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The JUNO experiment : physics perspectives and status

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The Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory

A challenging goal: the neutrino mass hierarchy



The biggest liquid scintillator experiment ever built Sensitive to two oscillations -> first time!

Neutrino oscillation from \overline{v}_e disappearance



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- Excellent energy resolution (3%/ \sqrt{E}) and energy scale accuracy (1%)
- Precise detector position and NPP baselines difference (< 500m)

How the detector works?



Daya Bay, China

Double Chooz, France

SNO, Canada

Capitalize on previous experiences to reach :

- 1. Large statistics
- 2. Unprecedented resolutions

A well known detection technique

Liquid Scintillator (Anti)neutrino Detector



reject background

Some numbers: signal and background events

Background sources

Accidentals (material radioactivity)

- Radio-purity control ►
- Fiducial volume cuts ►
- distance on the prompt-delayed pair ►
- Cosmogenic (⁹Li/⁸He)
 - Muon reconstruction/veto ►
- Geo-neutrino

Event rate per day



Selection	IBD efficiency	IBD	Geo- νs	Accidental	9 Li/ 8 He	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		
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The JUNO detector





17000 LPMT (20" diameter) **25000 SPMT** (3" diameter)

see C. Cerna's talk

The Stereo Calorimetry (a project lead mostly by France and China)

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- Stand-alone physics e.g. measurement of solar oscillation parameters
 - → Ensure accurate physics results and validate energy scale

High rate Supernova pile-up (if very near)

→ Minimise bias in absolute rate & energy spectrum



Solar parameter measurement with 25k SPMTs is comparable with LPMTs and will at least improve the current sensitivities down to 0.5-1%

Can use solar oscillations to compare the SPMT and LPMT energy scales (→ internal redundancy check!)

A vast physics program





Exotics (Sterile neutrino, dark matter, proton decay,...)

Details in J. Phys. G 43 (2016) no.3, 030401

JUNO sensitivity to Mass Hierarchy





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 $\Delta m_{\mu\mu}$ (1.5% precision) from long baseline exps: $\Delta \chi^2 \sim 14$

Sensitivity to the Oscillation Parameters



SN explosion rate in our Galaxy ~ 1/30-40 yr. Must not be missed!

SN 1987A

JUNO one of the best supernova neutrino detectors

Supernova Neutrino Burst

• Huge amount of energy $(3 \times 10^{53} \text{ erg})$ emitted as neutrinos in < 10 s

Unique astrophysics implications from the measured spectra



Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background (DSNB)

Integrated neutrino flux from all past core-collapse events

- cosmic star formation rate, average core-collapse spectrum, rate of failed SNe.



- 3 σ expected for observation after 10 years (for most favorable DSNB parameters) or tight exclusion limits (if no-positive signal)

Geo-neutrinos

Earth's surface heat flow: 46 \pm 3 TW. v from U/Th decay chains to understand:

- Earth's formation and evolution
- crust and mantle composition
- mantle convection (driver of plate tectonics)
- 17-25% uncertainty on geo-v (U + Th) flux from KamLAND + Borexino data



JUNO will collect ~ 400 events/yr (largest sample so far ~ 150 events)

- geo-v detection by IBD. **Reactor-v** as main background source

Signal extracted by a template fit.
Estimated uncertainties on (U+Th) flux:
17% after 1 year, 6% in 10 years

DETECTOR STATUS



Civil Construction continuing ...

A new underground lab under construction with infrastructures on surface



Some main steps towards JUNO....

Acrylic sphere a 4 m prototype in progress

Steel structure

CD,VETO structure design completed Bidding completed and contract signed



Acrylic panel

Onsite assembly

Calibration systems

4 sub-systems designed





Liquid Scintillator

Progresses in LS choice (yield, contamination studies), distillation plant and purification system.





Some main steps towards JUNO: the Top Tracker

- The design of the TT mechanical support validated with the prototypes.
- The assembly procedure elaborated and approved by Chinese side



• TT shipped to China





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Some main steps towards JUNO: the SPMTs

- SPMTs bidding in 2017 (HZC selected) Production and acceptance tests started ▶ ~3000 PMTs produced and tested @ HZC A 10% sample tested at IHEP (good agreement)
- PMT potting, cabling and connectors • HV, Electronics: board ready and under test • underwater boxes: design and prototypes







... much more in

C. Cerna's talk

Some main steps towards JUNO: the LPMTs

LPMT (20") production and testing started

~ 6000 LPMT delivered

Electronics design defined, v0 production and testing in progress

Scanning stations for LPMT





Uniformity scan station

Example of uniformity test



An international collaboration



17 countries, 72 institutions (+ 4 observers) ~ 550 collaborators

USA(2)

Conclusions

JUNO unprecedented large & high precision-calorimetry liquid scintillator detector

Experiment	Daya Bay	BOREXINO	KamLAND	JUNO
Target mass	20 ton	~ 300 ton	~ 1 kton	20 kton
Optical coverage	12%	34%	34%	75%
Light yield	160 p.e./MeV	500 p.e./MeV	250 p.e./MeV	1200 p.e./MeV
Energy resolution	7.5%/√E	5%/ √ E	6%/ √ E	3%/√E
Energy calibration	1.5%	~ 1%	2%	< 1%

Multi-purpose experiment :

- reactor v : Mass Hierarchy sensitivity, < 1% precision on the oscillation parameters
- "non-reactor" v: A vast program for (supernova physics, geo-neutrinos, solar v, ...)

Many progresses on going on civil and detector construction

Several sub-projects based a very close and successful collaboration between China and France

