



JUNO Status & Prospects

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JUNO physics

"Neutrino Physics with JUNO," J. Phys. G **43** (2016) no.3, 030401 "JUNO Physics and Detector," Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. **123** (2022), 103927

- Neutrino Mass Ordering (NMO)
- Precision measurement of oscillation parameters
- Atmospheric neutrinos
- Geoneutrinos

- Supernova (SN) neutrinos
- Diffuse SN neutrino background
- Solar neutrinos
- Nucleon decay & Exotic searches

Research	Expected signal	Energy region	Major backgrounds
Reactor antineutrino	60 IBDs/day	$012~\mathrm{MeV}$	Radioactivity, cosmic muon
Supernova burst	5000 IBDs at 10 kpc	$080~\mathrm{MeV}$	Negligible
	2300 elastic scattering		
DSNB (w/o PSD)	2-4 IBDs/year	$10 – 40~{\rm MeV}$	Atmospheric ν
Solar neutrino	hundreds per year for $^{8}\mathrm{B}$	$0\!\!-\!\!16~{\rm MeV}$	Radioactivity
Atmospheric neutrino	hundreds per year	$0.1100~\mathrm{GeV}$	Negligible
Geoneutrino	$\sim 400~{\rm per}$ year	$0-3 {\rm ~MeV}$	Reactor ν

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JUNO requirements

- Large statistics
 - Large target mass
 - Powerful nuclear power plants (NPPs)
 - ★ Particularly for NMO and precision measurement of oscillations
- Good energy resolution
 - Very high PMT coverage
 - High transparency of LS
 - High PMT efficiency
- Low background
 - ~1800 m.w.e. overburden
 - Veto system with >99.5% efficiency
 - Material screening
 - Attention to installation procedure & clean environment
 - ***** For solar ν tighter radiopurity requirement
- Precise reference spectra of NPPs
 - Particularly for NMO and precision measurement of oscillations
 - Satellite detector \rightarrow JUNO-TAO

JUNO site





• Civil construction finished: 12/2021

The JUNO detector



> Top Tracker (TT)

- Precise μ tracker
- 3 layers of plastic scintillator
- ullet \sim 60% of area above WCD
- Water Cherenkov Detector (WCD)
 - 35 kton ultra-pure water
 - 2.4k 20" PMTs
 - High μ detection efficiency
 - Protects CD from external radioactivity & neutrons from cosmic-rays
- \rightarrow Central Detector (CD) $\bar{\nu}$ target
 - Acrylic sphere with 20 kton liquid scint.
 - 17.6k 20" PMTs + 25.6k 3" PMTs
 - 3% energy resolution @ 1 MeV

The JUNO detector – inside Water Cherenkov Detector



- 35 kt ultrapure water
- 2400 20" MCP PMTs
- μ det. eff. > 99.5%
- passive shield for radioactivity
- ²²²Rn < 10 mBq/m³
- Keep temperature $@ (21 \pm 1)^{\circ}C$

The JUNO detector – CD Support Structure





 Acrylic Sphere supported by 590 connecting bars

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The JUNO detector – CD Support Structure and Lift Platform





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- Assembly of SS finished now
- Starting to install acrylic sphere

The JUNO detector – Acrylic Sphere



- 265 acrylic plates
- thickness: 124±4 mm
- radiopurity: U/Th/K < 1 ppt
- Each plate:
 - polished
 - cleaned
 - PE protective film added
- PE film to be removed after installation

The JUNO detector – Liquid Scintillator

Four purification plants to achieve target radio-purity 10⁻¹⁷ g/g U/Th and 20 m attenuation length at 430 nm.



All the LS related systems will finish assembly in summer.



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The JUNO detector – CD & WCD PMTs

- 17612 (CD) + 2400 (Veto) 20" PMT
 - ► 5k Hamamatsu (HPK) PMTs, 15k NNVT PMTs
 - worst NNVT PMTs used in Veto
- 25600 3" PMT
- All PMTs produced & tested & waterproofed
- Electronics assembly ongoing



3 mm clearance between PMTs J. P. A. M. de André for JUNO

IRN Neutrino



NNVT PDE requirement: 27%

- NNVT PDE measured: 30%
 - 11% more photons detected!

