

JUNO Status and Oscillation Physics Prospects

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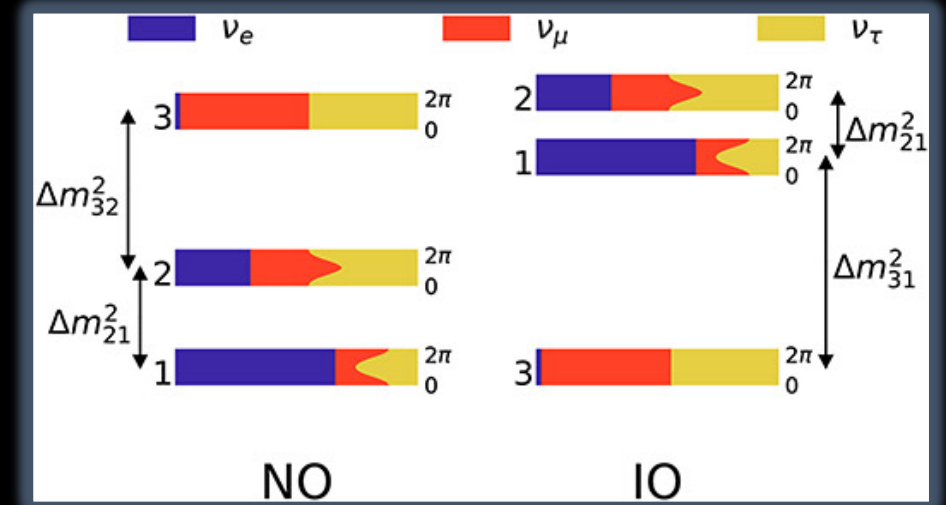


Open questions in ν oscillation physics



- **Mass ordering** "normal" or "inverted"? Is ν_1 lighter than ν_3 ?
- Precise values of neutrino **mixing angles and mass splittings**

| | PDG-2020 | JUNO |
|------------------------|--|------|
| Δm_{21}^2 | $(7.53 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$ (2.39%) | ?? |
| Δm_{32}^2 (NO) | $(2.453 \pm 0.034) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ (1.39%) | ?? |
| Δm_{32}^2 (IO) | $-(2.546 \pm 0.036) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ (1.41%) | ?? |
| $\sin^2 \theta_{12}$ | 0.307 ± 0.013 (4.23%) | ?? |
| $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$ | 0.0218 ± 0.0007 (3.21%) | ?? |

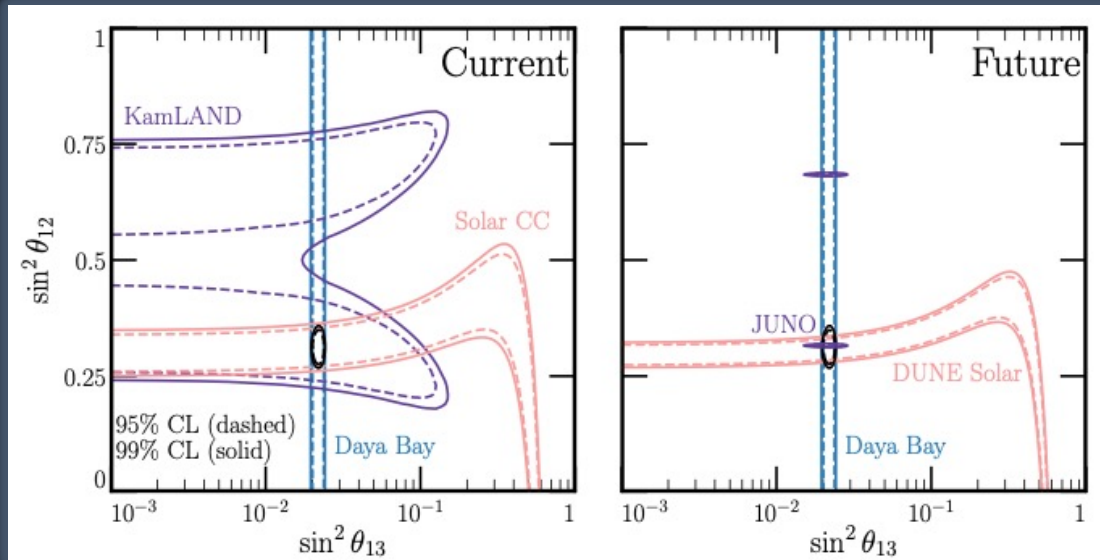


- Do neutrino oscillations violate **CP symmetry**? $\delta_{CP} \neq 0, \pi$
- What is the "**octant**" of θ_{23} ? Is the mixing maximal $\theta_{23} = 45^\circ$?
- **More than 3** neutrinos?

Impact of sub-percent precision

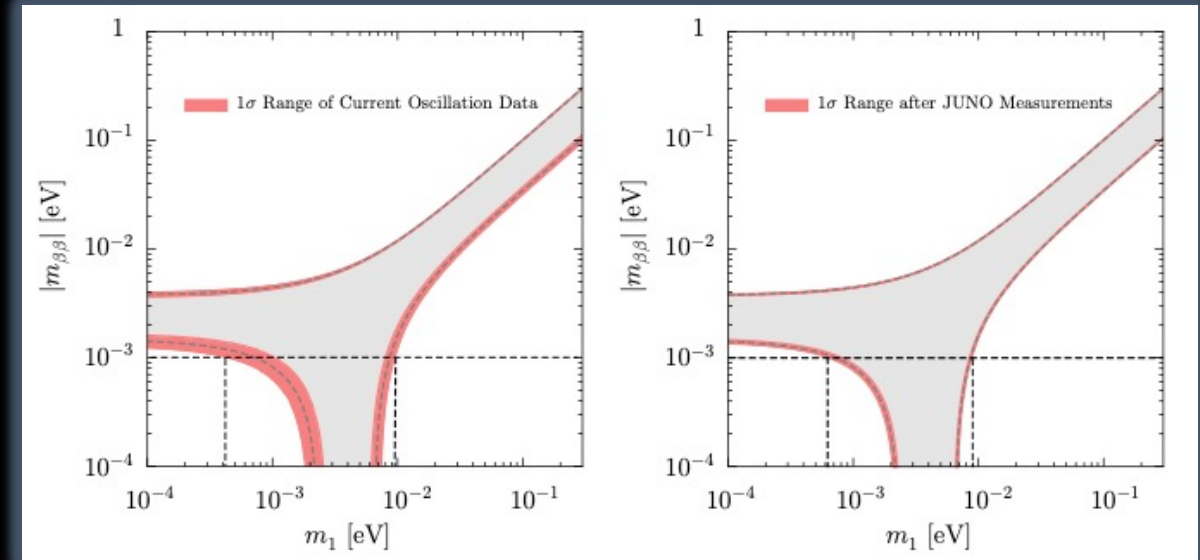


- Unitarity of PMNS matrix



S.A.R.Ellis, K.J.Kelly and S.W.Li, JHEP 12 (2020), 068

- Reduce the parameter space for $0\nu\beta\beta$



Jun Cao et al 2020 Chinese Phys. C 44 031001

- Reduce the parameter space for leptonic CP violation
- Powerful discriminator for models of the neutrino masses and mixing
- Test the mass sum rule: $\Delta m_{13}^2 + \Delta m_{21}^2 + \Delta m_{32}^2 = 0$?
- Precision enable to identify discrepancies → new physics

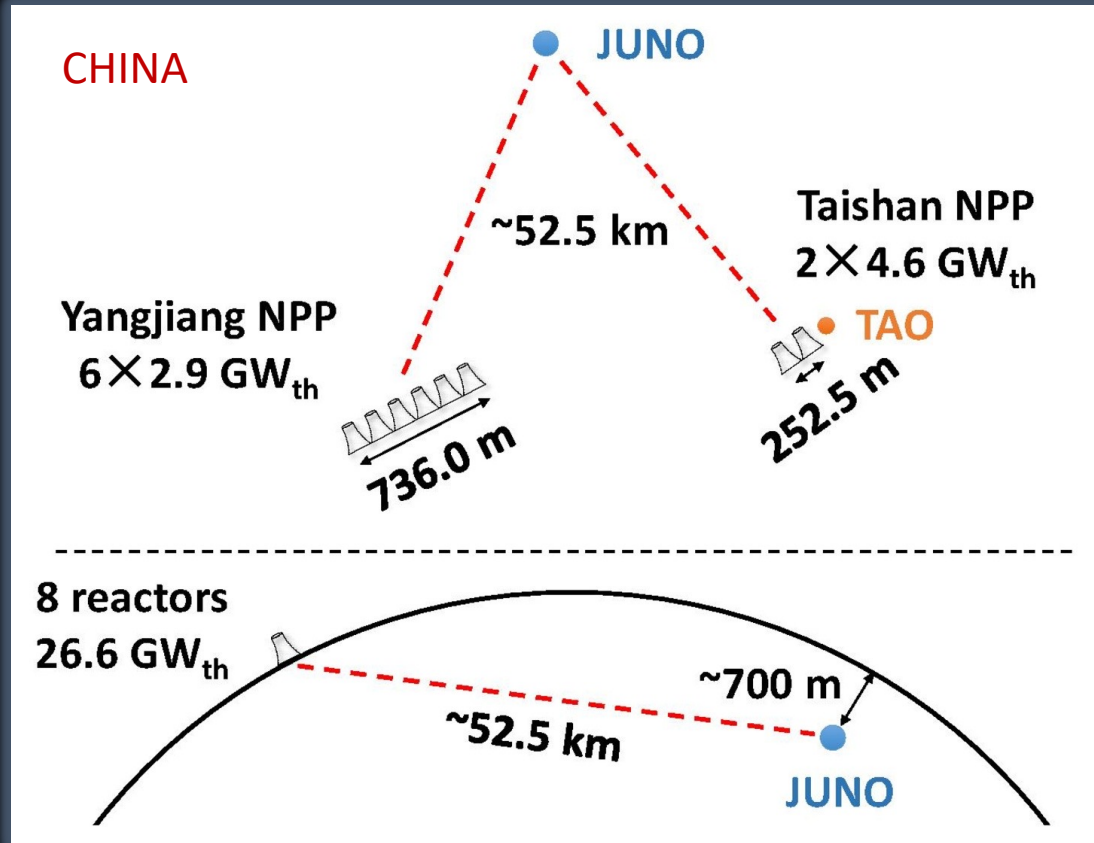
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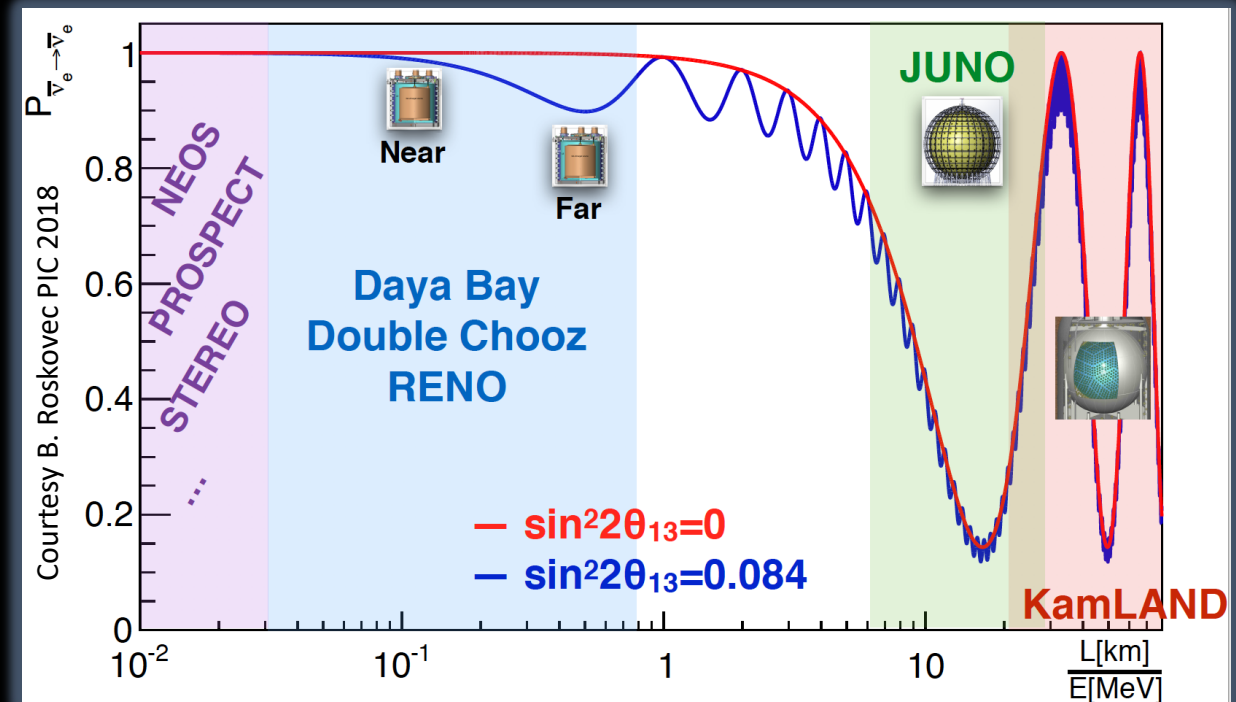
JUNO – Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory
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- Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ at ~ 53 km
 $\sim 45 \bar{\nu}_e/\text{day}$
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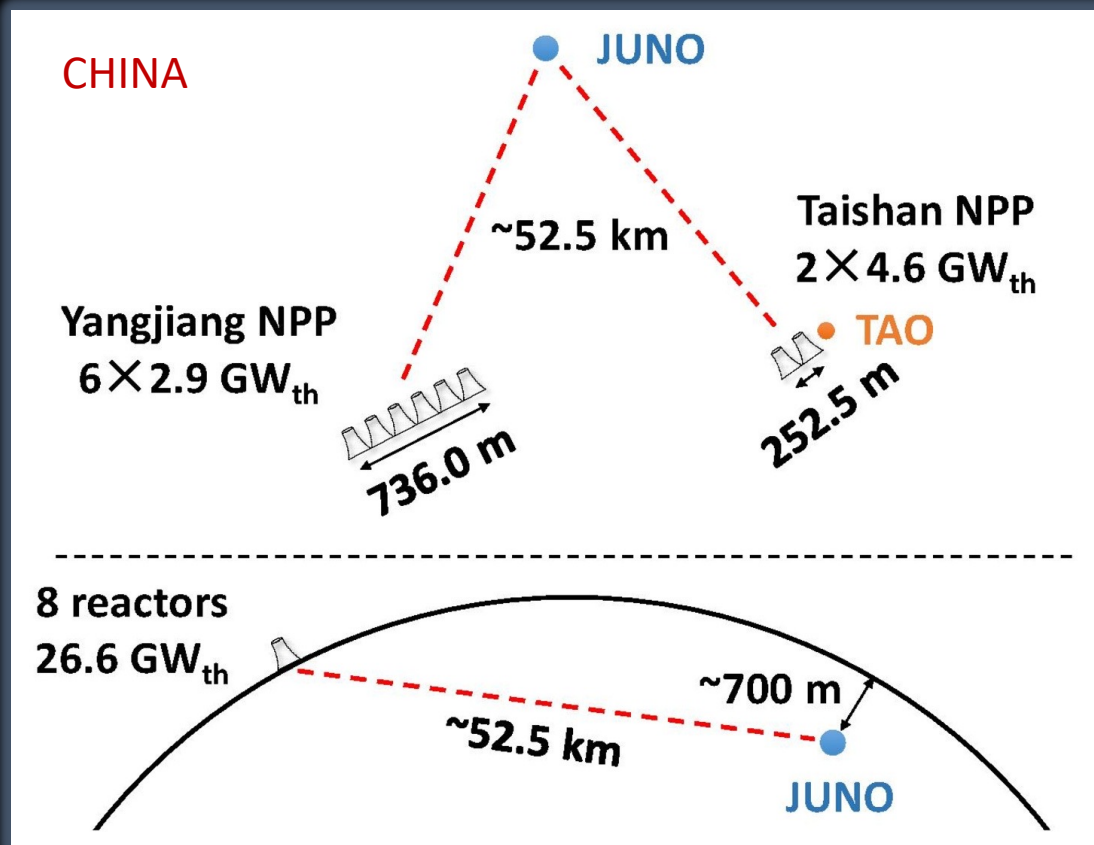


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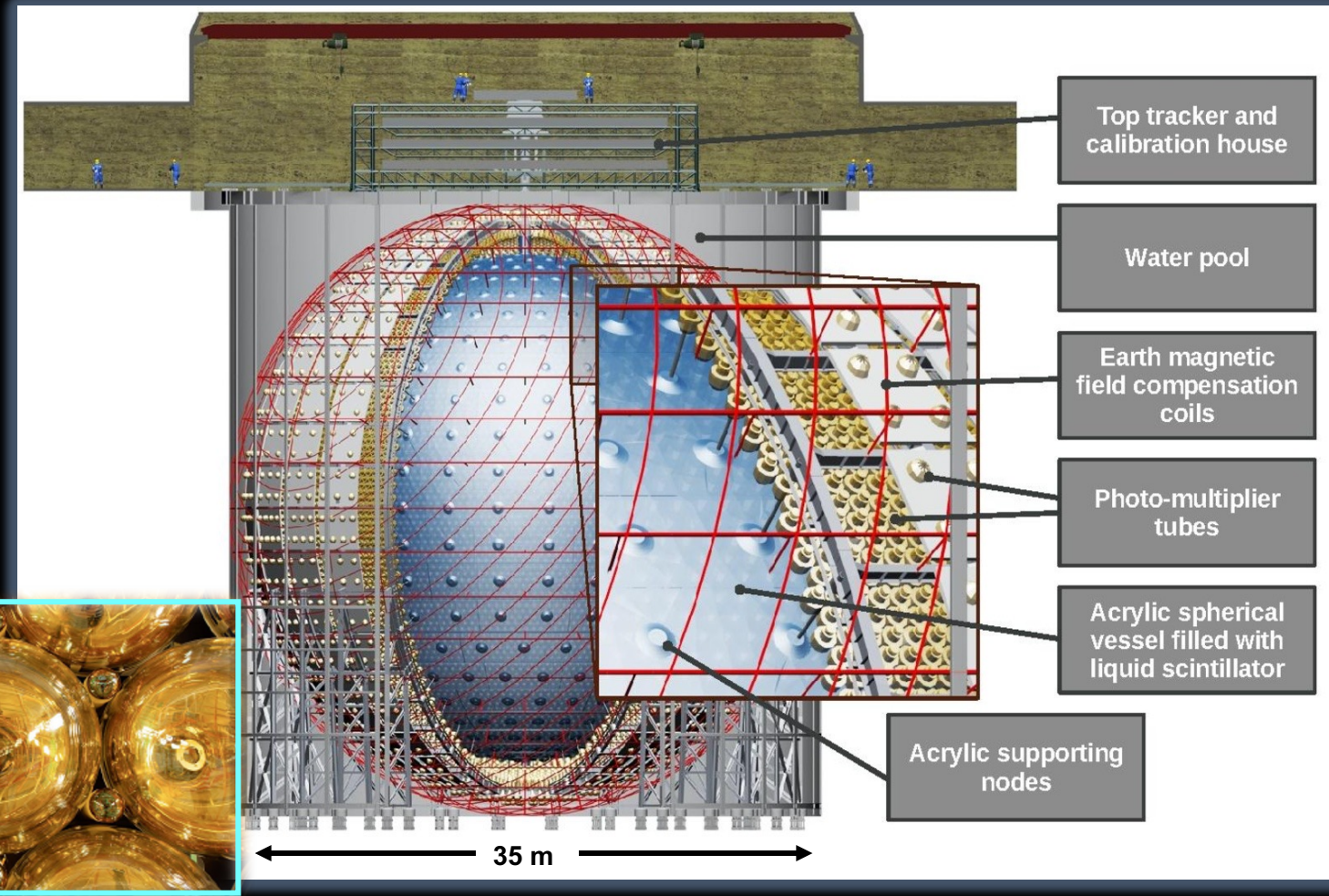
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- Solar ν_e from ${}^8\text{B}$
 $\sim 17 \nu_e/\text{day}$
 $\Delta m_{21}^2, \sin^2 \theta_{12}$
- Atmospheric $\nu_\mu/\bar{\nu}_\mu$
 $\sim 1233/1035$ events (200 kton-years)
NMO
 $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$
- Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ with TAO detector (~ 30 m)
 $\sim 2000 \bar{\nu}_e/\text{day}$
 $\Delta m_{41}^2, \sin^2 2\theta_{14}?$

JUNO detector



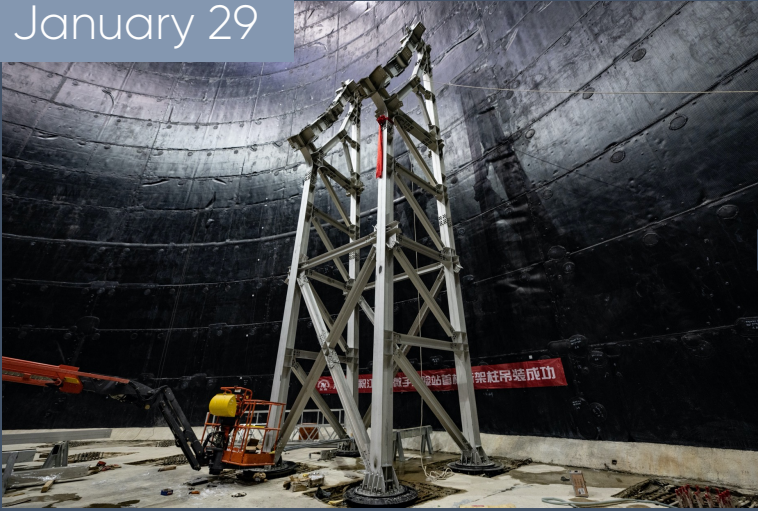
- **World's largest Liquid Scintillator**
20 kton LAB-based liquid scintillator
High PE yield: ~ 1350 PE / MeV
- **Detection channel: Inverse Beta Decay**
 $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$
Time + position coincident signal
 $E_{\text{vis}} \simeq E_{\bar{\nu}_e} - 0.78$ MeV
- **Light detection:** $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 17612 \text{ 20" PMTs (LPMT)} \\ + \\ 25600 \text{ 3" PMTs (SPMT)} \end{array} \right.$
DUAL CALORIMETRY
Two independent PMT systems
>75% photo-coverage
- **Overburden: ~ 700 m**
Cosmic background suppression



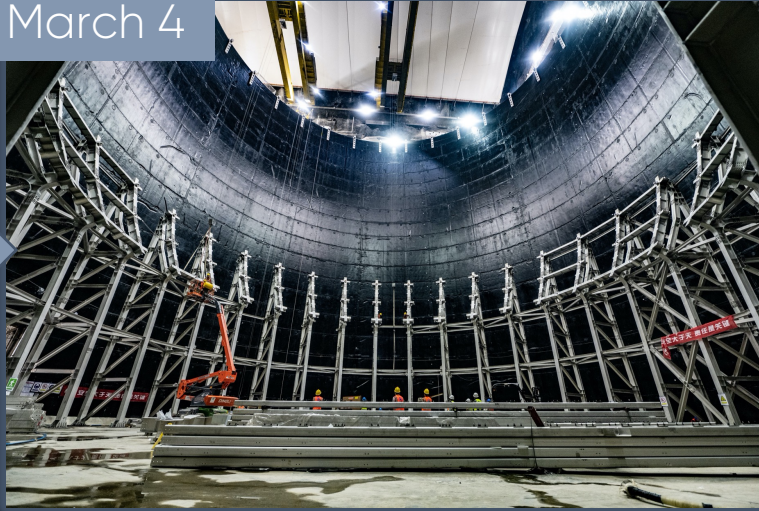
Detector Construction Status (2022)



