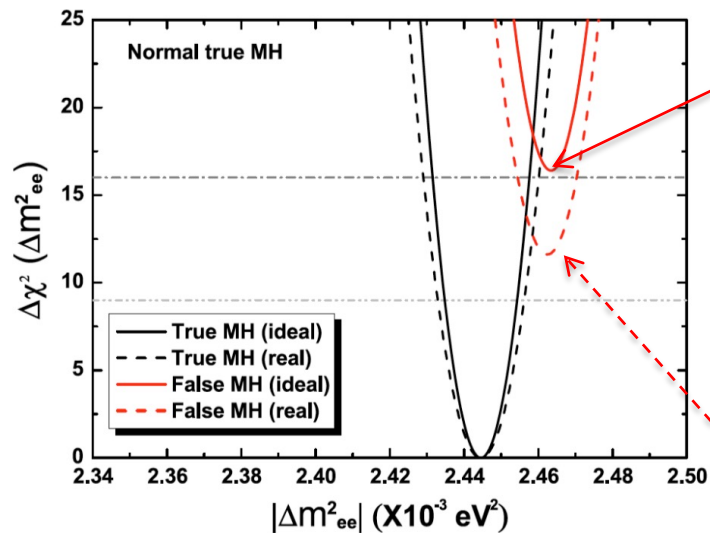
Assume **NO** as true Mass Ordering, and fit the spectrum with false and true Mass Ordering cases respectively, to get:

$$\Delta\chi_{MO}^2 = |\chi_{min}^2(N) - \chi_{min}^2(I)|$$



Systematics induced by:

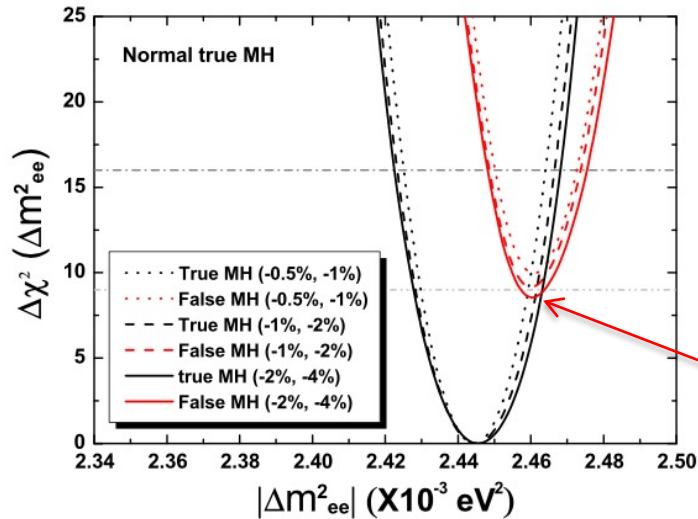
- Distribution of reactor cores
- Energy resolution
- Energy linearity
- ...



	Size	$\Delta\chi_{MO}^2$
Ideal	52.5 km	16
Core distr.	Real	-3
DYB & HZ	Real	-1.7
Reactor (shape)	1%	-1
B/S (rate)	6.3%	-0.6
B/S (shape)	0.4%	-0.1

degradation from real reactor core distribution

Sensitivity to NMO determination



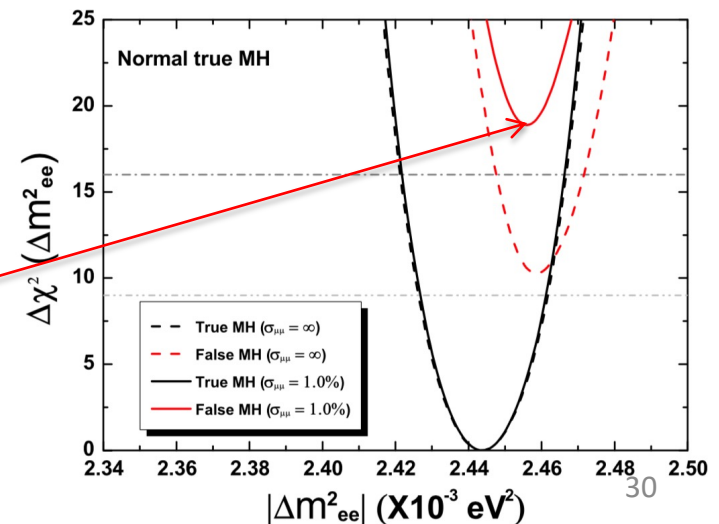
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Total degradation: ~ 9.6

External constraints

Sensitivity can be improved from Δm^2_{atm} from long baseline experiments

if we combine T2K+NOvA (assuming a precision $\sim 1\%$) with JUNO the sensitivity improves to 4σ .

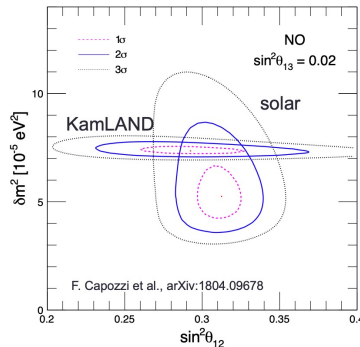


Precision measurement of neutrino oscillation parameters

JUNO will measure the 3 Oscillation parameters at a **subpercent precision level**

In particular the solar oscillation parameters [Δm_{21}^2 and $\sin^2(2\theta_{12})$] in order to solve the tension between solar ν_e and KamLAND results

Tension between solar ν_e and KamLAND results:



Longstanding tension at 2σ level on best-fit for δm^2 between solar and KamLAND oscillation analysis :

1. CPT invariance?
2. Physics beyond the SM?
3. Subtle unknown effect in present analysis?

Oscillation parameters	Current precision at 1σ level *	JUNO only**
$ \Delta m_{31}^2 $	$\sim 1.6\%$	$\sim 0.5\%$
Δm_{21}^2	$\sim 2.3\%$	$\sim 0.6\%$
$\sin^2(2\theta_{12})$	$\sim 5.8\%$	$\sim 0.7\%$
Mass hierarchy	N/A	$3-4\sigma$
$\sin^2(\theta_{13})$	$\sim 3.9\%$	$\sim 15\%$

* M. Tanabashi et al. (PDG), Phys. Rev. D 98, 030001 (2018).

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