Calibration strategy

"Calibration Strategy of the JUNO Experiment," JHEP 03 (2021), 004

- Requirement: control energy scale, detector response non-uniformity and energy non-linearity
- 1D, 2D and 3D scan systems
- Many radioactive sources used
- 3" PMTs: correct any intrinsic 20" PMT non-linearity





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Radiopurity control

- LS recirculation impossible
 - Need to reach target radiopurity from start!
- Clean evironment during installation
 - Class 100k in WCD
 - Class 1k inside Acrylic Sphere!



- Careful screening & handling of all materials
 - Overall 15% noise reduction from design
 - "Radioactivity control strategy for the JUNO detector," JHEP 11 (2021), 102





- Refurbished from OPERA experiment
- All plastic scintillator modules already in China
- New supporting structure designed
- Finishing up electronics development/firmware J. P. A. M. de André for JUNO IRN Neutrino

- Very precise μ tracking
 - > 2.6×2.6 cm² XY granularity
 - 0.2° median angular resolution
- Provide well reconstructed μ sample for other systems
- Study cosmogenic backgrounds

JUNO-TAO

"TAO Conceptual Design Report: A Precision Measurement of the Reactor Antineutrino Spectrum with Sub-percent Energy Resolution," arXiv:2005.08745

- JUNO-TAO provides reference for reactor spectrum
- Better energy resolution than JUNO (4500 PE/MeV)

JUNO-TAO detector:

- 1 ton fiducial volume Gd-LS detector
 - 30 m from one of Taishan's 4.6 GW_{th} reactor core
 - ► 30× JUNO event rate
- 10 m² SiPM of 50% photon detection efficiency (PDE) operated at -50°C
 - >95% photo-coverage



JUNO-TAO - Physics potential

"TAO Conceptual Design Report: A Precision Measurement of the Reactor Antineutrino Spectrum with Sub-percent Energy Resolution," arXiv:2005.08745



• TAO energy resolution <2% @ 1 MeV



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Measuring reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$: Inverse Beta Decay (IBD)

- Detected via IBD: $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$
 - IBD used since discovery of $\bar{\nu}$
 - Prompt+delayed signal \Rightarrow large background suppression



• $E_{vis}(e^+) \simeq E(\bar{\nu}) - 0.8 \text{ MeV} \leftarrow \text{used to as proxy for antineutrino energy}$

Neutrino oscillations with Reactor Antineutrinos



- Distance: selects "oscillation regime"
 - JUNO at maximum $\bar{\nu}_e$ disappearance
 - First experiment to see both Δm^2

Detected \(\bar{\nu}_e\) energy 2–8 MeV

• Only sensitive to $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$

Expected reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ spectrum in JUNO Figures from arXiv:2204.13249



- Energy resolution smears low energy oscillations
 - critical importance of energy resolution

Updates to reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ analysis • Several updates since 2016

- better PMT detection efficiency
- Iower radioactive background
- 2 less reactor cores at Taishan
- overburden reduced by \sim 50 m
- improved algorithms for WCD
- $\bar{\nu}_e$ spectrum from JUNO-TAO
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Event type	Rate [/day]	Relative rate uncertainty	Shape uncertainty	
Reactor IBD signal	60 🗲 47	-	-	
Geo-v's	1.1 → 1.2	30%	5%	
Accidental signals	0.9 → 0.8	1%	negligible	
Fast-n	0.1	100%	20%	
⁹ Li/ ⁸ He	1.6 → 0.8	20%	10%	
¹³ C(<i>α</i> , <i>n</i>) ¹⁶ O	0.05	50%	50%	
Global reactors	0 → 1.0	2%	5%	
Atmospheric $v's$	0 → 0.16	50%	50%	

Energy resolution update

JUNO Simulation Preliminary	Resolution	Ref. / poster #: Neutrino 202
Estimated with PE yield	3.0%	JHEP03(2021)004
20-inch PMT PDE (27% \rightarrow 30.1%)	-	Mass testing data
More realistic optical model	-	Poster $#815$ by Y. Wang
New detector geometries	-	Poster #184 by Z. Wu
Now	2.9%	Poster $#519$ by G. Huang



Note: not all analyses using new numbers yet!