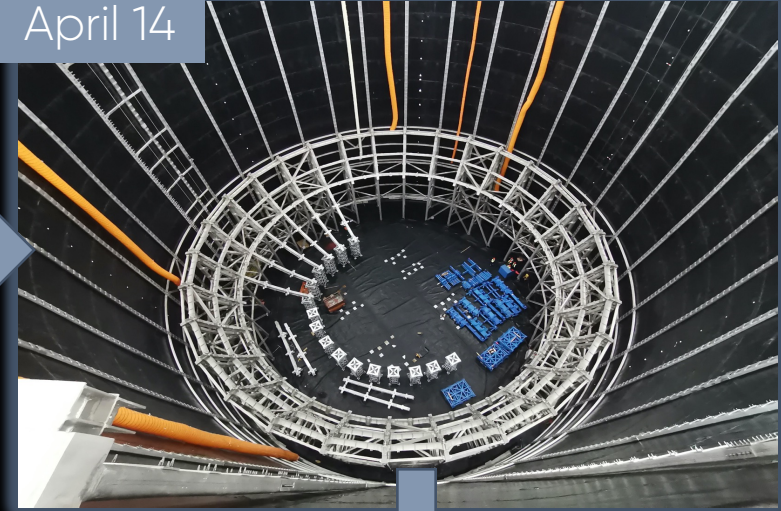
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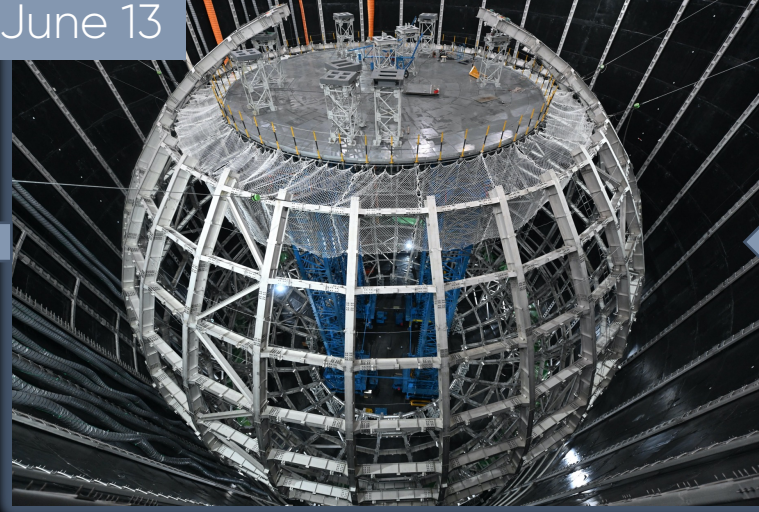
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June 24 - completed



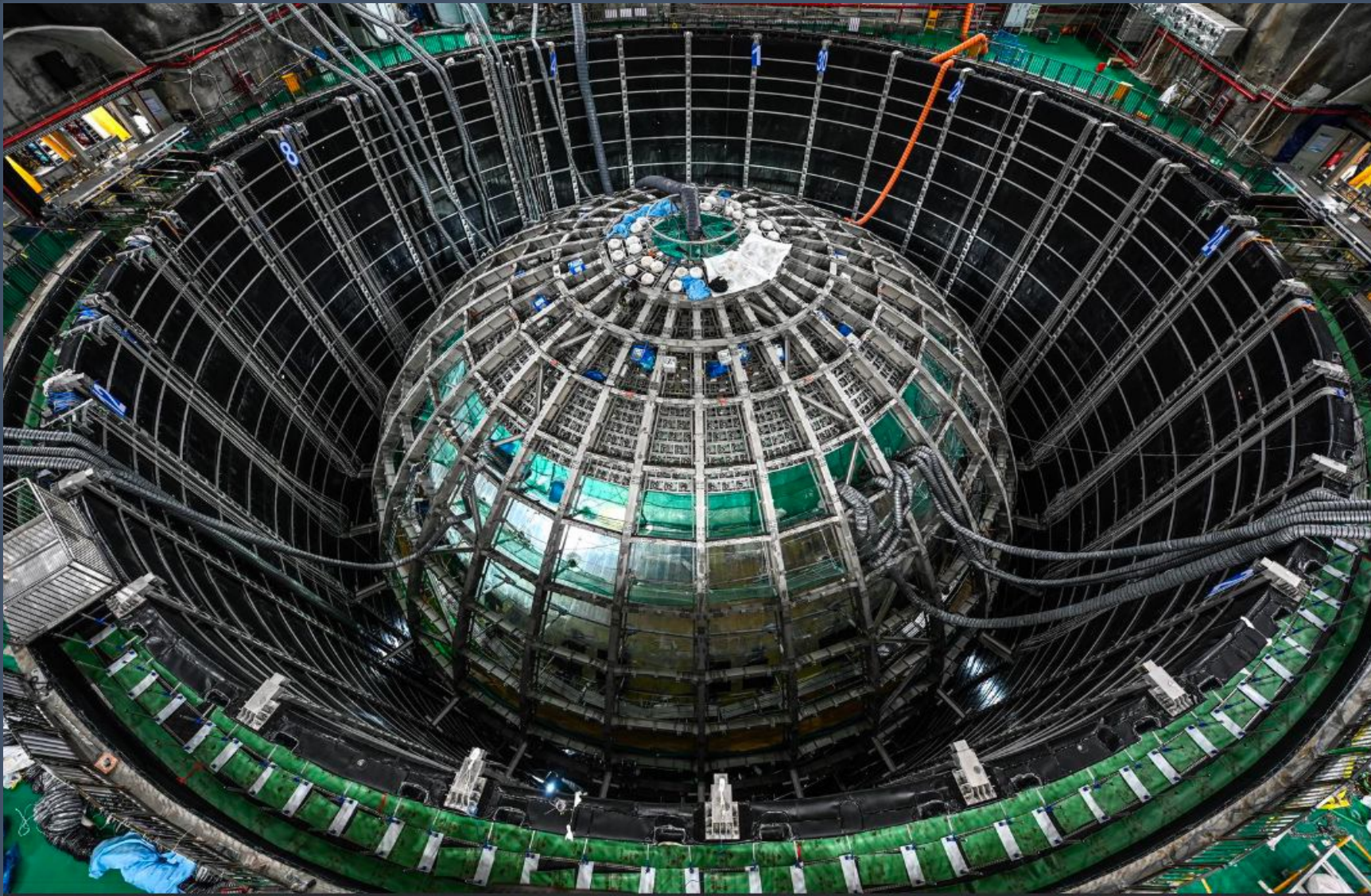
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Detector Construction Status (2023)



- Water pool liner: **installed**
- Supporting structure: **installed**
- Acrylic panels: **to be completed**
- PMTs: **being installed**

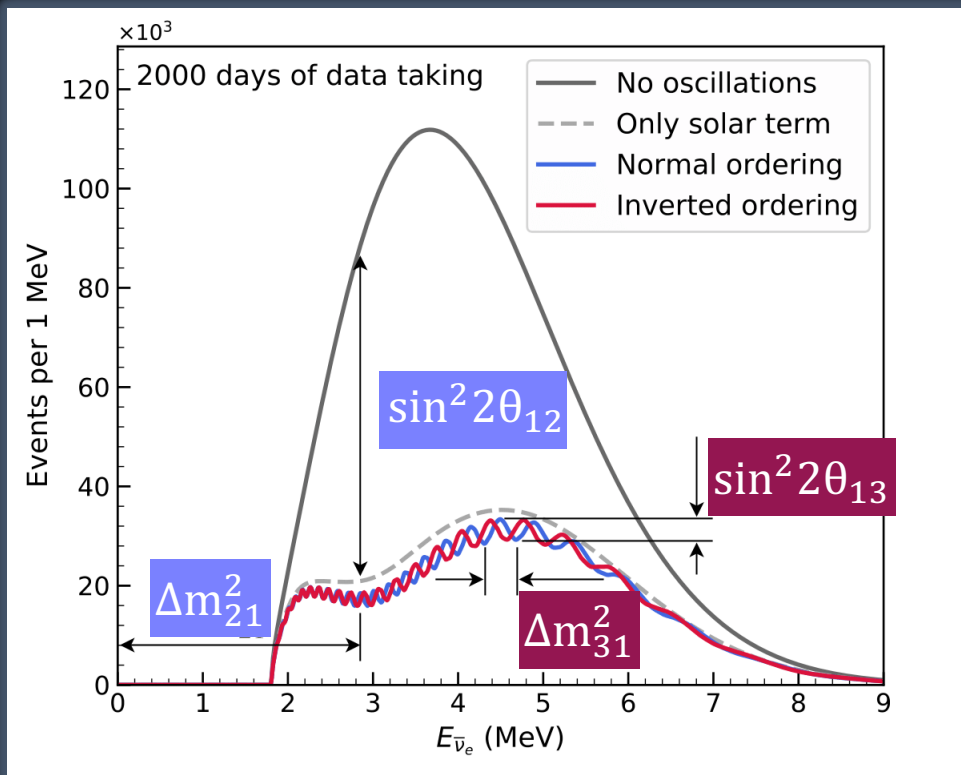
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Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ spectrum at JUNO



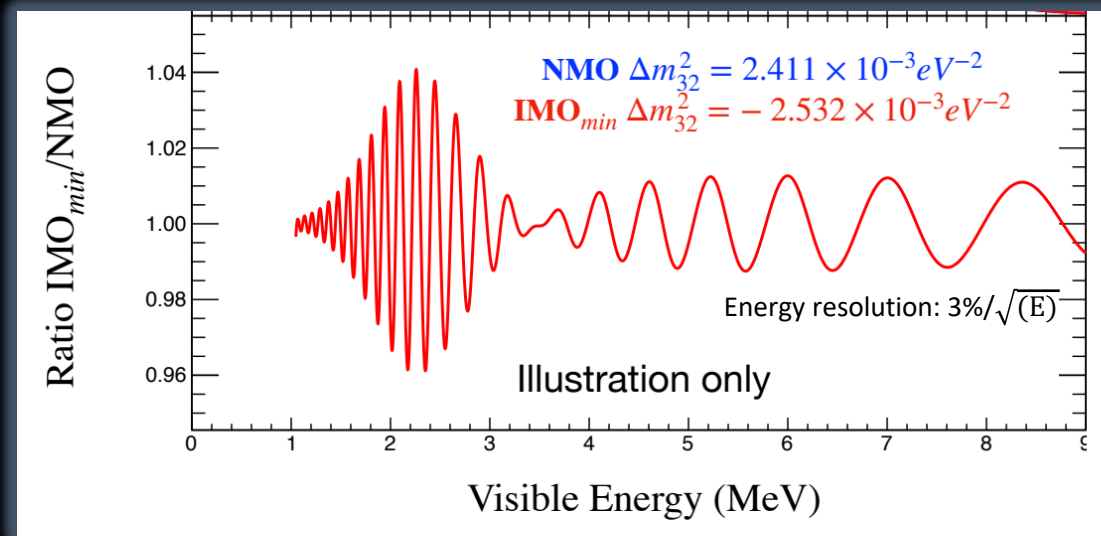
$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = 1 - \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \right) \quad \text{Slow component (solar oscillation mode)}$$

$$- \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \left[\cos^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \right) + \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E} \right) \right] \quad \text{Fast component (atmospheric oscillation mode)}$$

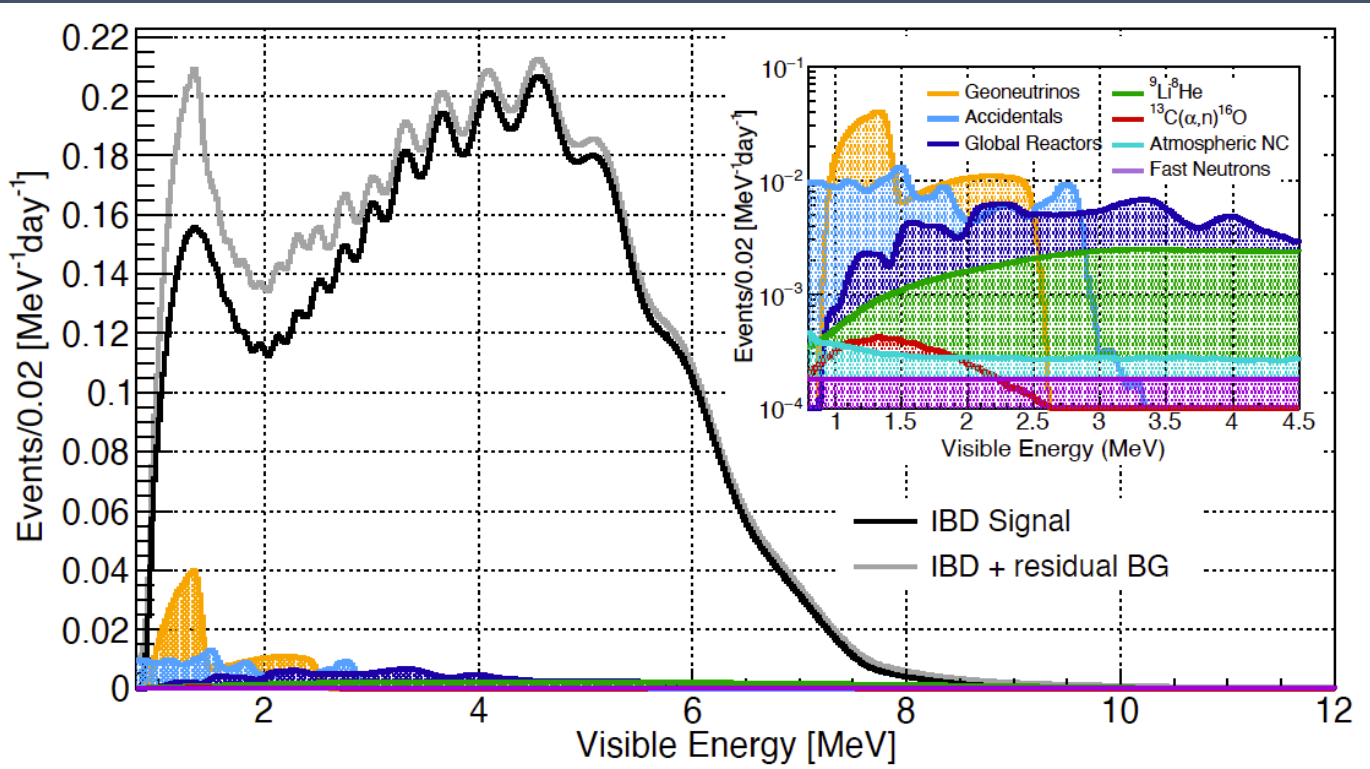


JUNO will be the **first experiment to observe two modes of neutrino oscillations simultaneously**

MO sensitivity from spectral shape analysis



$\bar{\nu}_e$ Signal and Backgrounds



| | Efficiency (%) | IBD Rate (day^{-1}) |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| All IBDs | 100 | 57.4 |
| After Selection | 82.2 | 47.1 |

Muon veto efficiency improvement 83% \rightarrow 91.6%

- **Detection channel: Inverse Beta Decay**
Prompt + delayed space & time coincidence is an exceptional background suppressing tool!
- **Differential IBD cross-section** to account for neutron recoils
Phys. Rev. D 60, 053003 (1999)
- **Matter effects**
 $\rho = 2.45 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ (6% uncertainty)

| Background | Rate (day^{-1}) | Rate Unc (%) | Shape Unc (%) |
|---|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Geoneutrinos | 1.2 | 30 | 5 |
| World reactors | 1.0 | 2 | 5 |
| Accidentals | 0.8 | 1 | negligible |
| ${}^9\text{Li}/{}^8\text{He}$ | 0.8 | 20 | 10 |
| Atmospheric neutrinos | 0.16 | 50 | 50 |
| Fast neutrons | 0.1 | 100 | 20 |
| ${}^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n){}^{16}\text{O}$ | 0.05 | 50 | 50 |

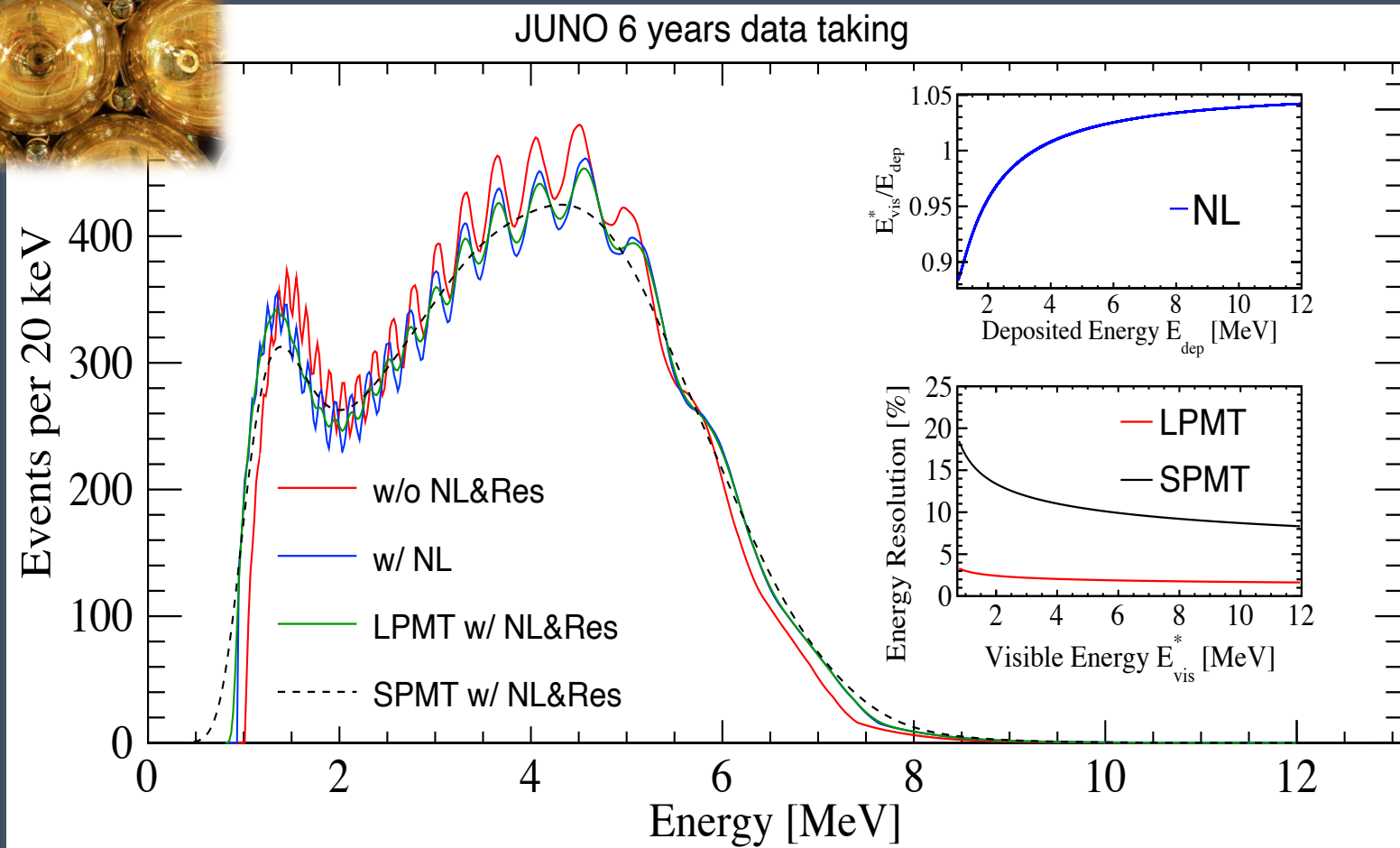
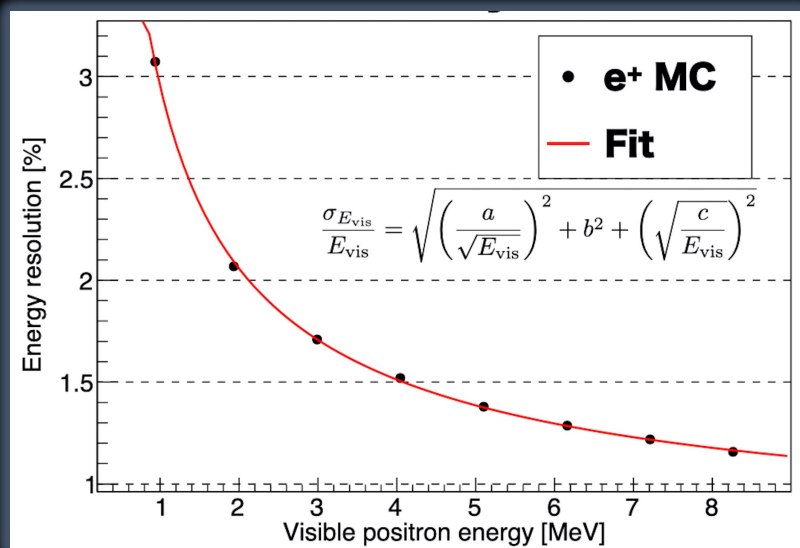
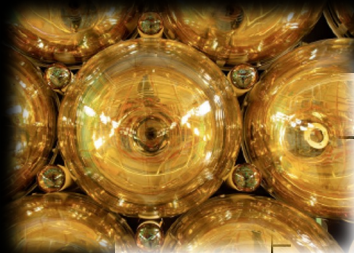
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JUNO detector response



- **Energy non-linearity**
Scale uncertainty < 1%
Ensure the oscillation peak positions

- **Energy resolution**
 $\sigma_E < 3\%$ at 1 MeV
Resolve the fast component oscillation peaks



More info: Calibration Strategy of the JUNO experiment - [JHEP 03 \(2021\) 004](#)

Dual Calorimetry Strategy



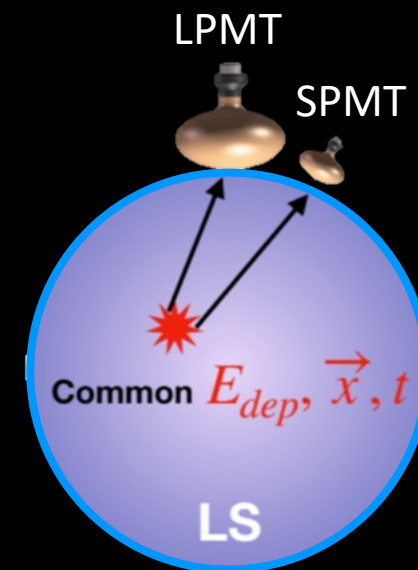
Objective: disentanglement of the degeneracy between the non-linearity and non-uniformity

| | Fully correlated | Partially correlated | Non correlated |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| R^{LPMT} | $R_{\text{LSNL}}^{\text{L}}$ | R_{NU}^{L} | $R_{\text{NS}}^{\text{L}} \cdot R_{\text{QNL}}^{\text{L}}$ |
| ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | |
| Cancels | Cancels | Cancels | |
| ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | |
| R^{SPMT} | $R_{\text{LSNL}}^{\text{S}}$ | R_{NU}^{S} | $R_{\text{NS}}^{\text{S}} \cdot R_{\text{QNL}}^{\text{S}}$ |

✓ Same energy deposition

✓ Common event vertex

✗ PMT-to-PMT difference needs proper treatment



Direct response comparison between LPMT calorimetry and SPMT calorimetry

LSNL = LS non-linearity, QNL = charge non-linearity
 NU = non-uniformity, NS = non-stability,

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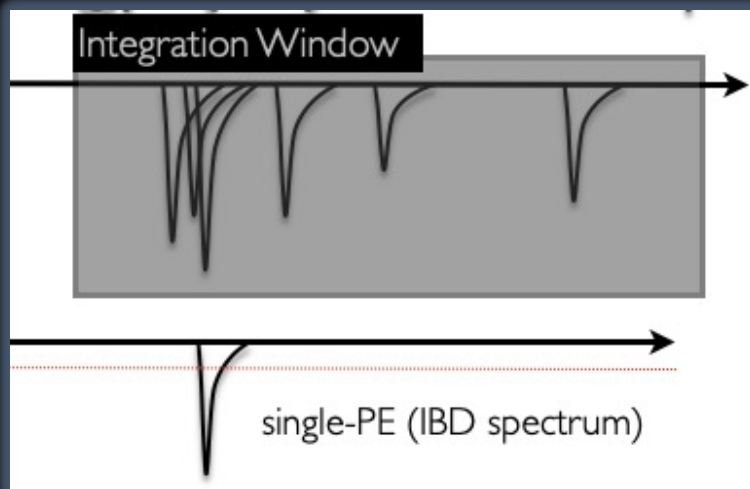


20" LPMT



3" SPMT

$$\frac{R_{LPMT}}{R_{SPMT}} = \frac{R_{QNL}^L}{R_{QNL}^S}$$



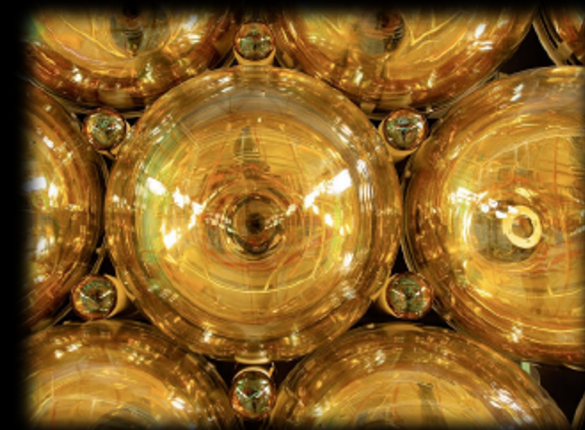
Charge integration (QI)

FADC electronics

Photon-counting (PC)

95% of the charge detected in single PE regime for IBD events

Electronics could provide analog charge information (signal pulse amplitude and time over threshold)



Energy (PC) & Energy (QI) are complementary

SPMT charge detection is robust and redundant by design

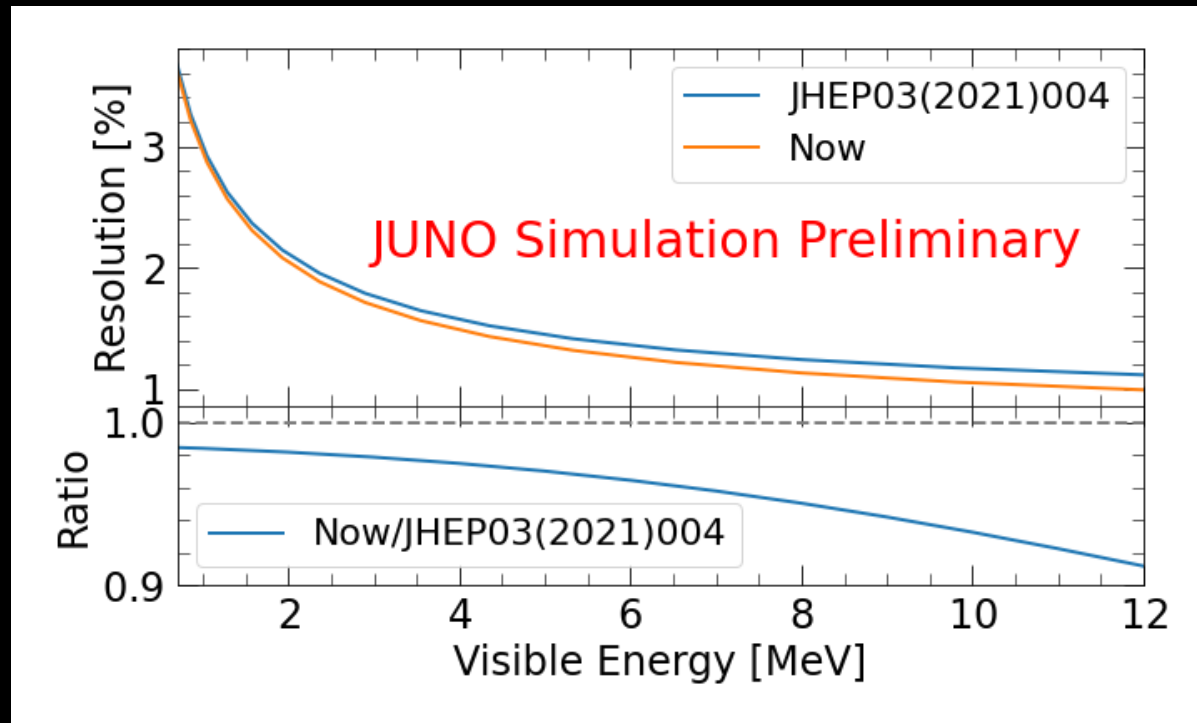


Charge linear reference to the LPMT.

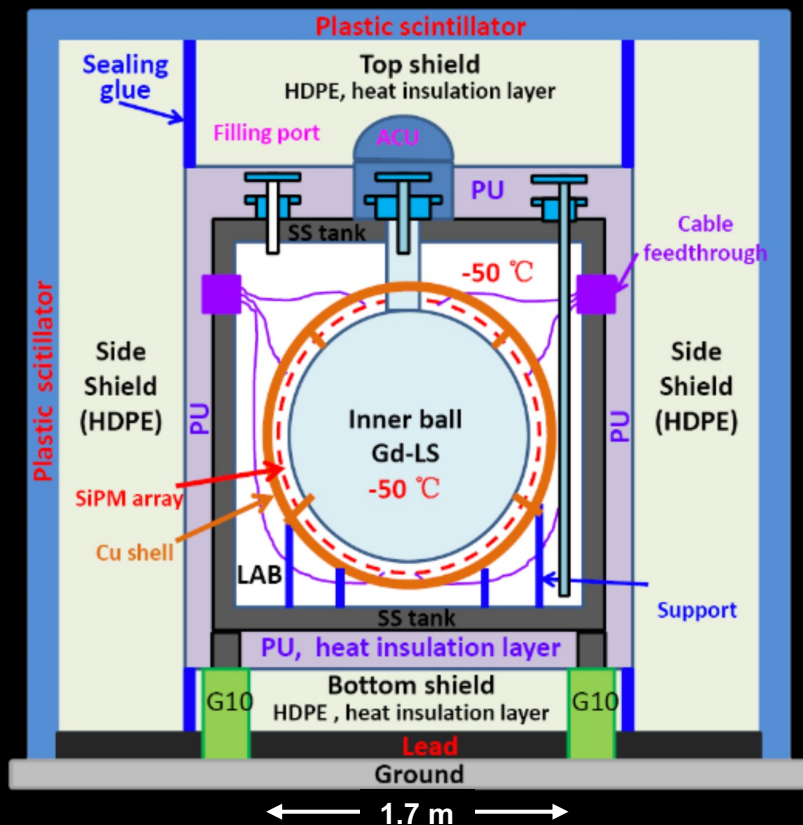
Improvements on the energy resolution



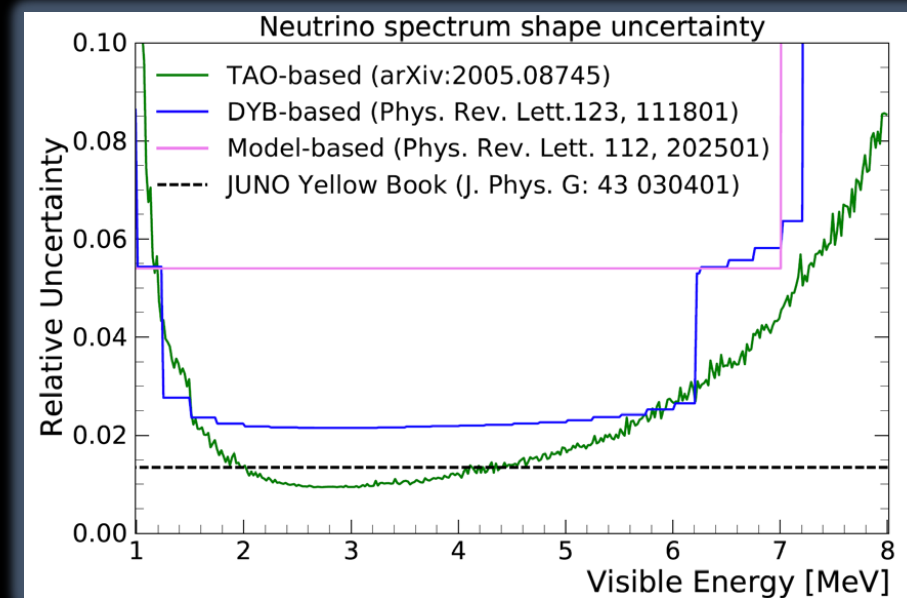
| Change | Light yield in detector center [PEs/MeV] | Energy resolution | Reference |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| Previous estimation | 1345 | 3.0% @1MeV | JHEP03 (2021) 004 |
| Photon Detection Efficiency (27%→30%) | +11% ↑ | 2.9% @ 1MeV Poster #519 at Neutrino22 | arXiv: 2205.08629 |
| New Central Detector Geometries | +3% ↑ | | Poster #184 at Neutrino22 |
| New PMT Optical Model | +8% ↑ | | EPJC 82 329 (2022) |



- New energy resolution curve is provided as input for the NMO analysis
- Goal: combined analysis of JUNO+TAO data



- TAO will deliver precise $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy spectrum with **sub-percent energy resolution** in most of energy region of interest
- Minimize the possible model dependence due to **fine structure** in the reactor antineutrino spectrum
- The **bin-to-bin spectral shape uncertainty** can be reduced to **~1% level**



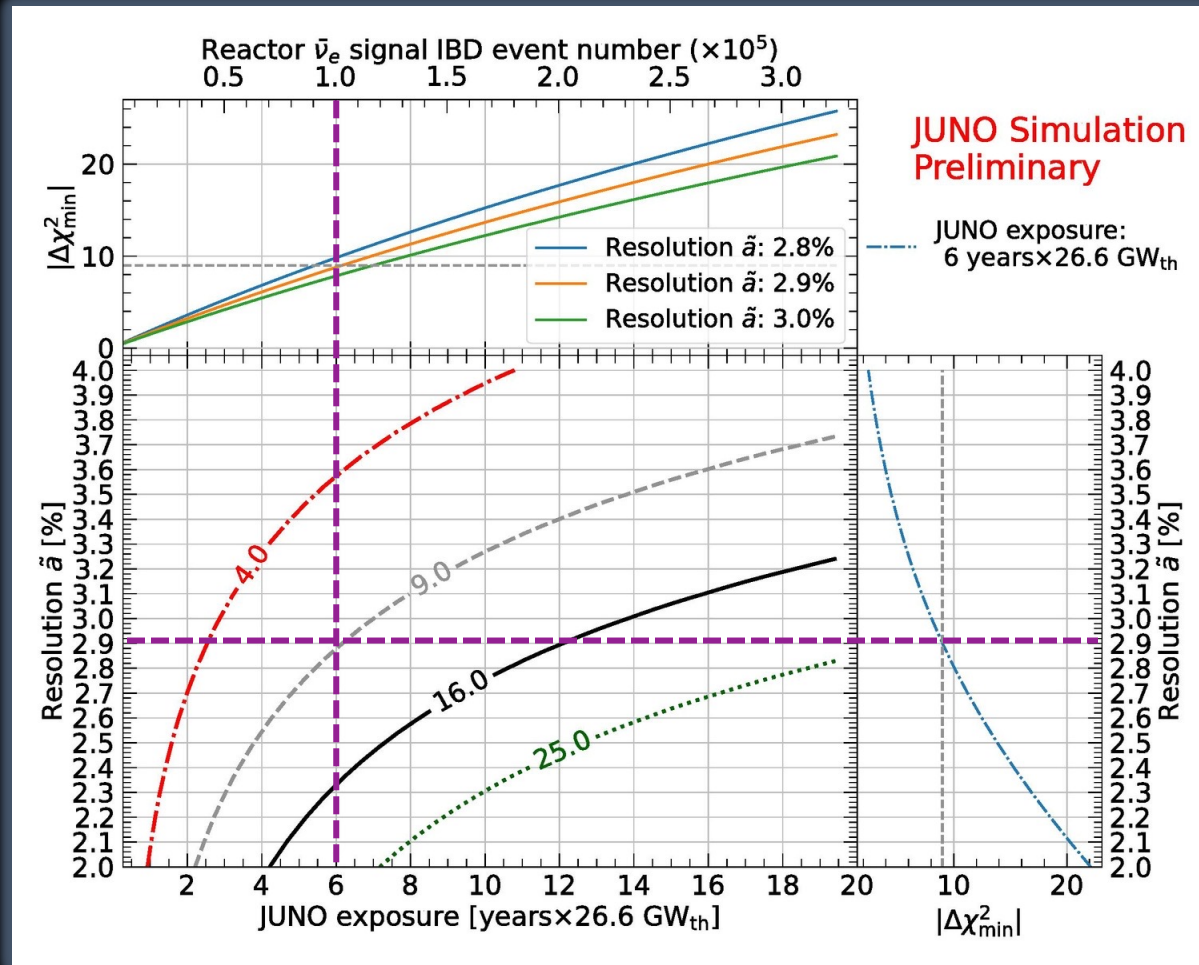
- 2.6 t GdLS
- ~30 m from reactor core
- ~2000 IBD events/day
- 12k PE/MeV
- >95% photo-coverage (4100 SiPM)
- Energy **resolution ~2% @1 MeV**

Neutrino Mass Ordering Sensitivity

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- JUNO is the only experiment exploiting **vacuum oscillations (Unique)**
- No dependence on θ_{23} or δ_{CP} . Very little dependence on matter effects



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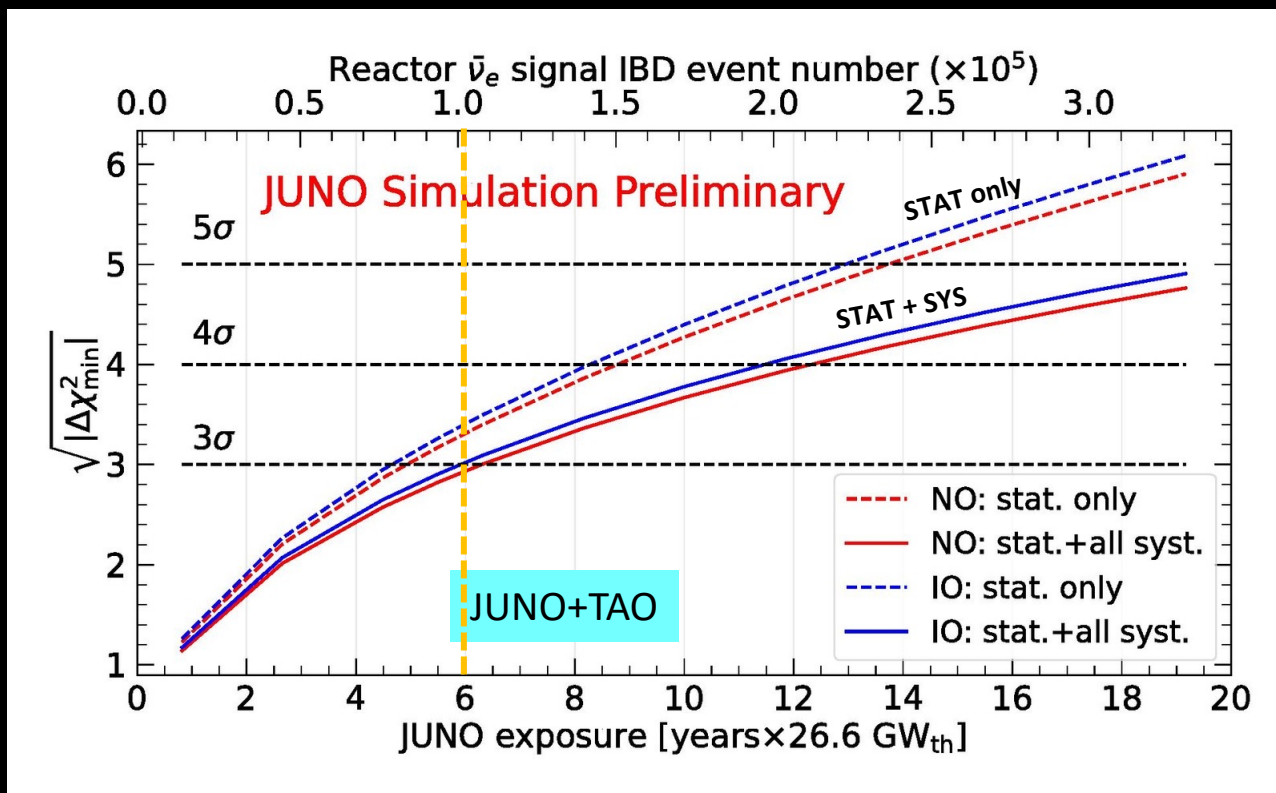
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| | $\Delta\chi_{\min}^2$ | stat. + 1 syst. |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Statistics | 11.3 | |
| Stat.+Flux error | -0.6 | |
| Stat.+Backgrounds | -1.4 | |
| Stat.+Nonlinearity | -0.4 | |
| Stat.+Others | < -0.05 | |
| Total | 9.0 | |

JUNO Simulation Preliminary

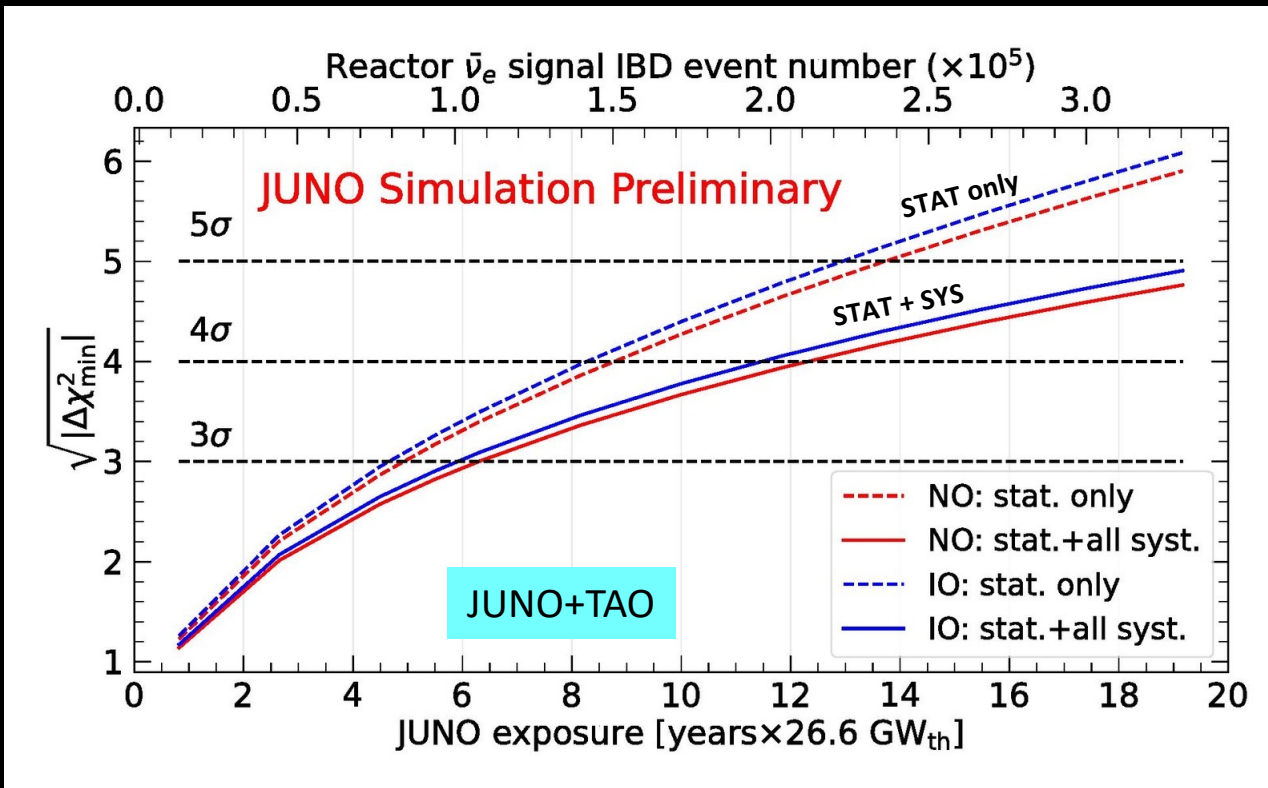
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 - Using external $|\Delta m_{\mu\mu}^2|$ (1% precision) \rightarrow **4 σ** sensitivity in 6 years
 - **Strong synergies with other experiments:**
 - Through Δm_{32}^2 for **accelerator neutrinos** (NOvA and T2K) *Sci Rep 12, 5393 (2022)*
 - Through Δm_{31}^2 for **atmospheric neutrinos** (KM3NeT/ORCA and IceCube) *Phys. Rev. D 101, 032006 (2020)*
JHEP 03 (2022) 055
- > 5 σ sensitivity (in 6 years) in case of joint analysis**

Neutrino Oscillation Parameters

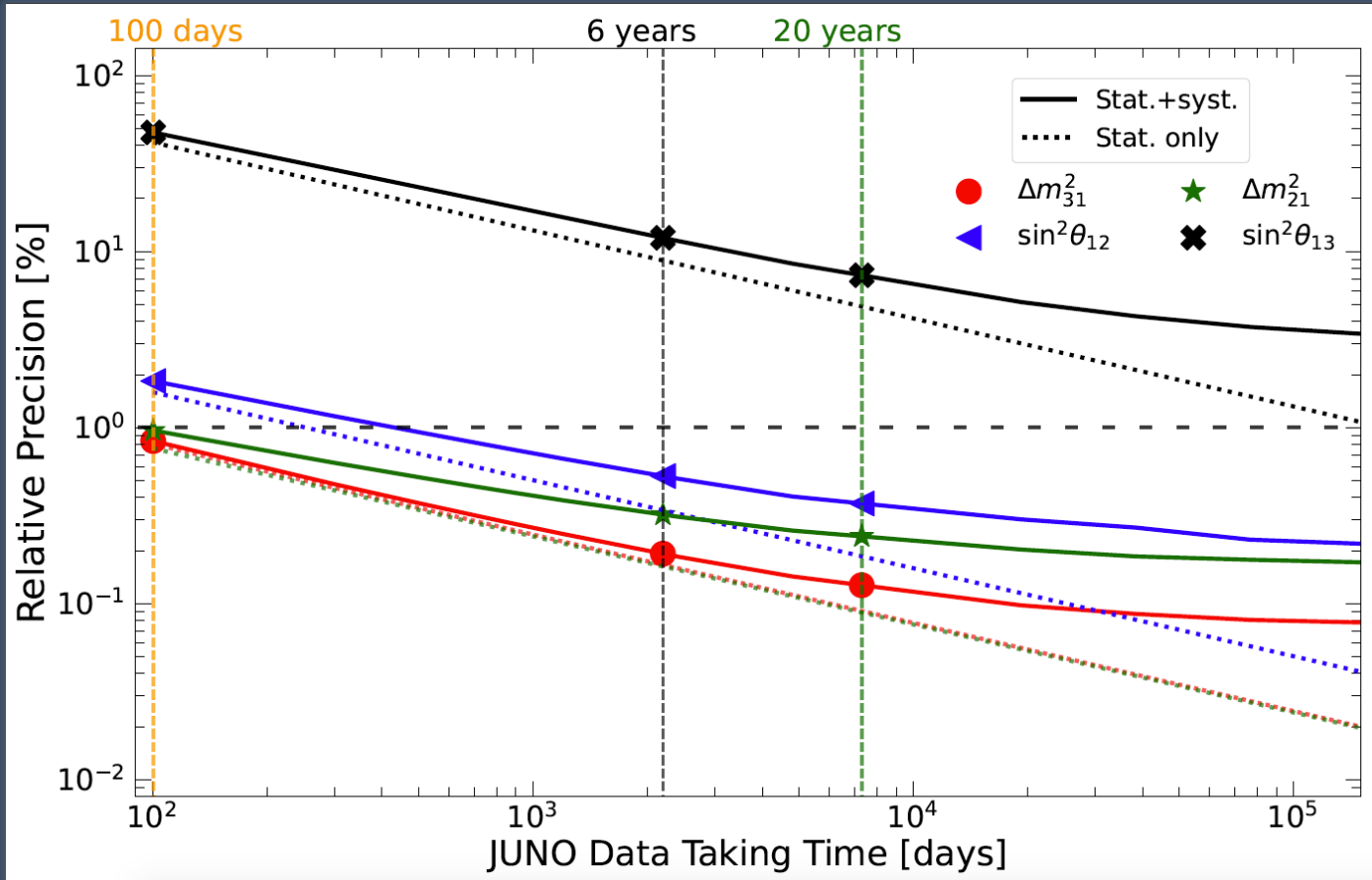
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- Comparison of **nominal spectrum against** model based on the **standard parametrization**

$$\chi^2 \equiv (M - T(\theta, \alpha))^T \cdot V^{-1} \cdot (M - T(\theta, \alpha)) + \sum_i \left(\frac{\alpha_i}{\sigma_i} \right)^2$$

Pull terms can substitute any covariance matrix (systematics) and vice-versa



| | Δm_{31}^2 | Δm_{21}^2 | $\sin^2 \theta_{12}$ | $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$ |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| JUNO 6 years | $\sim 0.2\%$ | $\sim 0.3\%$ | $\sim 0.5\%$ | $\sim 12\%$ |
| PDG2020 | 1.4% | 2.4% | 4.2% | 3.2% |

- JUNO will yield **sub-percent precision** after the nominal exposure of 6 years
- Improve today's precision by almost one order of magnitude** in 3 of 6 oscillation parameters
- JUNO will help in testing the unitarity of the PMNS matrix and the mass sum rule