J. Phys. G 43:030401 (2016) → this update

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Neutrino Mass Ordering

paper in preparation



- reactor only: 3σ in \sim 6 years imes 26.6 GW_{th} exposure
- Working into possibility to combine with JUNO Atmospheric result
- Complementary to other experiments!

Precision Measurement of Neutrino Oscillation Parameters

"Sub-percent Precision Measurement of Neutrino Oscillation Parameters with JUNO," arXiv:2204.13249



Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background

"Prospects for Detecting the Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background with JUNO," arXiv:2205.08830



- For reference model:
 - @ 3 years \rightarrow 3 σ sensitivity
 - @ 10 years \rightarrow 5 σ sensitivity



- Improvements in sensitivity due to:
 - Reduced expected background
 - $\blacktriangleright\,$ Increase signal efficiency (50% \rightarrow 80%) w/ PSD
 - Better DSNB model

Core Collapse Supernova Neutrinos

Seei poster #288 @ Neutrino 2022



- Capability to detect pre-SN neutrinos from close SN-candidates
- >50% efficiency to detect CCSN up to 250–300 kpc
 - $\blacktriangleright\,$ For reference: Milky Way diameter ${\sim}30$ kpc; Andromeda galaxy distance ${\sim}$ 780 kpc

Other topics in JUNO Geo $\bar{\nu}$



Nucleon decay



• Other nucleon decay modes also being investigated

Among other topics discussed in J. Phys. G **43** (2016) no.3, 030401 and Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. **123** (2022), 103927

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Conclusions

- JUNO will have unique properties: large target mass & good energy resolution
 - JUNO-TAO for reference reactor spectrum
 - Very large photo-coverage & high LS light yield
 - \blacktriangleright Comprehensive calibration strategy \rightarrow clear path to 3% energy resolution
 - Strict radiopurity requirements
- Precision oscillation measurements with reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ flux
 - First observation of several $\bar{\nu}_e$ oscillation peaks within single experiment
 - Measurement of NMO not relying on matter effects \Rightarrow 3 σ in \sim 6 years (reactor only)
 - < 0.5% precision on $\sin^2 \theta_{12}$, Δm_{21}^2 , and Δm_{32}^2
- Rich physics & astrophysics program beyond reactor- $\bar{\nu}$ analysis
 - DSNB discovery possible within JUNO
 - CCSN field of view extended to ~300 kpc

▶ ...

- Detector construction advancing rapidly
 - Civil construction finished in 2021
 - Detector construction to be finished in 2023 \rightarrow looking forward to first data next year!



The JUNO detector – OSIRIS

"The design and sensitivity of JUNO's scintillator radiopurity pre-detector OSIRIS", Eur. Phys. J. C 81 (2021) no.11, 973

- Monitor LS radiopurity during before/during filling
- Few days: U/Th $\sim 10^{-15}$ g/g (IBD requirement)
- 2–3 weeks: U/Th $\sim 10^{-17}$ g/g (solar "ideal" case)
- Can also measure ¹⁴C, ²¹⁰Po, ⁸⁵Kr
- Start commissioning in July





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Precision Measurement of Neutrino Oscillation Parameters: σ



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Photomultiplier Tubes





All PMTs produced, tested, and instrumented with waterproof potting

		LPMT (20)-inch)	SPMT (3-inch)
		Hamamatsu	NNVT	HZC
Quantity		5000	15012	25600
Charge Collection	า	Dynode	MCP	Dynode
Photon Detection Efficiency		28.5%	30.1%	25%
Mean Dark Count Rate	Bare	15.3	49.3	0.5
[kHz]	Potted	17.0	31.2	0.5
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		arXiv: 2205.08629		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.