Breakdown of Systematic Uncertainties

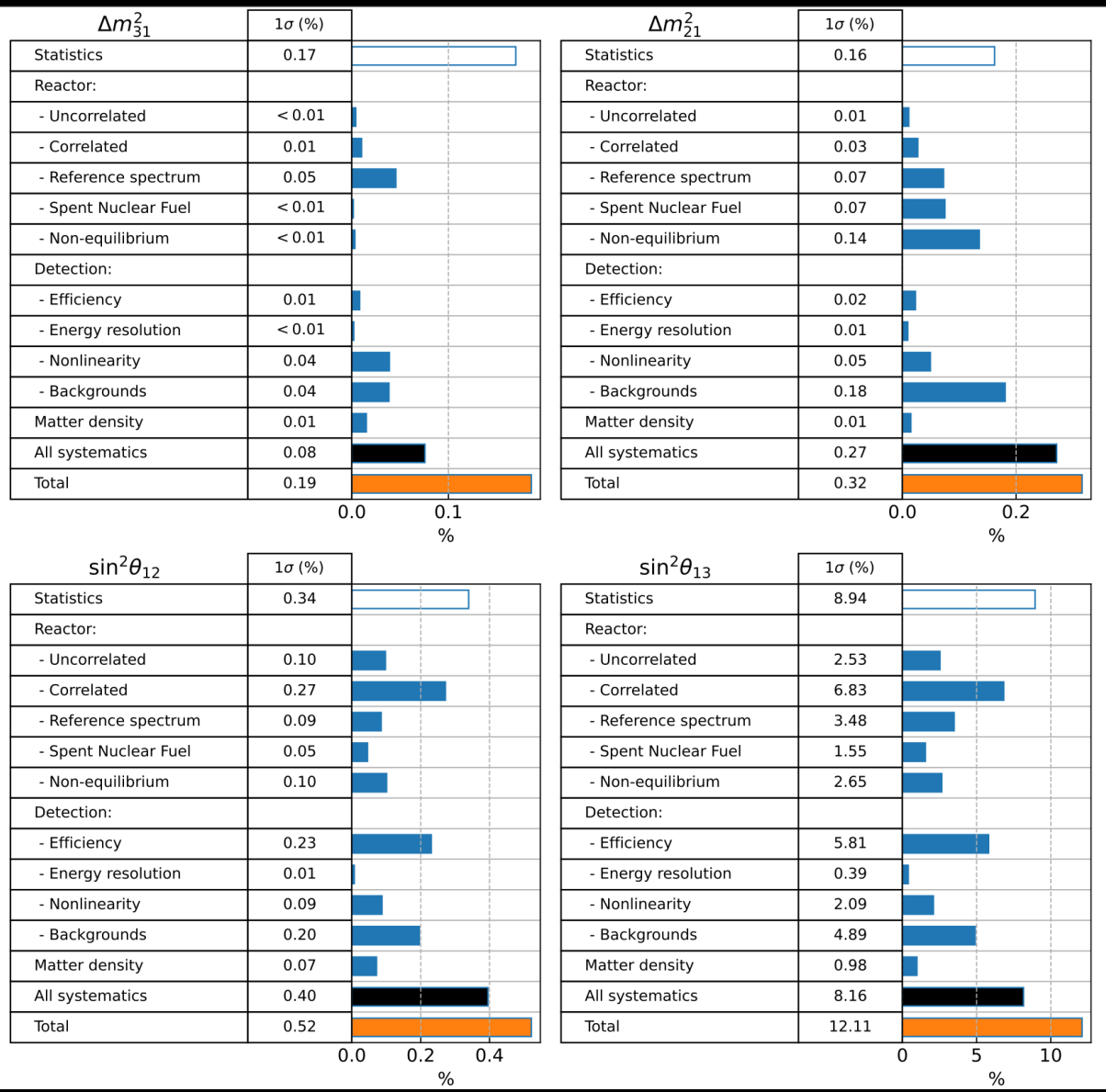


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|----------|---|
| stat | Statistical (reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ events only) |
| eff | Detection efficiency |
| runc | Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ flux reactor-uncorrelated |
| rcor | Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ flux reactor-correlated |
| b2bTAO | Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ spectrum shape based on TAO measurement |
| snf | $\bar{\nu}_e$ flux from spent nuclear fuel) |
| noneq | Non-equilibrium correction to reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ flux |
| abc | Energy resolution (JHEP03,004(2021)) |
| nl | Liquid scintillator non-linearity (NIMA940,230(2019)) |
| bg | Backgrounds |
| ME | Earth's matter density |
| all syst | All systematics above |

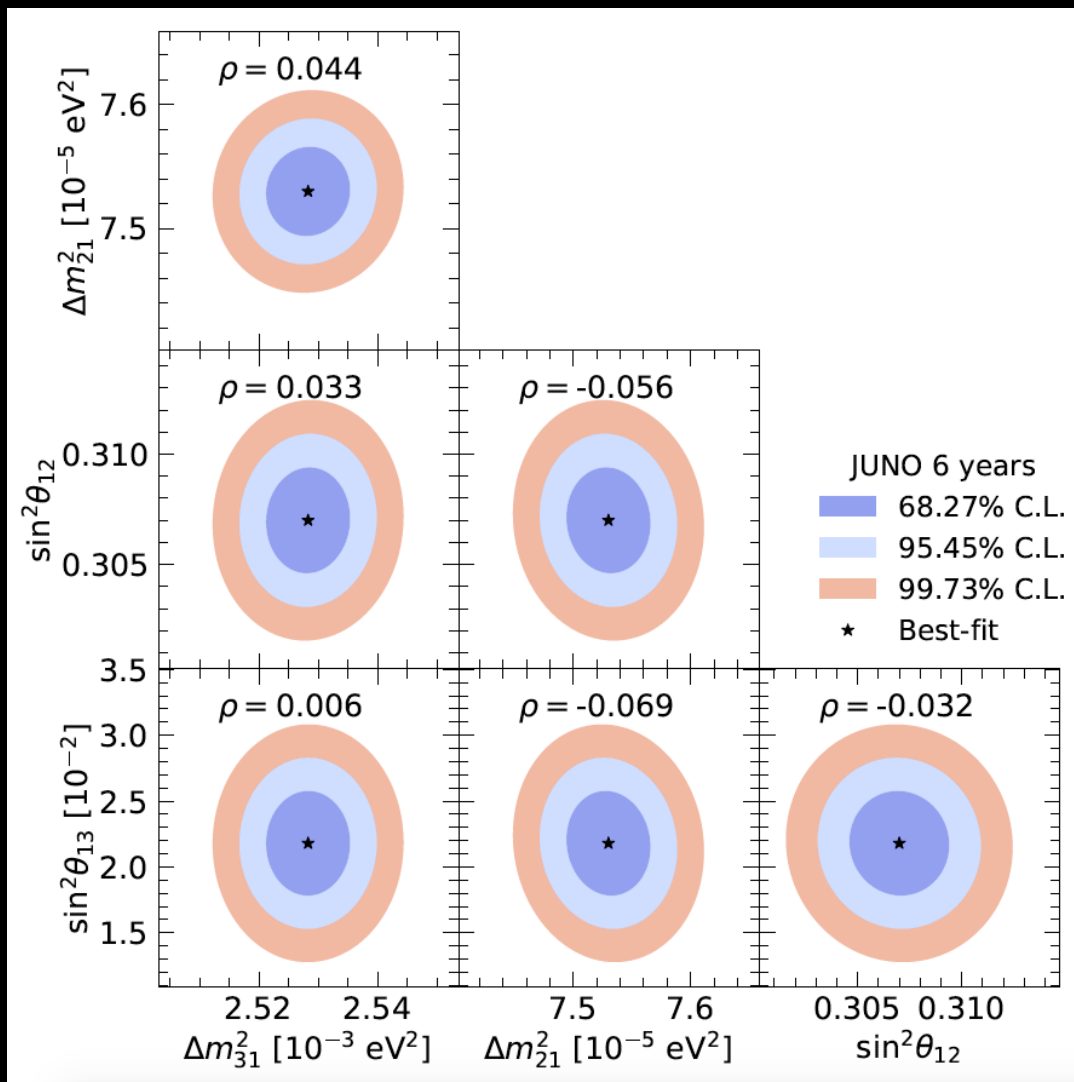
The dominant systematics for precision measurement:

- $\Delta m_{31}^2 / \Delta m_{32}^2$: reactor spectrum shape
- Δm_{21}^2 : backgrounds, non-equilibrium effect
- $\sin^2 \theta_{12}, \sin^2 \theta_{13}$: normalization rate (reactor and detection efficiency)

Spectral info provides good constraint on the normalization



Oscillation Parameters Correlation



- Oscillation parameters nearly **uncorrelated**
- **<0.3% improvement** when constraining $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$ from PDG

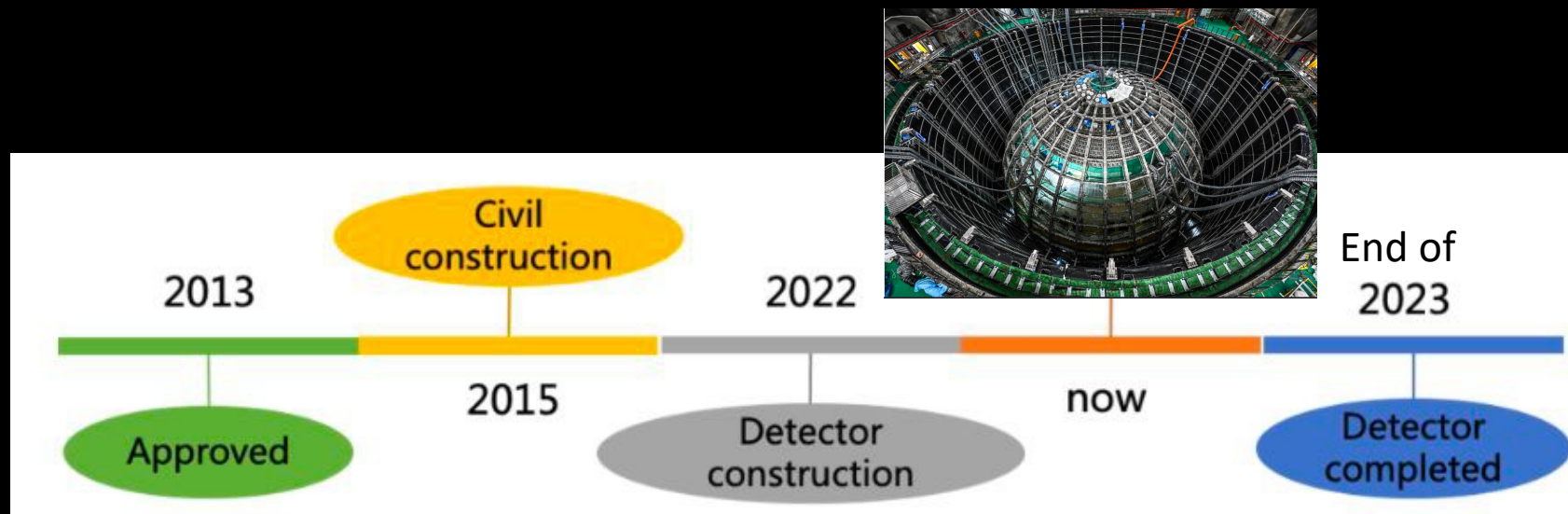
EXTRA INFORMATION:

- Negligible impact of neutrino mass ordering choice
- Wrong ordering produce sensitivities no larger than 5% of the nominal values
- SPMT can measure solar parameters with similar precision as LPMT \Rightarrow crosscheck

Conclusions



- JUNO will be the first experiment to observe **two modes of neutrino oscillations simultaneously**
- JUNO will achieve an **unprecedented 3% energy resolution** at 1 MeV with an energy scale calibration uncertainty of 1%
- **Neutrino mass ordering determination $>3\sigma$ in 6 years** via reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$
- Measurement of **Δm_{21}^2 , Δm_{32}^2 , $\sin^2 \theta_{12}$** at sub-percent precision level with reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$

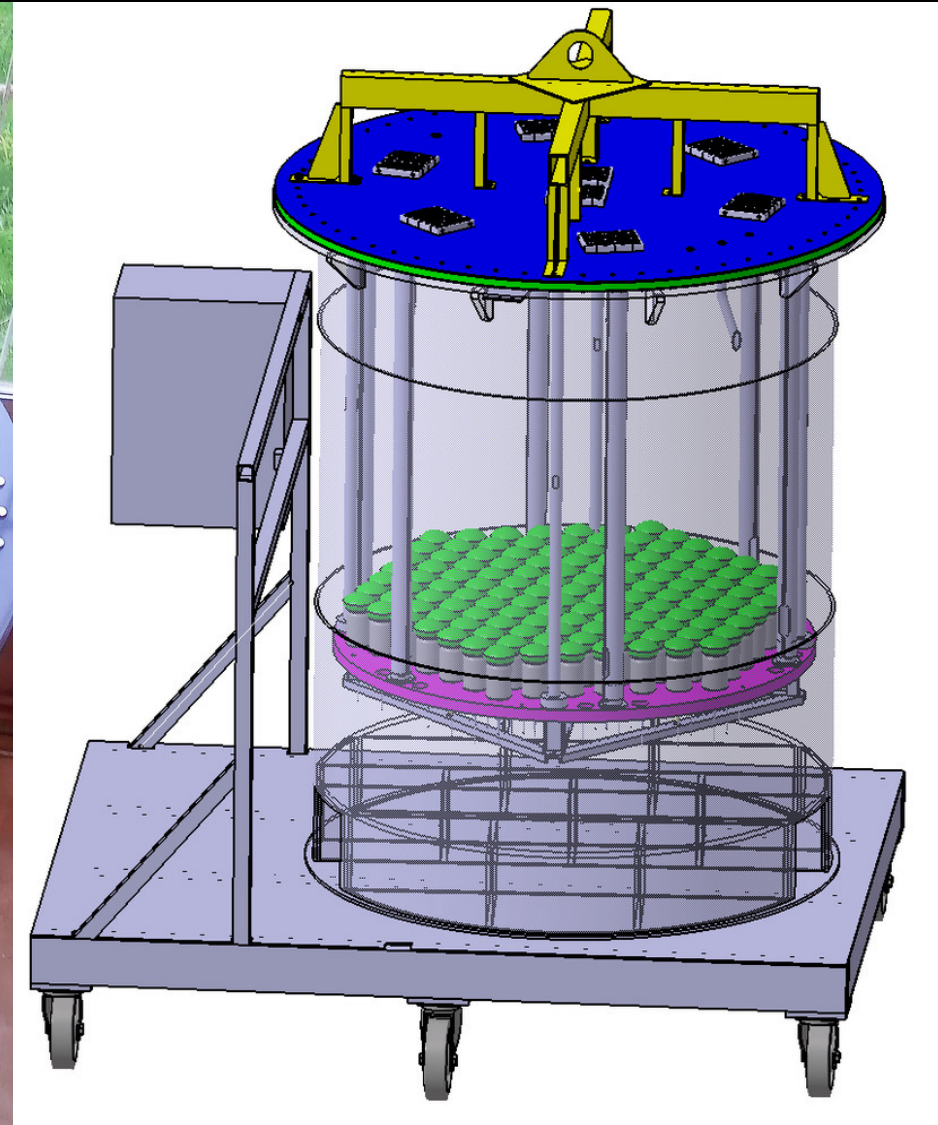
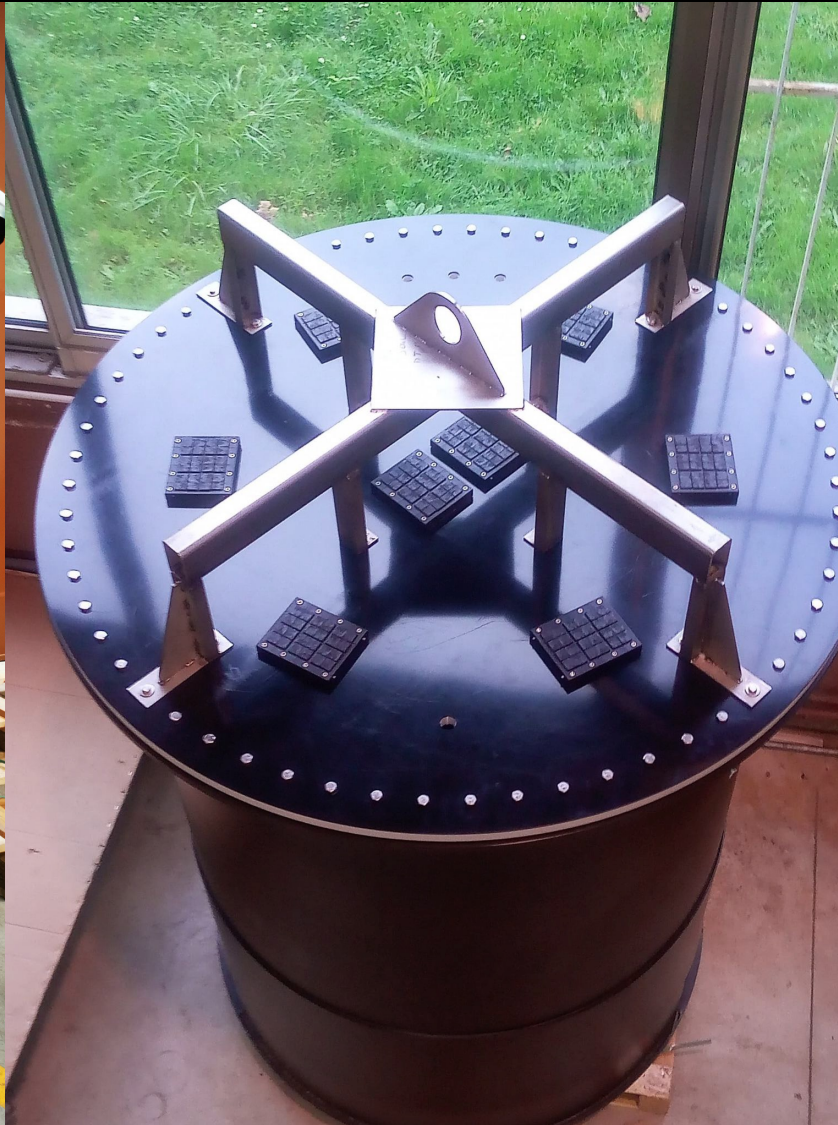


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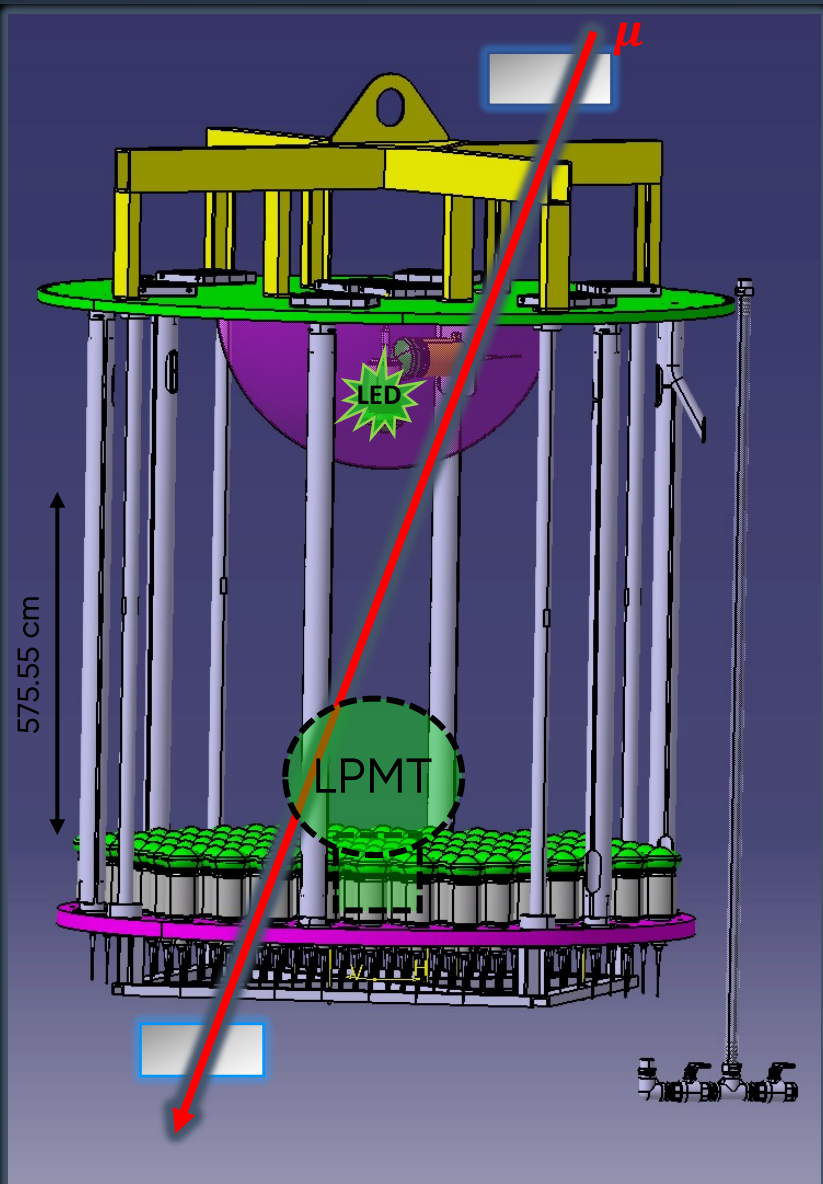
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Back-up

JINO as a JUNO prototype



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★ Response test / validation / calibration

★ JINO-I

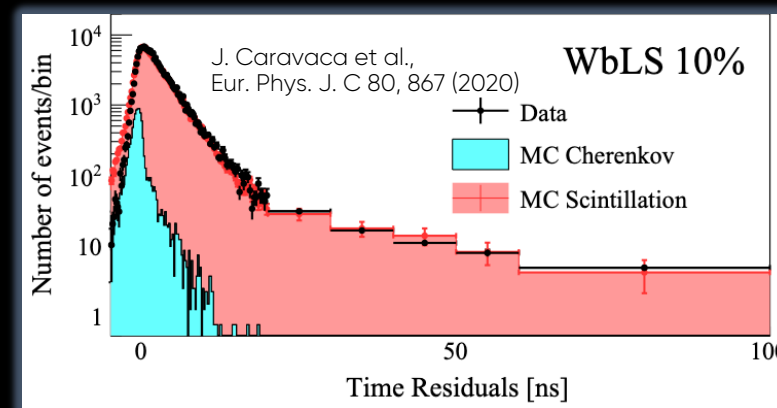
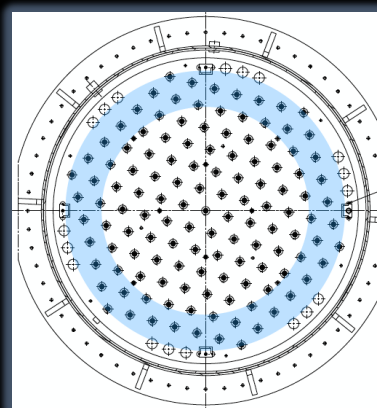
- Single Calorimetry: 127 SPMT (bottom)
- Dual Calorimetry Calibration: 127 SPMT+1 SPMT (source monitoring)

★ JINO-II

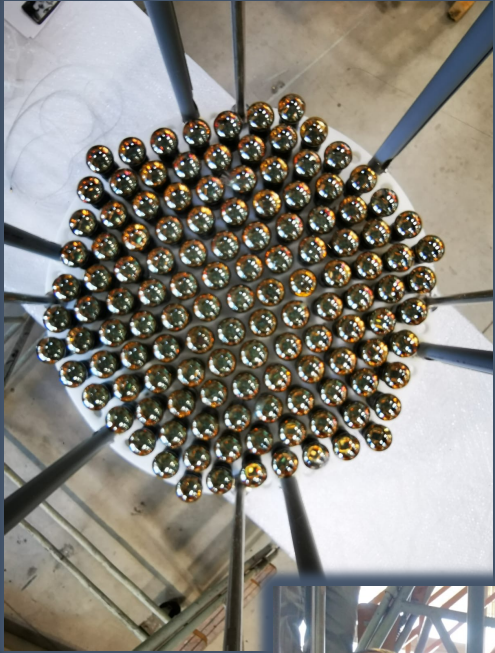
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★ Different light sources (no degeneracies)

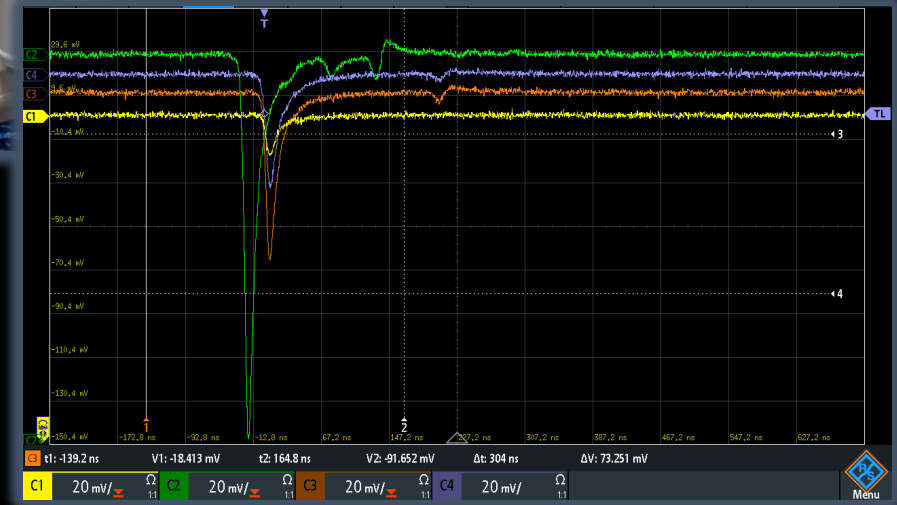
- Muon Cherenkov only (electronics performance)
- Muon Cherenkov + Scintillation (JUNO-like)
- UV LED + Scintillator
- LED only (SN readout capabilities)



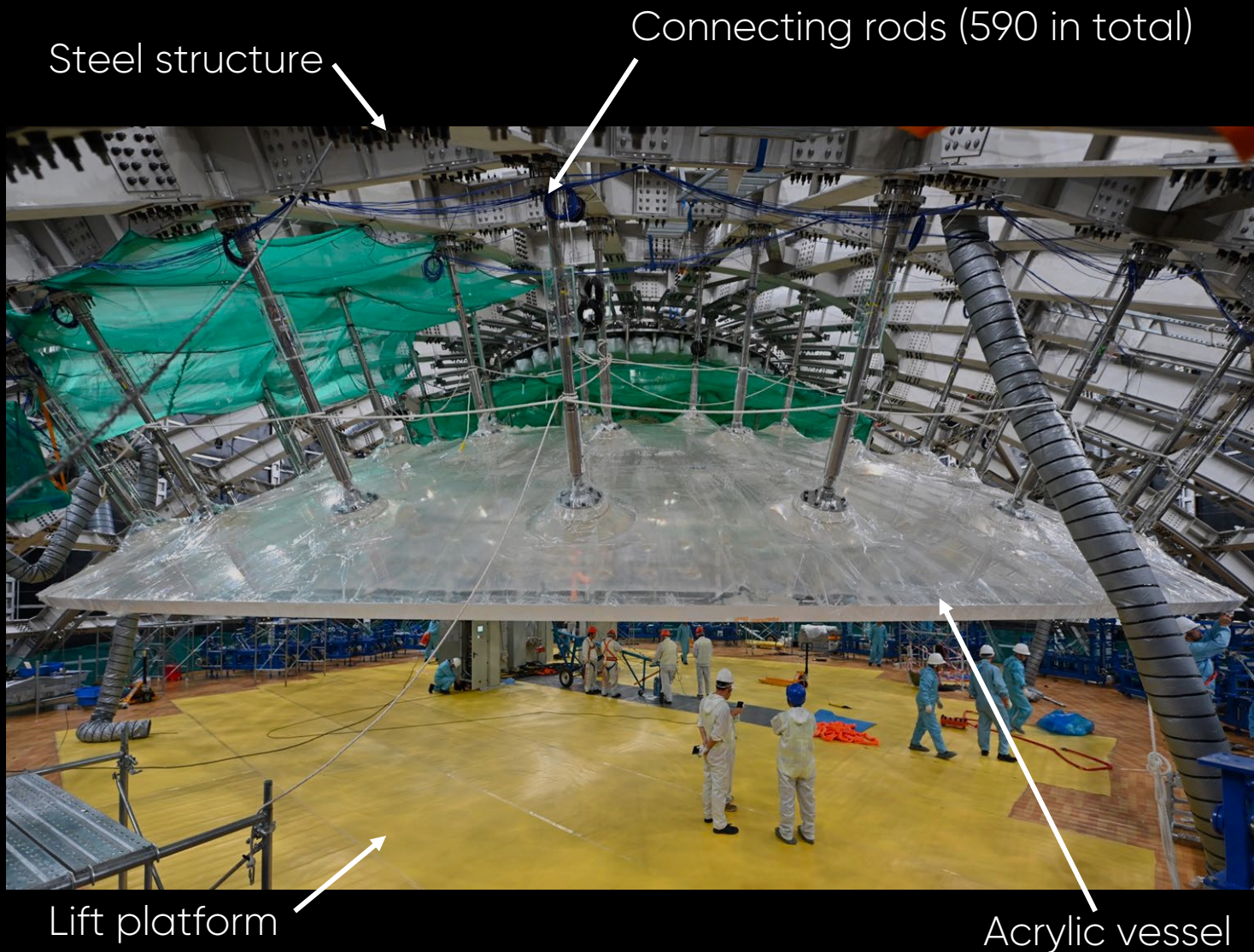
JINO as a JUNO prototype



Commissioning on-going



Detector Construction Status (2022)



Acrylic Spherical Vessel

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

Energy Scale



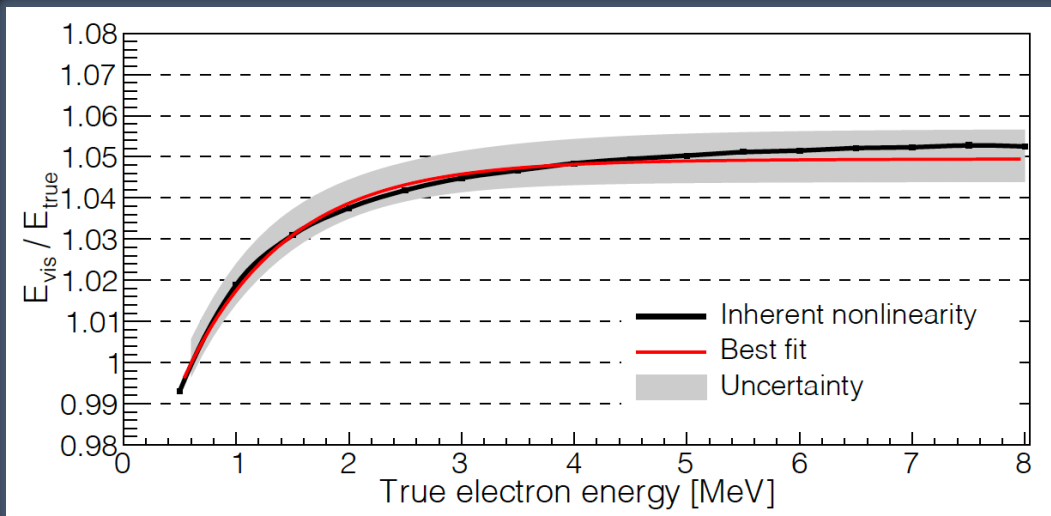
Non-linearity is composed of:

1. Physics non-linearity:

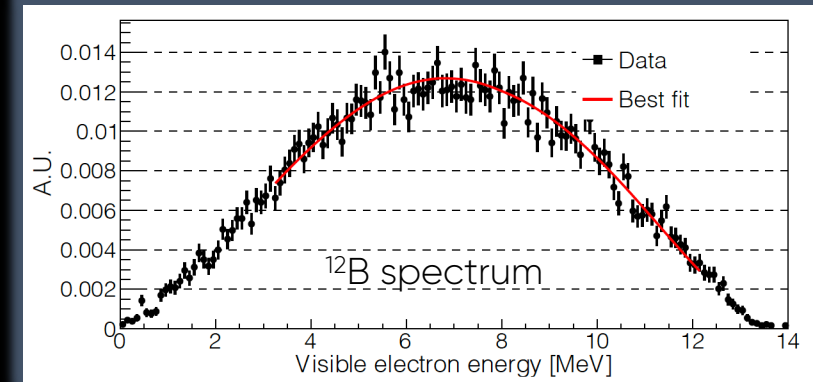
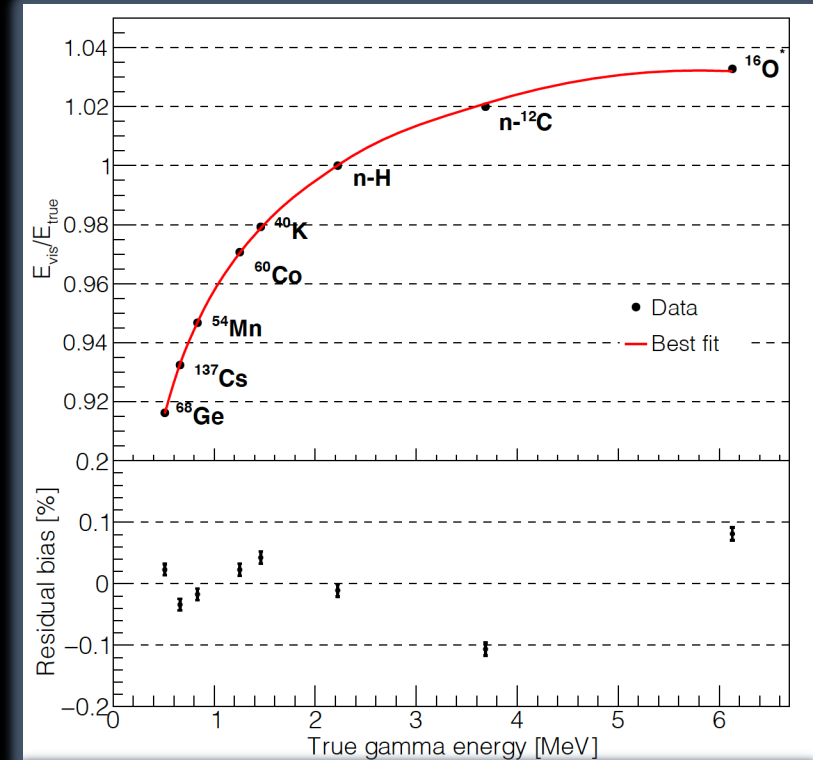
- Scintillation quenching, following Birks' law.
- Cherenkov emission dependence on particle's velocity.

2. Instrumental non-linearity:

- PMT instrumentation and electronics, channelwise response



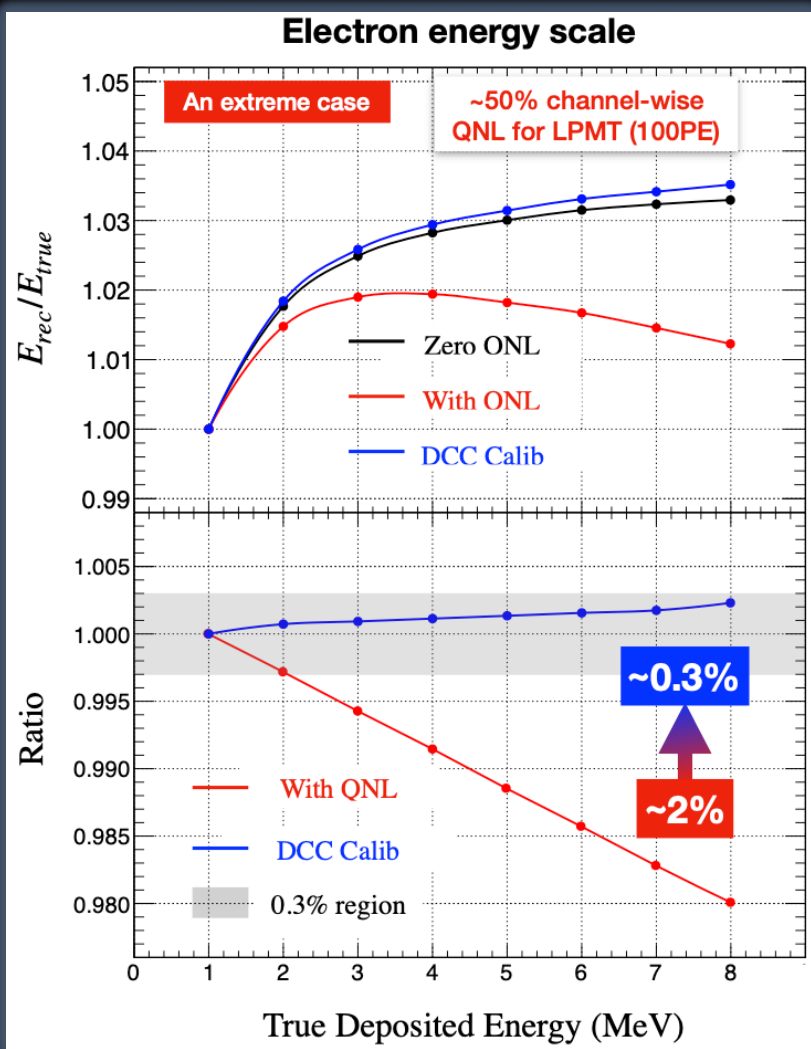
< 1% energy scale uncertainty



Energy Scale after Dual Calorimetry Calibration

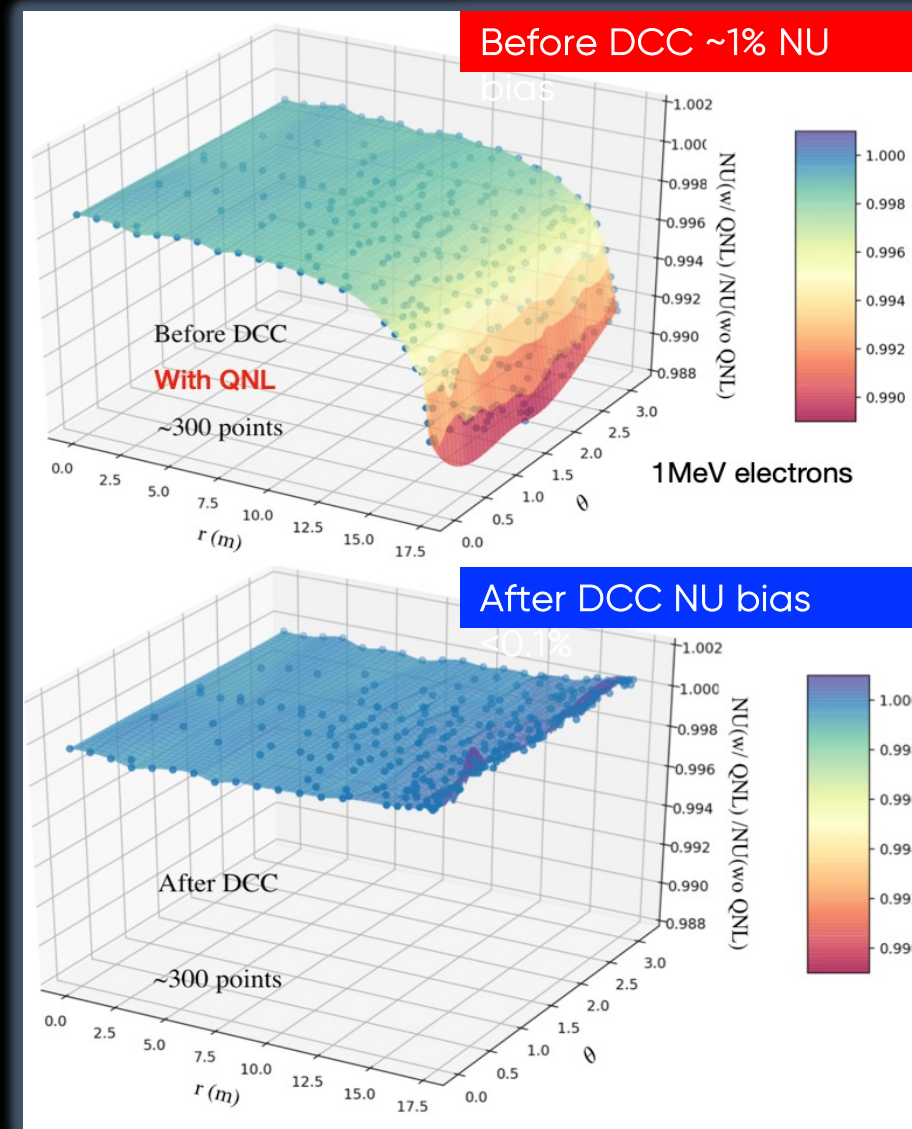


$$E_{\text{dep}} = Q_{\text{PE}} \times f_{\text{PE/MeV}} \times f_{\text{LSNL}} \times f_{\text{NS}} \times f_{\text{NU}} \times f_{\text{QNL}}$$

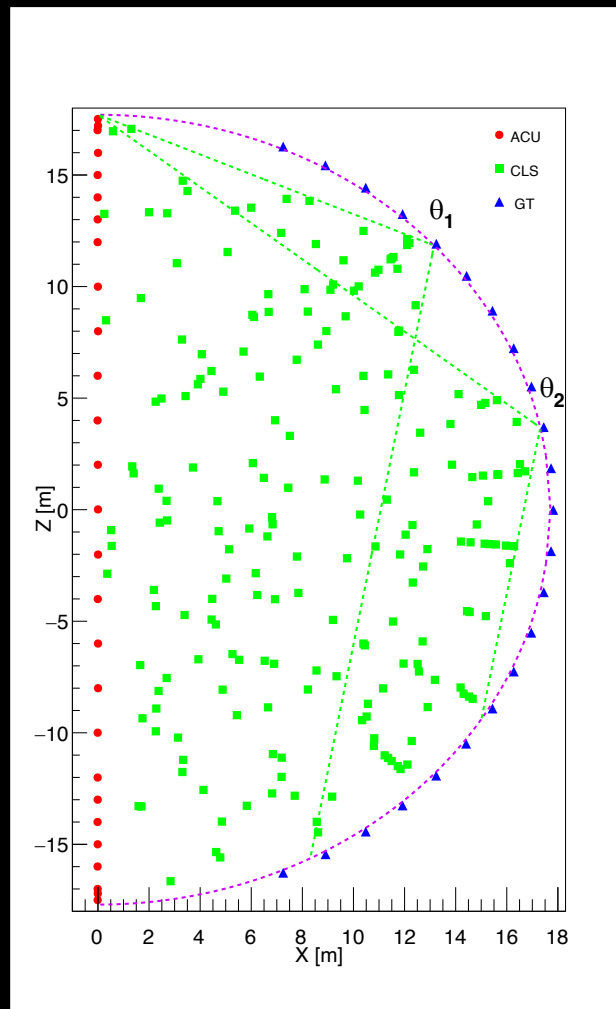
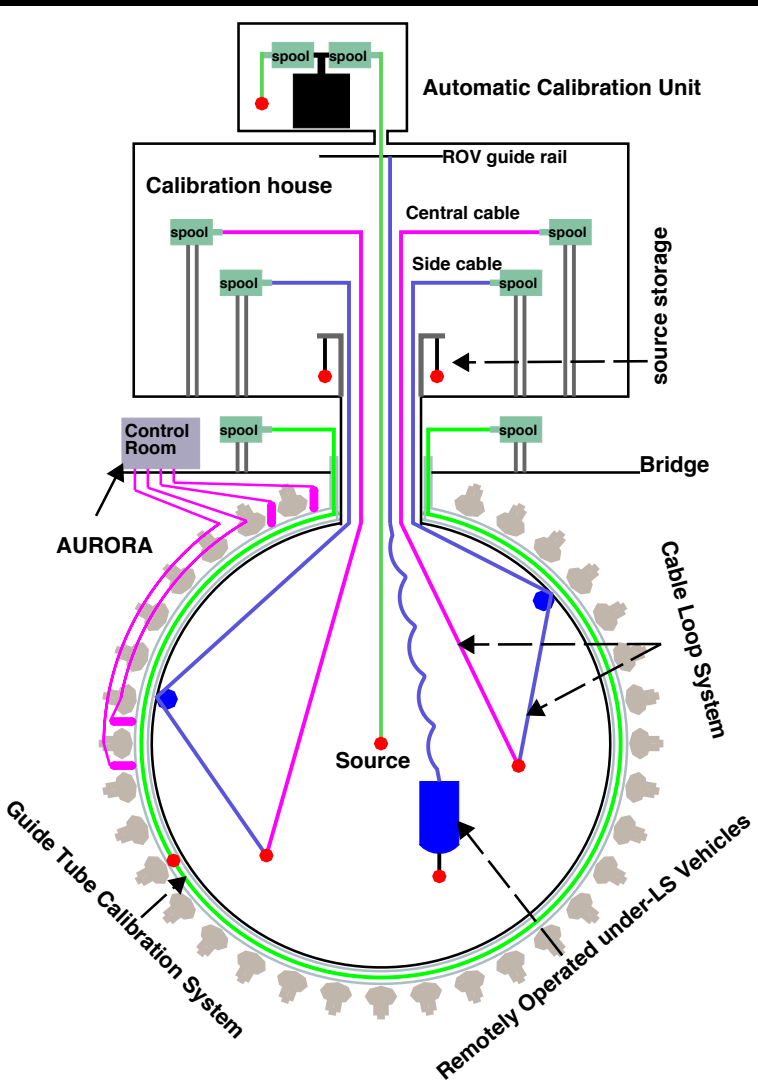


Almost negligible role of QNL effects upon the DCC application ~0.3%

The DCC can control the QNL induced NU bias to 0.1% level

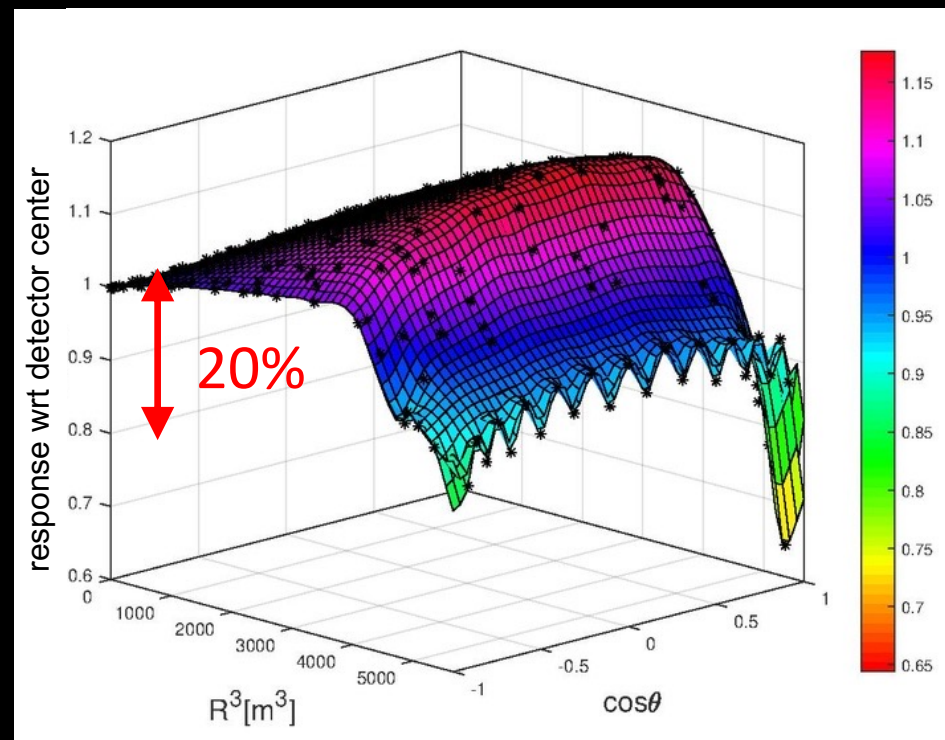


Non-Uniformity calibration



Azimuthal symmetry assumed

Non-Uniformity in one vertical plane

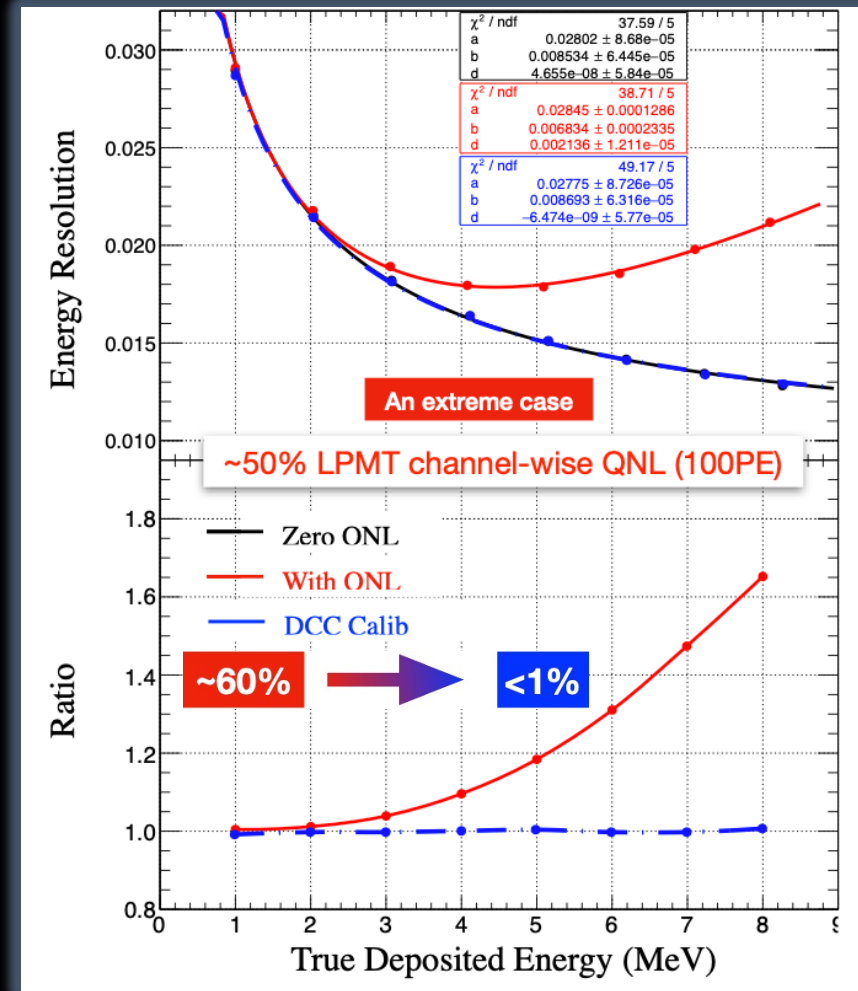
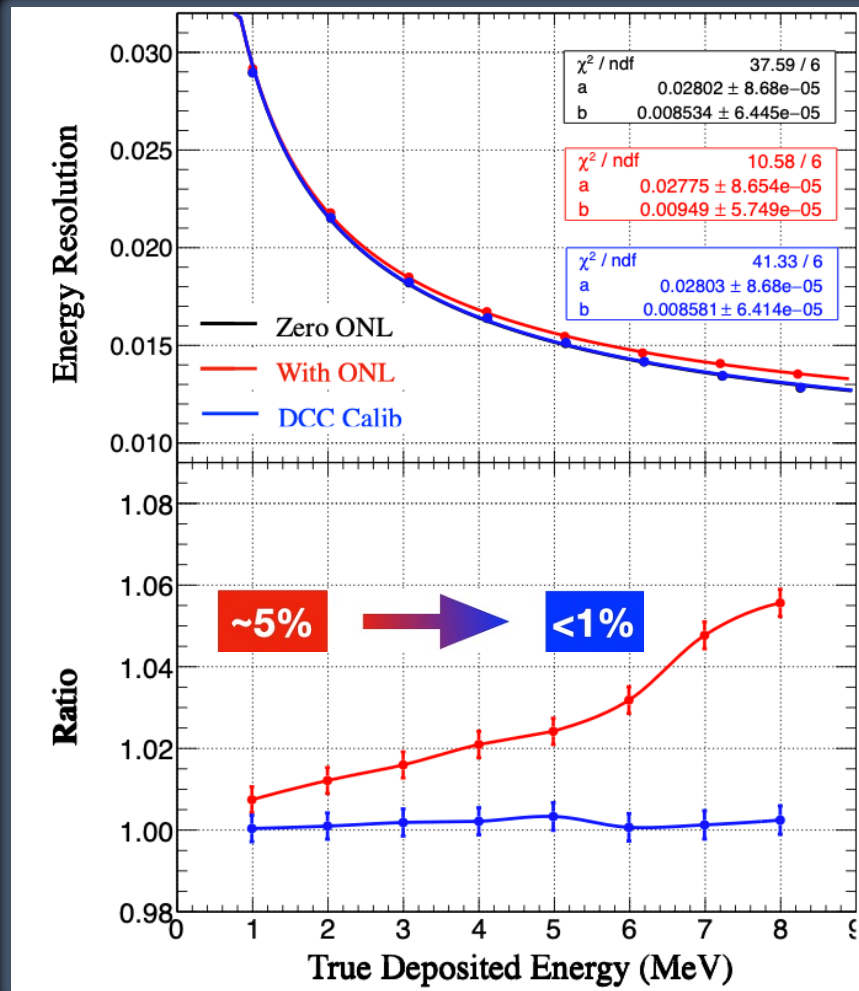