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Electronics Posters: #216, # 218, #270

Front-End board



Underwater electronics to improve signal-to-noise ratio for better energy resolution







3 20-inch PMTs connected to one underwater box





128 3-inch PMTs connected to one underwater box



Electronics assembly ongoing

Poster: #293

Calibration

1D,2D,3D scan systems with multiple calibration sources to control the energy

scale, detector response non-uniformity, and < 1% energy non-linearity





Cable system finished prototype test



Shadowing effect uncertainty from Teflon capsule of radioactive sources: < 0.15%



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Radiopurity control



Reduced by 15% compared to the design. Ref: JHEP 11 (2021) 102

Singles (R < 17.2 m, E > 0.7 MeV)	Design [Hz]	Change [Hz]	Comment
LS	2.20	0	
Acrylic	3.61	-3.2	10 ppt -> 1 ppt
Metal in node	0.087	+1.0	Copper -> SS
PMT glass	0.33	+2.47	Schott -> NNVT/Ham
Rock	0.98	-0.85	3.2 m -> 4 m
Radon in water	1.31	-1.25	200 mBq/m ³ -> 10 mBq/m ³
Other	0	+0.52	Add PMT readout, calibration sys
Total	8.5	-1.3	

Radiopurity control on raw material:

- ✓ Careful material screening
- ✓ Meticulous Monte Carlo Simulation
- ✓ Accurate detector production handling

Liquid Scintillator Filling

- ✓ Recirculation is impossible at JUNO due to its large size
- \rightarrow Target radiopurity need to be obtained from the beginning
- ✓ Strategies:
- 1. Leakage (single component < 10⁻⁶ mbar·L/s)
- 2. Cleaning vessel before filling
- 3. Clean environment
- 4. Water/LS filling













Poster: #290

~0.2 kt ^{13}C in JUNO LS \rightarrow enable observation of B8 solar neutrino CC and NC interactions on ^{13}C

	Channels	Threshold	Signal	Event nu	mbers		
		[MeV]		$[200 \text{ kt} \times \text{yrs}]$	after cuts		
$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}$	$\nu_e + {}^{13}\text{C} \to e^- + {}^{13}\text{N}(\frac{1}{2}; \text{gnd})$	$2.2 { m MeV}$	e^-+^{13} N decay	3929	647		Correlated events
NC	$\nu_x + {}^{13}\text{C} \to \nu_x + {}^{13}\text{C}(\frac{3}{2}; 3.685 \text{ MeV})$	$3.685~{ m MeV}$	γ	3032	738	٦	Singles event
\mathbf{ES}	$\nu_x + e \rightarrow \nu_x + e$	0	e^-	$3.0 imes 10^5$	$6.0{ imes}10^4$	ſ	Singles event

Model independent measurement of ⁸B solar neutrino flux (~5%) and oscillation parameters $\sin^2\theta_{12}$, Δm_{21}^2





Update of energy resolution



Change	Light yield in detector center [PEs/MeV]	Energy resolution	Reference	
Previous estimation	1345	3.0% @1MeV	JHEP03(2021)004	
Photon Detection Efficiency (27%→30%)	+11% ↑		arXiv: 2205.08629	
New Central Detector Geometries	+3%↑	2.9% @ 1MeV	Poster #184	
New PMT Optical Model	+8%↑	(Poster #519)	<i>EPJC 82 329 (2022)</i> Poster #815	



- Cherenkov radiation
 - · Cherenkov vield factor (refractive index & re-emission probability) is re-constrained with Daya Bay LS non-linearity
- Detector uniformity and reconstruction



Positron energy resolution

0.8

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- Firstly attempt to constrain kB & fC with Daya Bay LS nonlinearity
 - Strong correlation between kB and fC
- Solved by combining a series of table-top measurements on scintillation quenching effect
 - kB of LS is determined to be 12.05×10^{-3} g/cm²/MeV

 $kB = 12.05 \times 10^{-3} \text{g/cm}^2/\text{MeV}$

Deference 14

Electron data

- Re-constrain fC with Dava Bay LS non-linearity
 - fC is determined to be 0.517



 $\frac{\sigma}{E} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{E}}\right)^2 + b^2 + \left(\frac{c}{E}\right)^2}$ Photon statistics

- Annihilation-induced vs Dark noise
- Scintillation quenching effect
 - LS Birks constant (kB)
- **Cherenkov radiation**
 - LS refractive index
 - LS re-emission probability
 - Cherenkov yield scale factor (fC)
- **Detector uniformity and reconstruct**
- kB & fC are key parameters to predict energy resolution

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Light yield evolution



PMT PDE

- Averaged PDE:27.0%→30.1%
- 27.0% is based on the original requirement of QE~30%, CE~90%
- 30.1% is the selected mean PDE, from **PMT mass testing system**





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