JUNO simulation

Energy Resolution after Dual Calorimetry Calibration

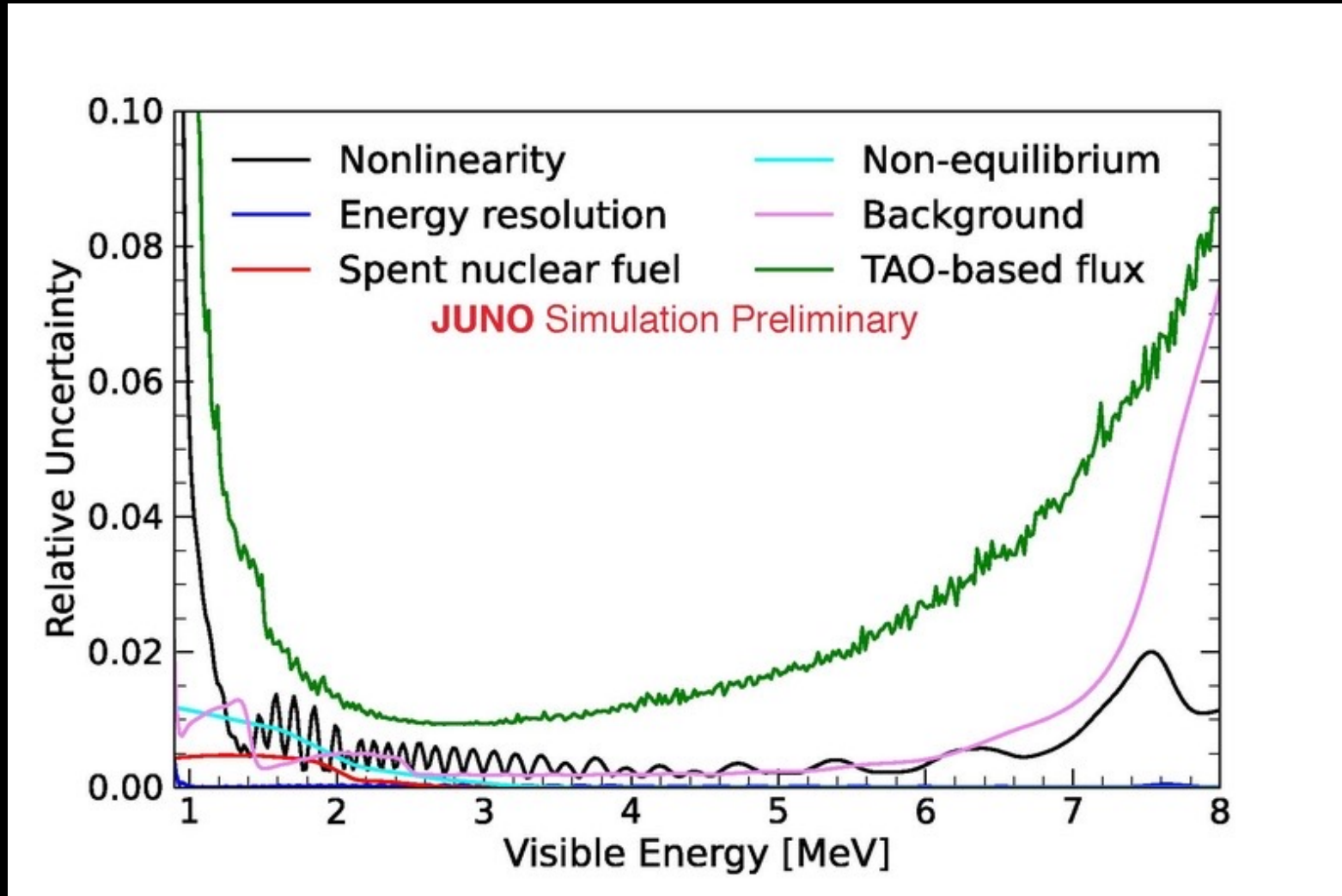


$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{stochastic}^2}{E} + \sigma_{non-stochastic}^2(E)} \quad \sigma_{non-stochastic} < 1\%$$

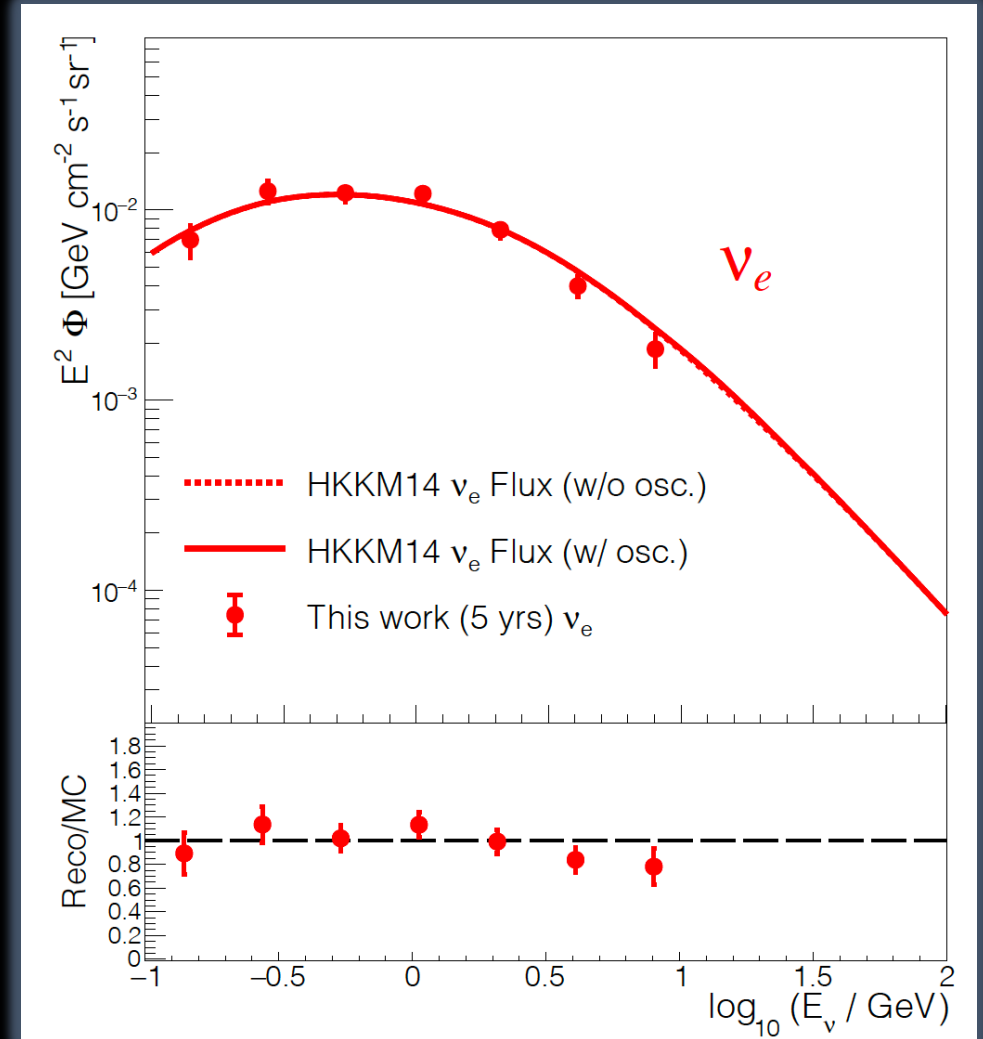
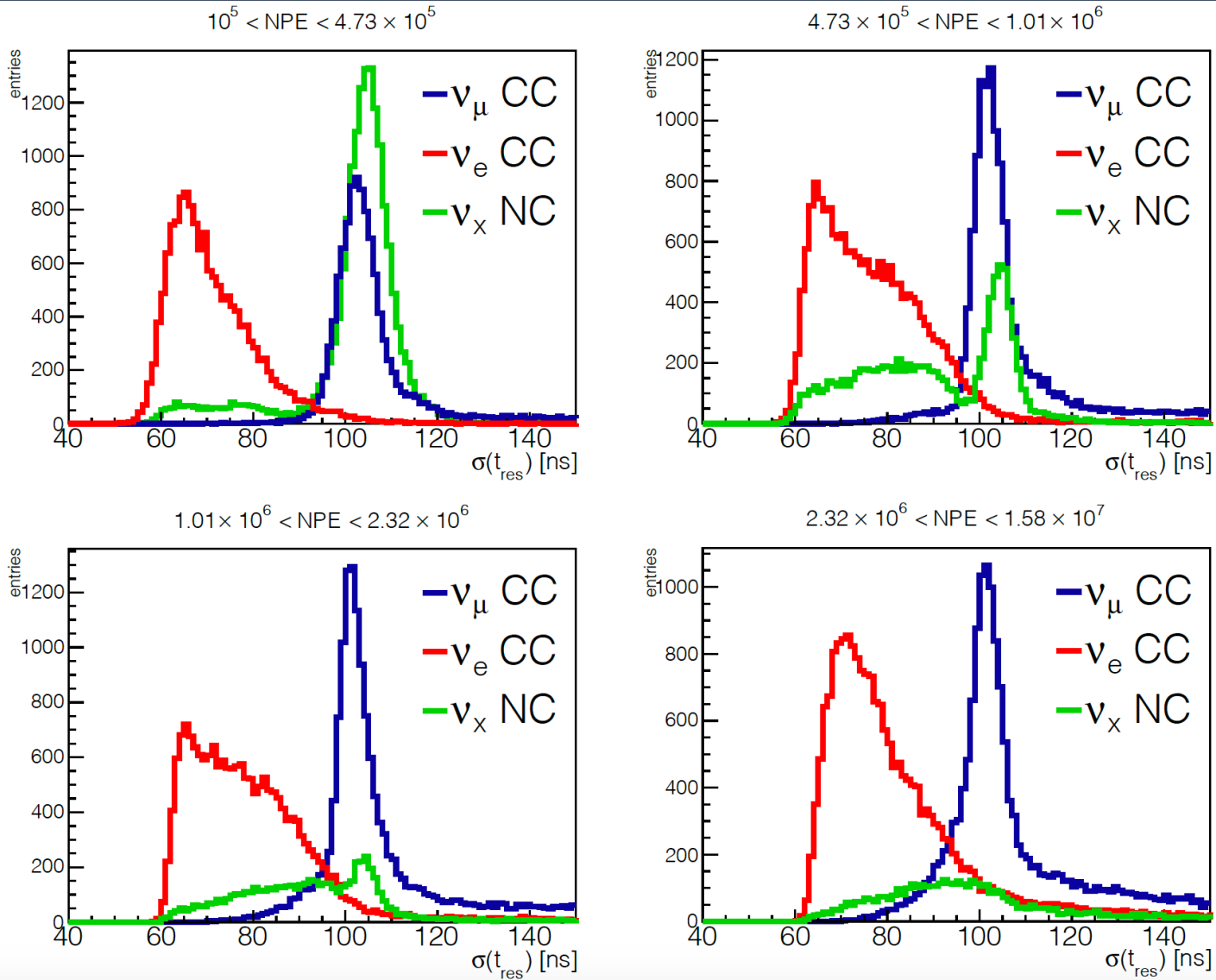


| Component | Input Uncertainty (%) |
|---|-----------------------|
| Flux Systematics | |
| Thermal Power (P) | 0.50 |
| Energy per Fission | 0.20 |
| Fission Fraction | 0.60 |
| Neutrino Yield per Fission | 2.00 |
| Detection Systematics | |
| IBD Selection Efficiency | 0.20 |
| Fiduaciation (2 cm vertex bias) | 0.35 |
| Proton Number (DYB) | 0.92 |
| Background Systematics | |
| Geo-neutrino | 0.84 |
| Accidental | 0.02 |
| ${}^9\text{Li}/{}^8\text{He}$ | 0.74 |
| Fast neutrons | 0.23 |
| ${}^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n){}^{16}\text{O}$ | 0.06 |

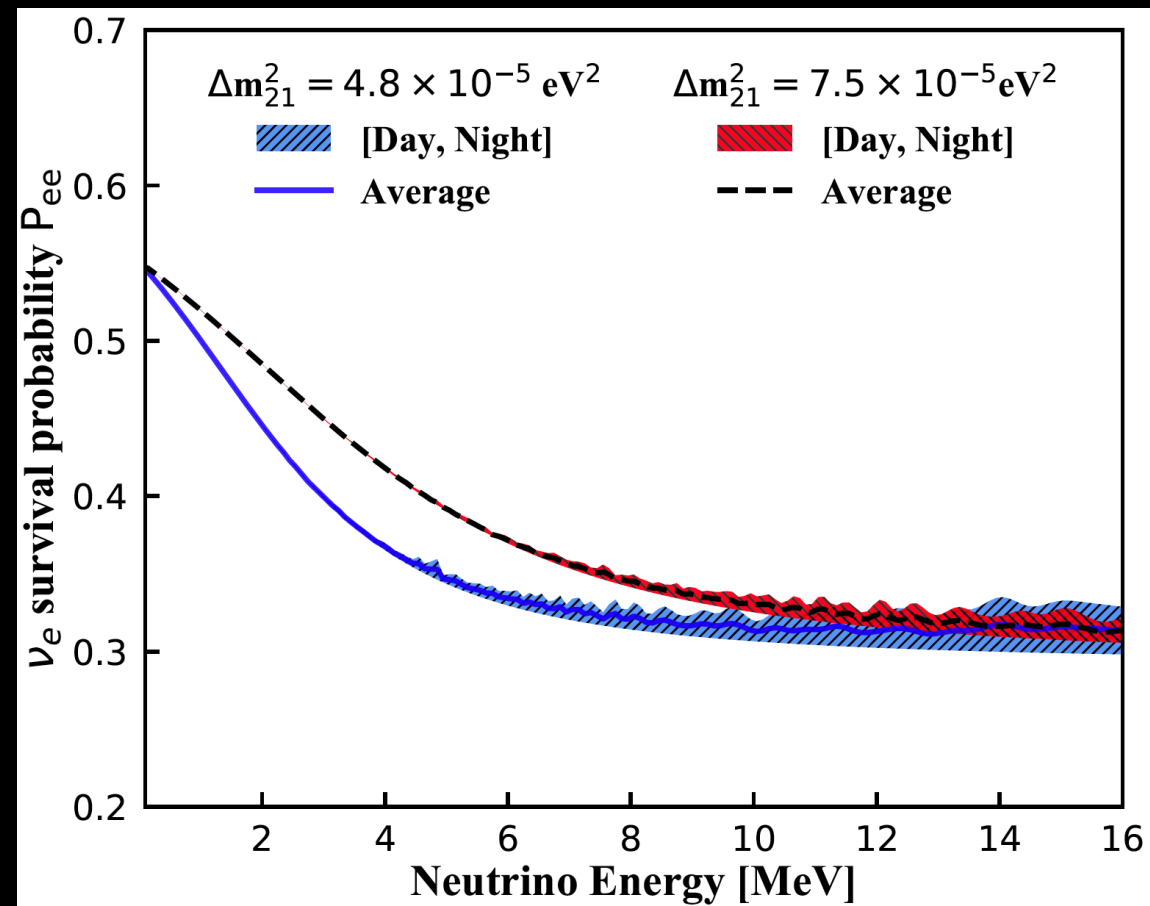
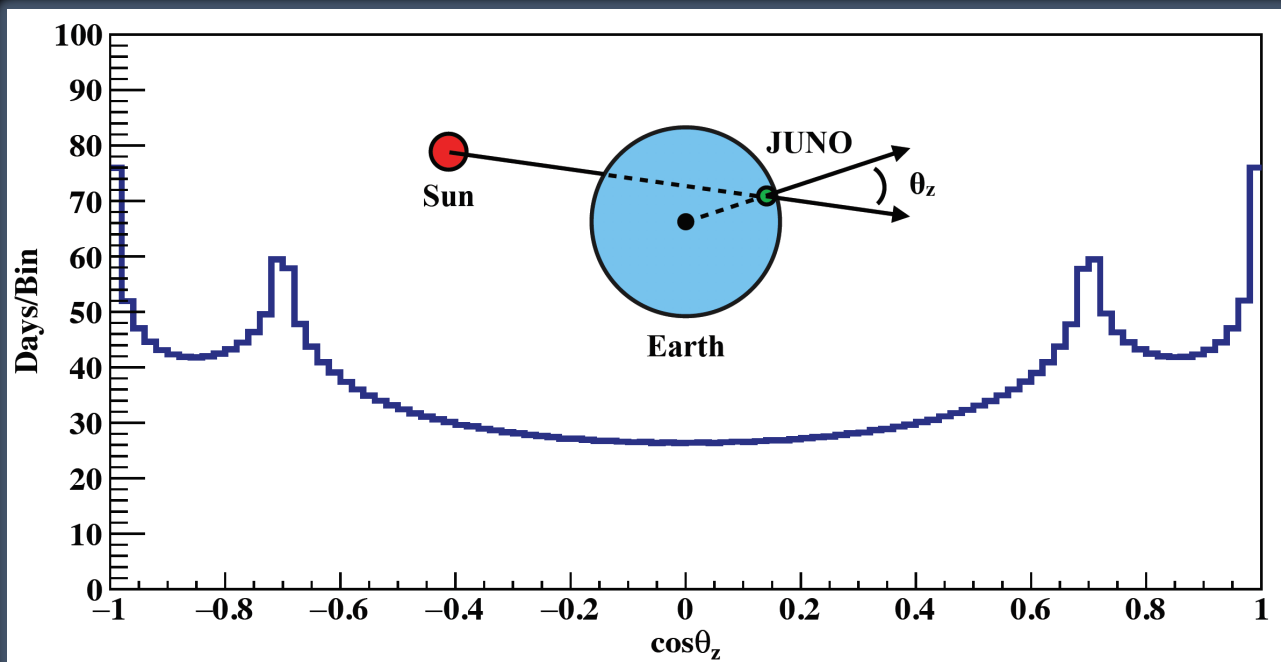
Shape Uncertainty



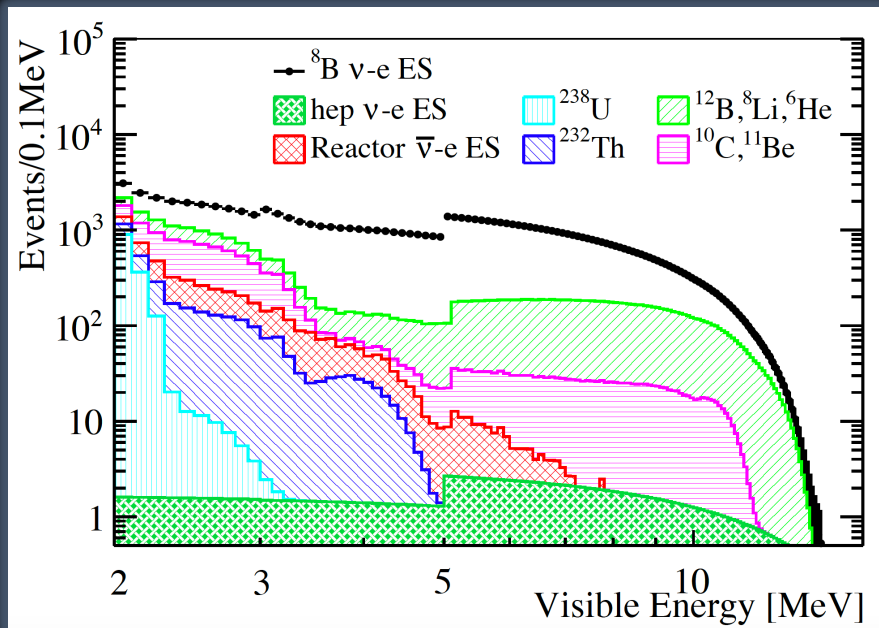
Atmospheric neutrino flavour identification



Day/Night asymmetry

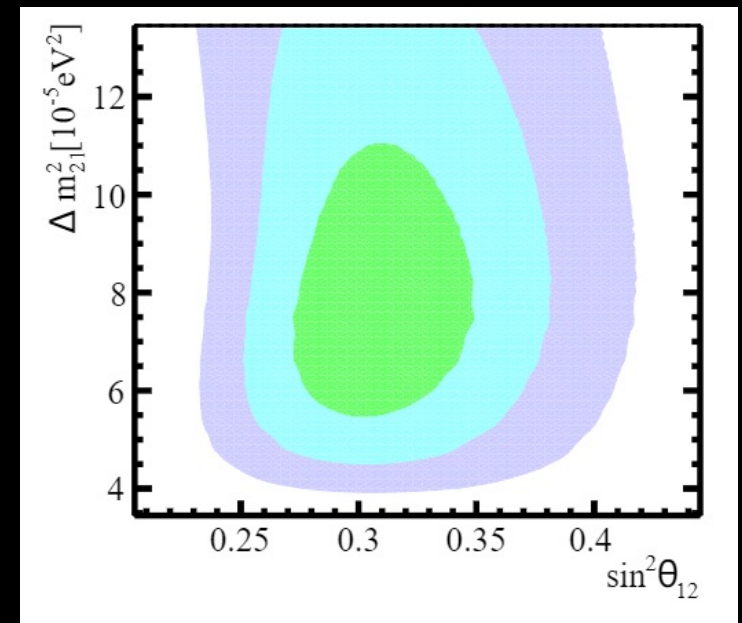


Solar ν_e from ^8B



- Neutrino-electron elastic scattering process
- 2 MeV threshold on the recoil electron energy
- Higher energy resolution than water Cherenkov detectors
- Much larger target mass than previous LS detectors
- LS intrinsic radioactivity (10^{-17} g/g ^{238}U and ^{232}Th)
- Signal/background (10 years): 60k/30k

- ^8B ν_e sensitive to the matter effect: Day/Night asymmetry
- 0.9% sensitivity to Day/Night asymmetry (1.1% in SK)
- 20% sensitivity to Δm_{21}^2 and 8% sensitivity to $\sin^2\theta_{12}$
- Complementarity to JUNO reactor Δm_{21}^2



Sterile neutrinos

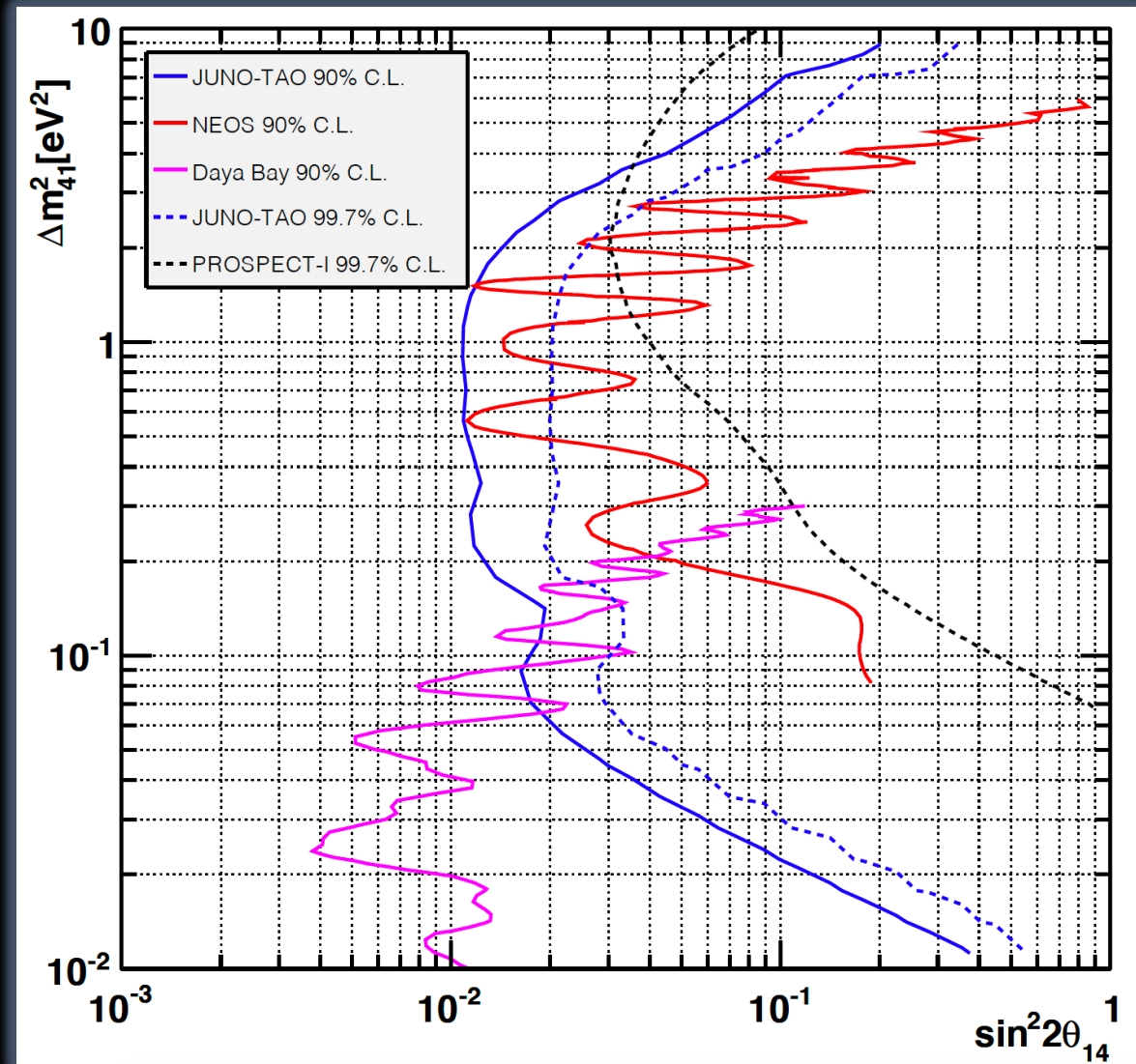


Motivation – observed tensions with 3-flavor paradigm:

- Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ deficit with respect to the state-of-the-art prediction models
- Anomalous $\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance in the ν_μ beam at the LSND and MiniBooNE
- Deficit in number of ν_e from radioactive calibration source in gallium experiments

TAO detector

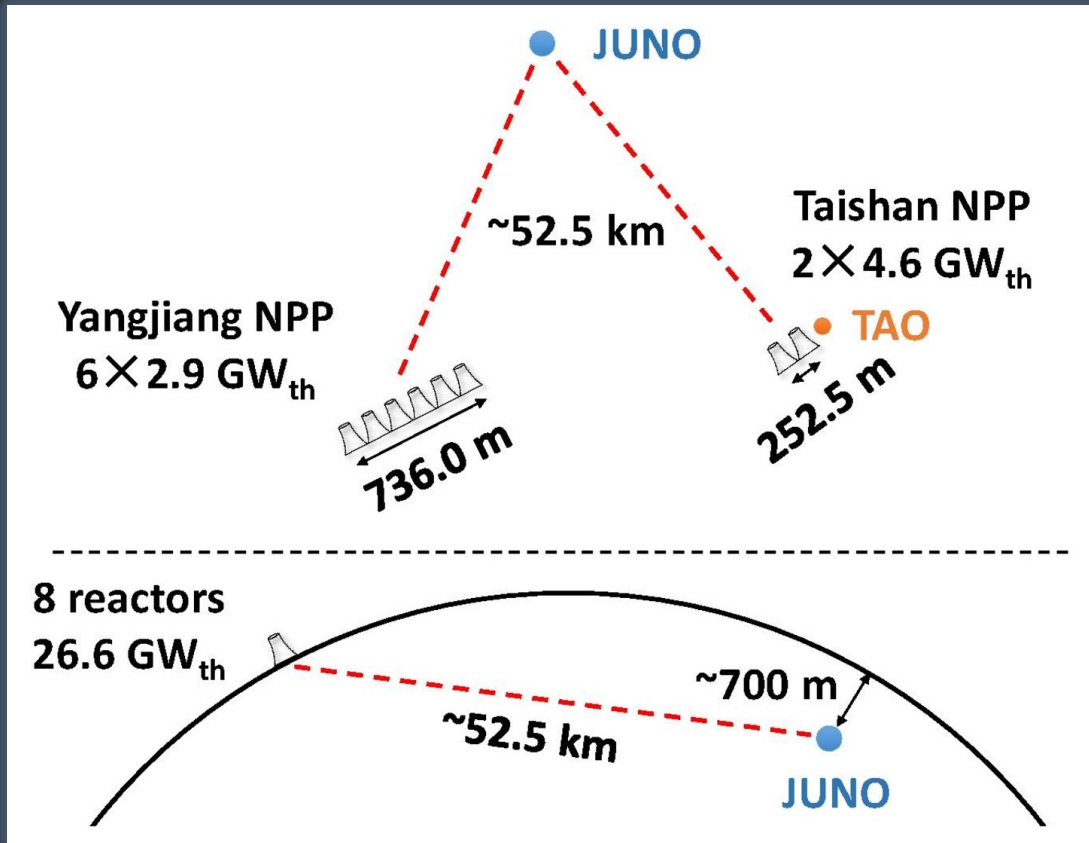
- Inverse beta decay with nGd tag
- Baseline ~ 30 m
- Expected rate: 2000 $\bar{\nu}_e$ /day
- Relevant range: $0.5 \text{ eV}^2 < \Delta m_{41}^2 < 5 \text{ eV}^2$



JUNO NPPs



- Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ at ~ 53 km
 $\sim 45 \bar{\nu}_e/\text{day}$



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

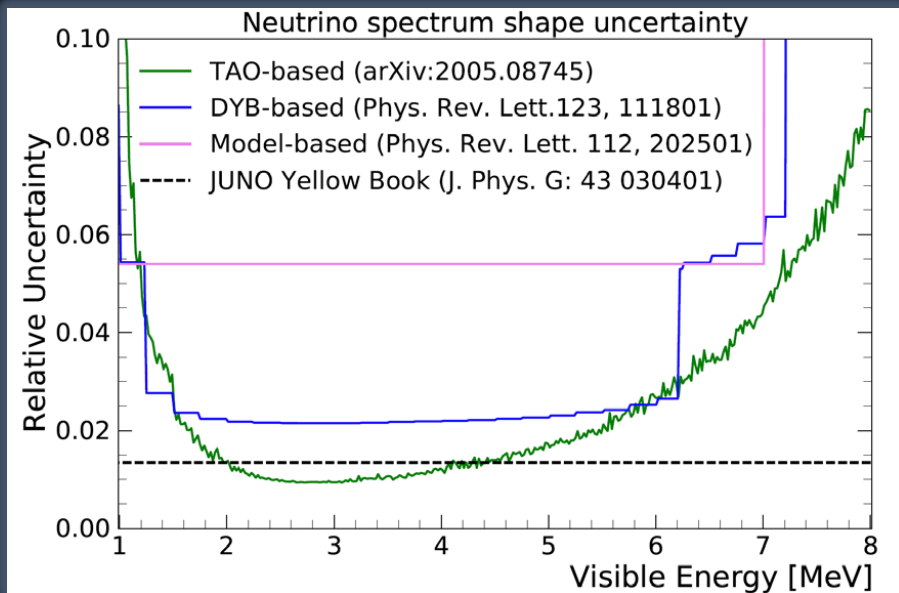
HuiZhou reactor will not be ready at the beginning of data taking

- NPPs > 300 km are treated as backgrounds (~ 1 ev/day)
- Control of the reactor neutrino flux is crucial**
- TAO** will provide accurate control of flux energy dependence using one of the Taishan reactors

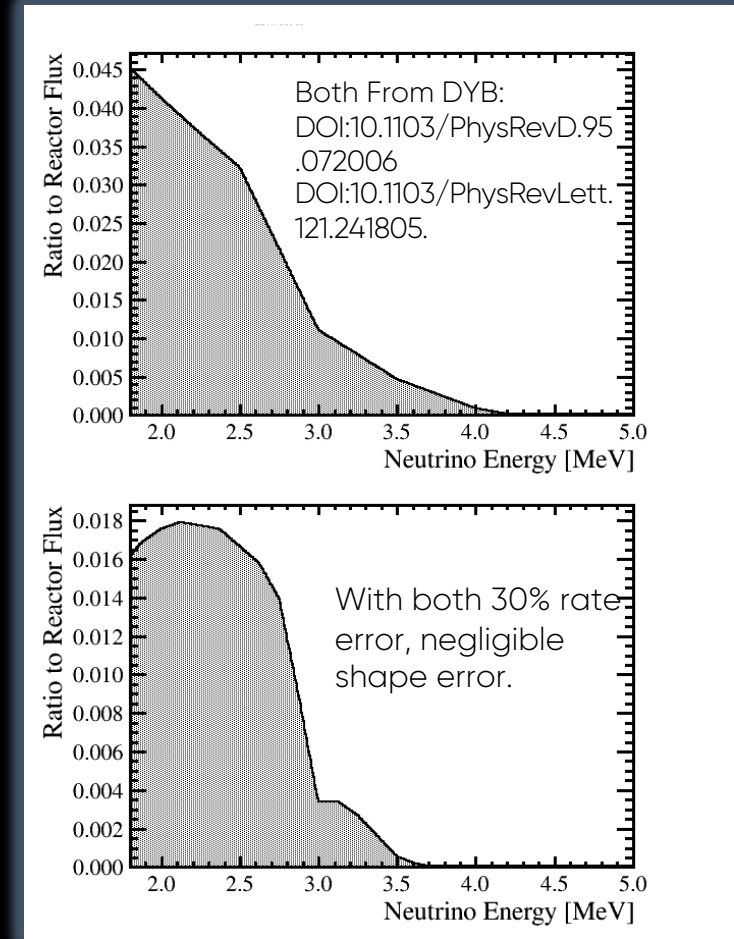
Reactor antineutrino flux



| Flux Component | Input Uncertainty (%) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Total | 2.2 |
| Baseline (L) | - |
| Energy per Fission | 0.2 (Correlated) |
| Thermal Power (P) | 0.5 (Uncorrelated) |
| Fission Fraction | 0.6 (Uncorrelated) |
| Mean Cross-Section per Fission | 2.0 (Correlated) |



- TAO will deliver precise $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy spectrum with **sub-percent energy resolution** in most of energy region of interest
- The **bin-to-bin spectral shape uncertainty** can be reduced to **below 1% level**

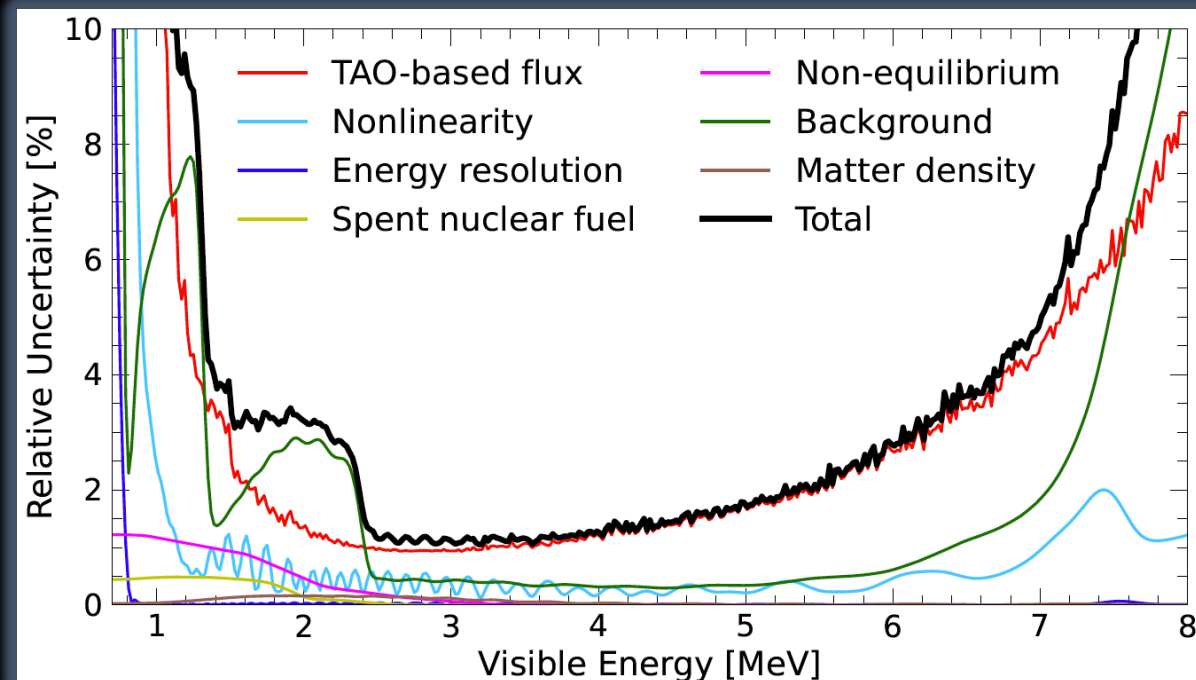


Additional corrections: **non-equilibrium and spent nuclear fuel**

Summary of systematic sources



| Source of systematics | Details | Rate/Shape |
|-----------------------|---|------------|
| Statistics | 6 years nominal exp. ~94k events | - |
| Detection Efficiency | IBD selection, fiducial volume, muon track veto | Rate |
| BG | Similar residual BGs as in reactor- θ 13 experiments | Both |
| Energy | Energy resolution | Shape |
| | LS Non-linearity | Shape |
| Reactor flux | Reactor correlated | Both |
| | Reactor uncorrelated | Both |
| | Reactor shape from TAO (bin to bin) | Shape |
| | Non-equilibrium + SNF | Rate |
| Matter effects | Matter density | Shape |



Shape systematics largely dominate

The main contributions are reactor antineutrino spectrum and background systematics uncertainties

$\bar{\nu}_e$ reactor analysis update



Good news

- ▲ Background control: more realistic measurements and simulations
- ▲ Optimized event selection and muon veto strategies: IBD selection efficiency: 73% → ~ 82%
- ▲ More realistic PMT and liquid scintillator optical model → higher LS light yield
- ▲ Higher 20-inch PMT photon detection efficiency: ~27% → ~30%
- ▲ Combined analysis with TAO
- ▲ Earth's matter effects taken into account

Bad news

- ▼ Two of Taishan reactor cores will not be built → Reactor flux decreased by ~ 25%
- ▼ Experiment hall shifted by ~ 60 m (lower overburden) → Cosmic muon flux increased by ~ 30%
- ▼ World reactors: more background

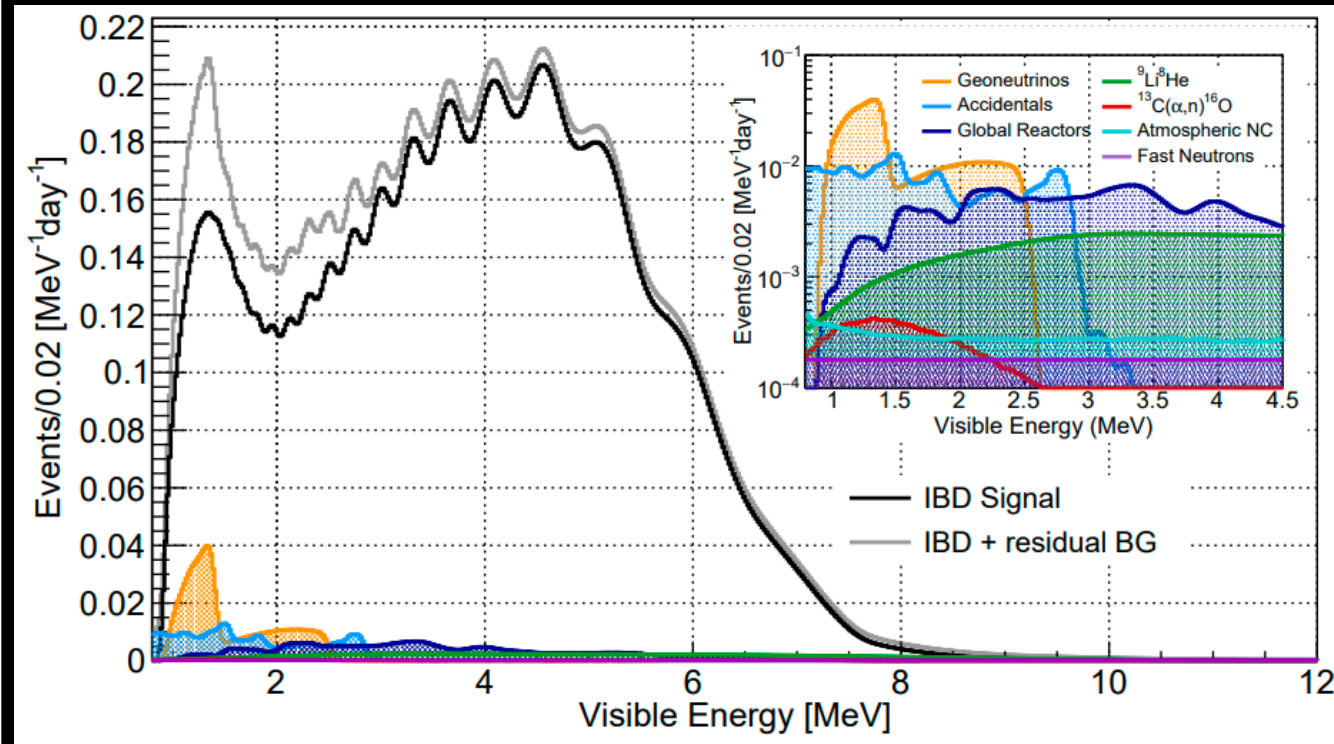
Reactor Signal and IBD-like BG Spectra



NEW FROM NEUTRINO 2022

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Design in Physics book → **this update**



arXiv: 2204.13249

| Event type | Rate [/day] | Relative rate uncertainty | Shape uncertainty |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Reactor IBD signal | 60 → 47 | - | - |
| Geo- ν 's | 1.2 | 30% | 5% |
| Accidental signals | 0.8 | 1% | negligible |
| Fast-n | 0.1 | 100% | 20% |
| ${}^9\text{Li}/{}^8\text{He}$ | 1.4 → 0.8 | 20% | 10% |
| ${}^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n){}^{16}\text{O}$ | 0.05 | 50% | 50% |
| Global reactors | 0 → 1.0 | 2% | 5% |
| Atmospheric ν's | 0 → 0.16 | 50% | 50% |

Improvements on the 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% ↑ | 2.9% @ 1MeV Poster #519 at Neutrino22 | arXiv: 2205.08629 |
| New Central Detector Geometries | +3% ↑ | | Poster #184 at Neutrino22 |
| New PMT Optical Model | +8% ↑ | | EPJC 82 329 (2022) |

Positron energy resolution is understood:

$$\frac{\sigma}{E_{\text{vis}}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\mathbf{a}}{\sqrt{E_{\text{vis}}}}\right)^2 + \mathbf{b}^2 + \left(\frac{\mathbf{c}}{E_{\text{vis}}}\right)^2}$$

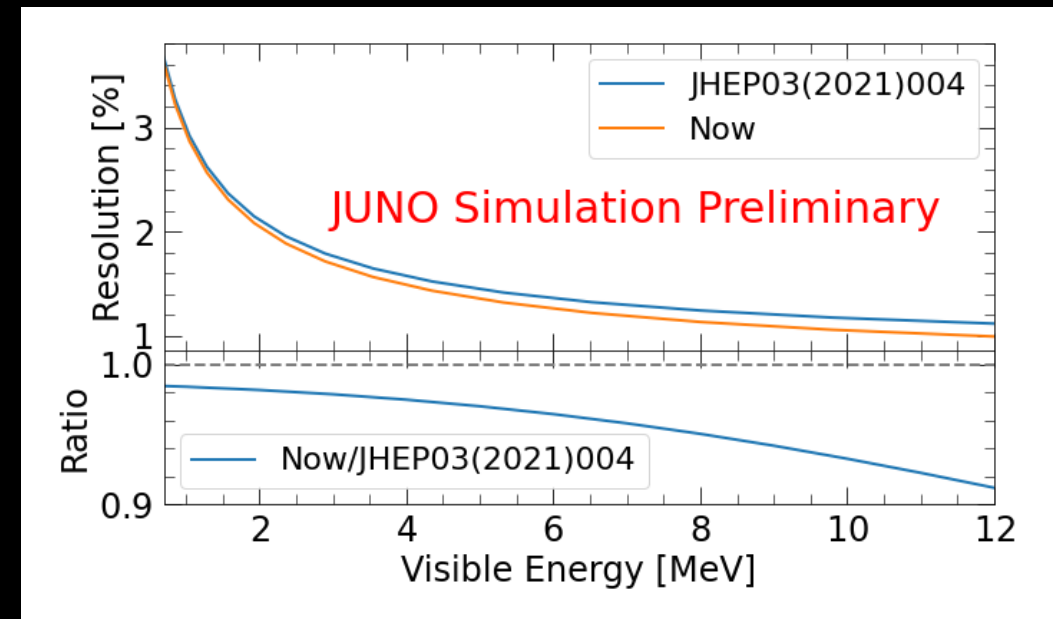
Parameter a – photon statistics

Parameter b:

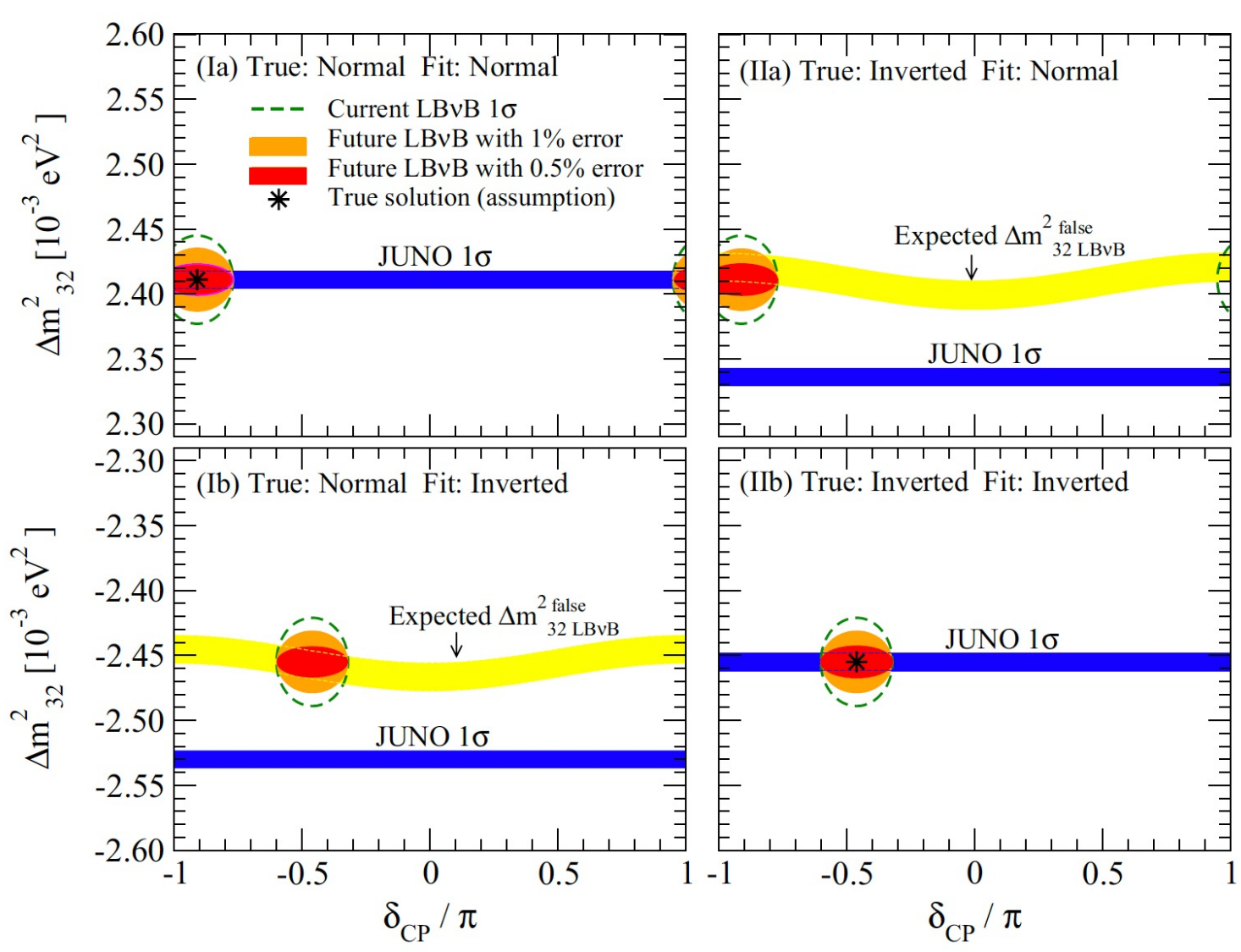
- Scintillation quenching
- Contribution of Cherenkov light
- Non-uniformity and reconstruction

Parameter c:

- γ s related to annihilation
- PMT Dark Noise



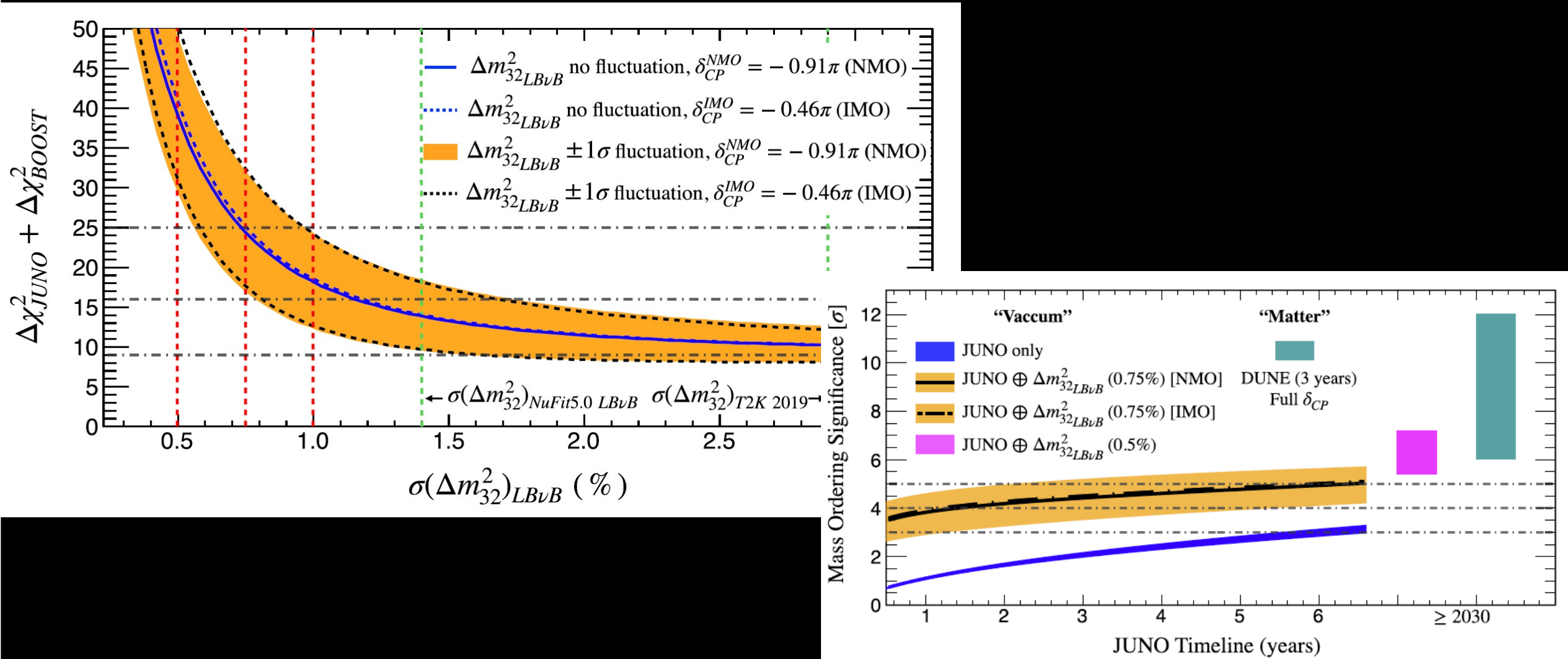
Synergy in Determining Mass Ordering



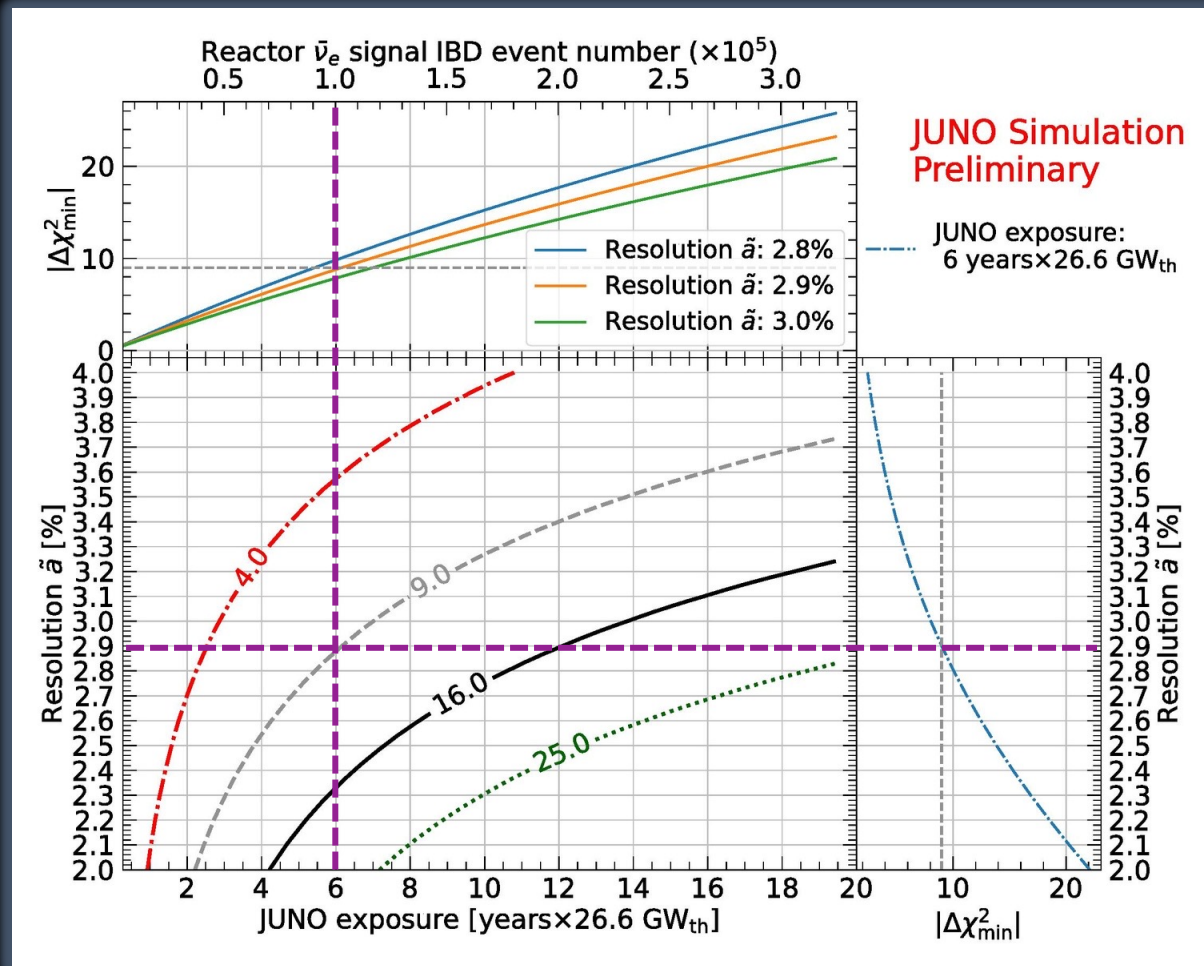
- LBvB disappearance channel (DC) $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu$ provides a precise complementary measurement of JUNO Δm_{32}^2
- All experiments must agree on the unique Δm_{32}^2 true solution. The corresponding JUNO Δm_{32}^2 and LBvB Δm_{32}^2 false solutions will differ
- Discriminator from the difference of the 2 false solutions:

$$\Delta \chi_{\text{BOOST}}^2 \sim \left(\frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 \text{ JUNO}^{\text{false}} - \Delta m_{32}^2 \text{ LBvB}^{\text{false}}}{\sigma(\Delta m_{32}^2)_{\text{LBvB}}} \right)^2$$

Synergy in Determining Mass Ordering



JUNO sensitivity to Neutrino Mass Ordering

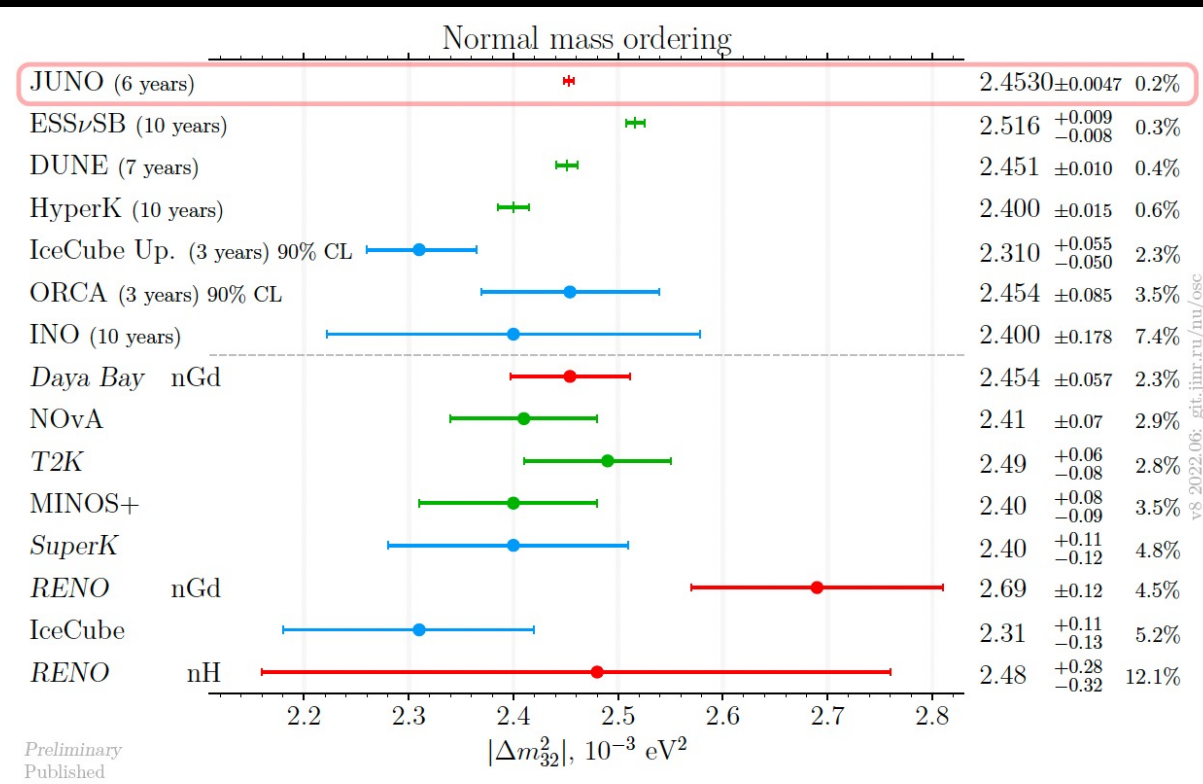
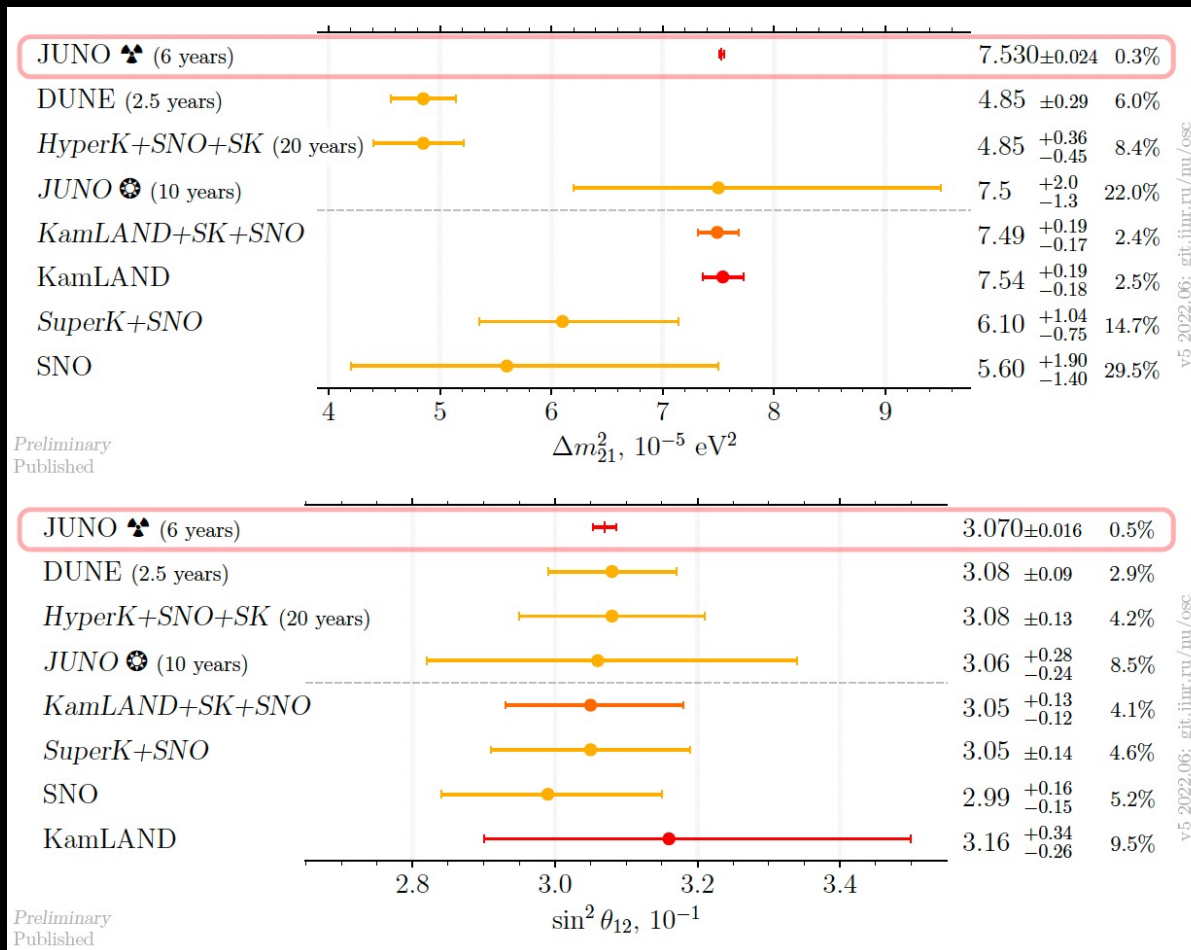


| | JUNO Yellow Book (J. Phys. G 43:030401 (2016)) | Neutrino 2022 |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Thermal Power | 36 GW _{th} | 26.6 GW _{th} (26%↓) |
| Overburden | ~700 m | ~650 m |
| Muon flux in LS | 3 Hz | 4 Hz (33%↑) |
| Muon veto efficiency | 83% | 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 × 35.8 GW _{th} | ~ 6 yrs × 26.6 GW _{th} |

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

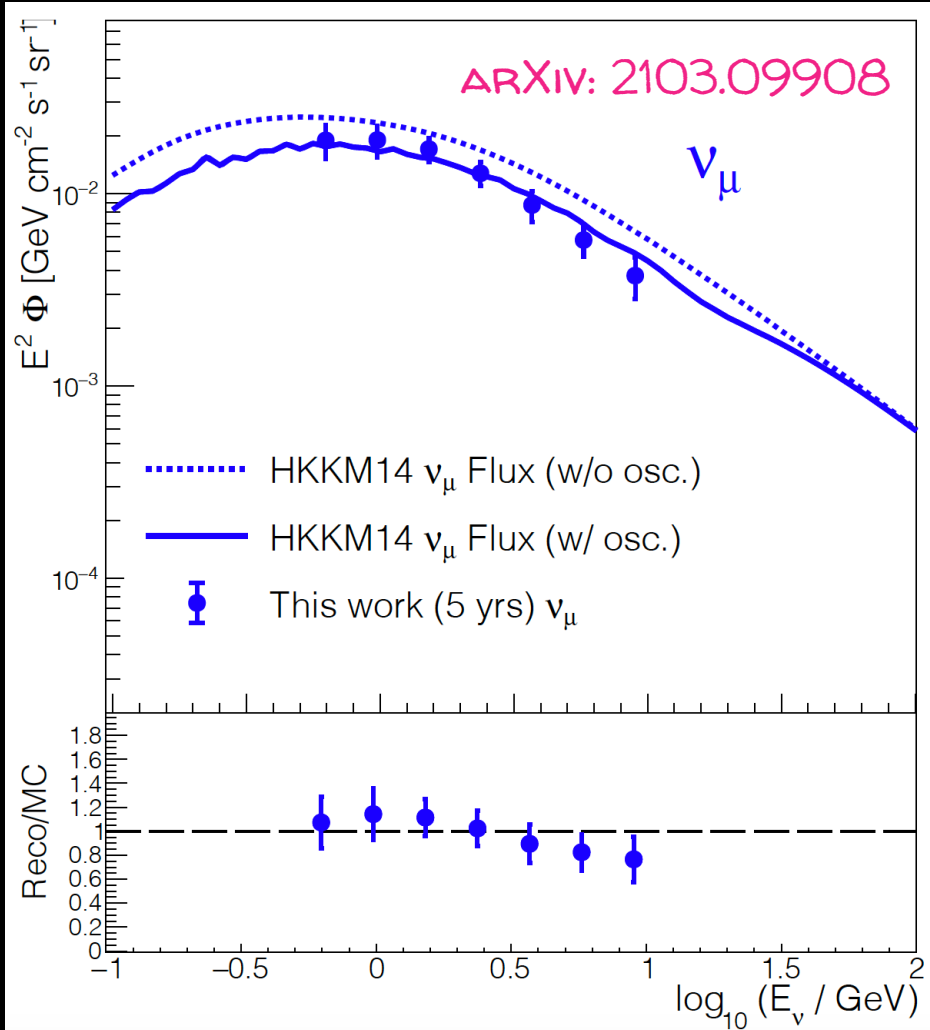
Estimation of combined sensitivity with **reactor + atmospheric neutrino analysis under preparation**

Global oscillation parameters



✓ Almost no correlation between measured parameters.

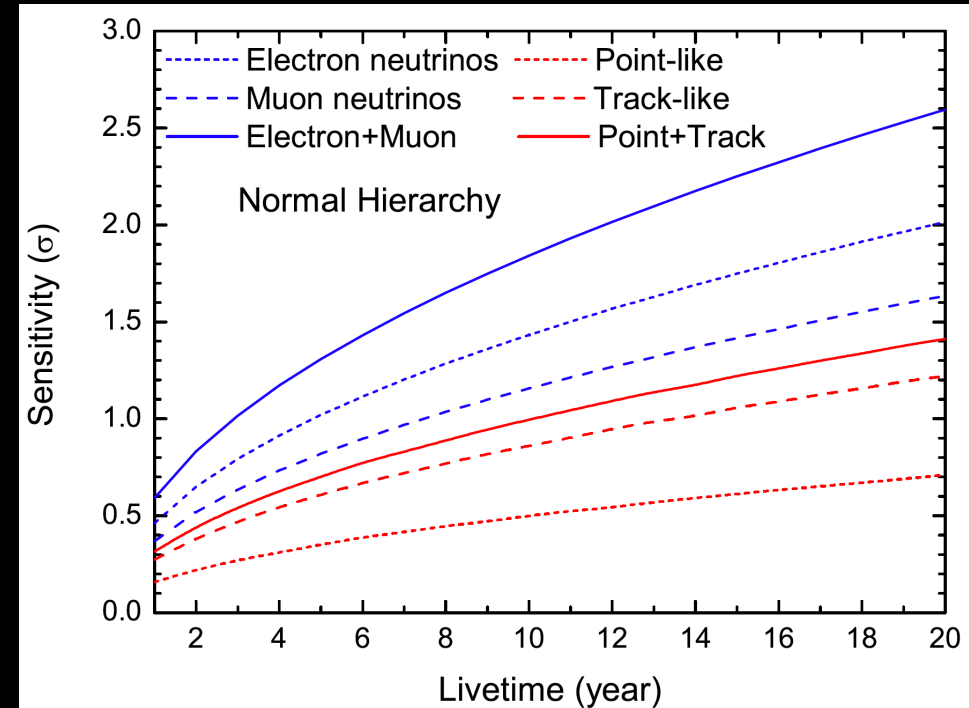
Atmospheric $\nu_\mu/\bar{\nu}_\mu$



- JUNO will be able to detect several atmospheric neutrinos per day
- Preferred detection channels: ν_μ/ν_e CC interactions
- ν_μ and ν_e interactions produce slightly different light pattern → flavor discrimination through the event time profile

- $\sim 1\sigma$ sensitivity to mass ordering in 10 years
- θ_{23} accuracy of 6°
- Potential combination with reactor analysis

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Liquid Scintillator Radiopurity



5000 m³ LAB tank



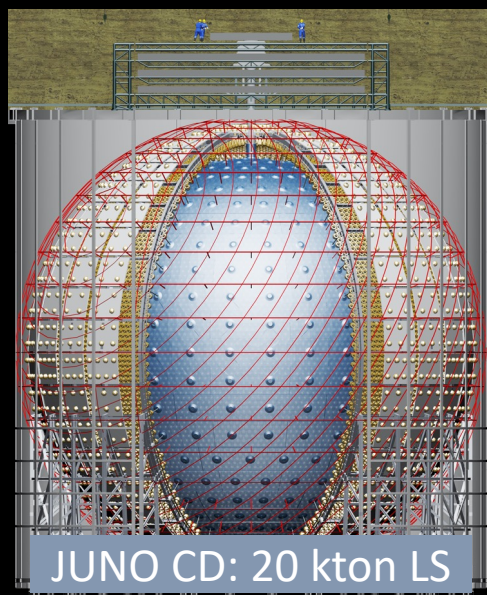
Alumina filtration plant



Distillation plant



LS mixing plant

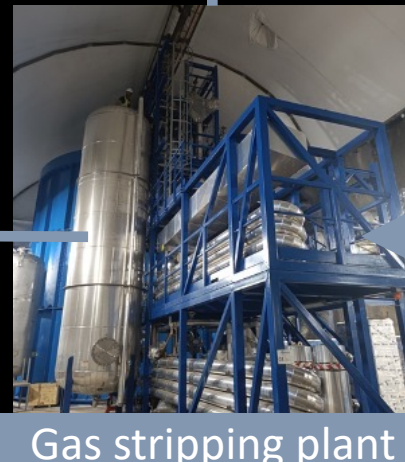


JUNO CD: 20 kton LS



OSIRIS: 20 ton

85%



Gas stripping plant

15%



Water extraction plant