



on behalf of the JUNO collaboration

# Status and physics of the JUNO experiment

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# Questions in neutrino physics



Neutrino nature –  
Dirac or Majorana

Octant puzzle  
for  $\theta_{23}$



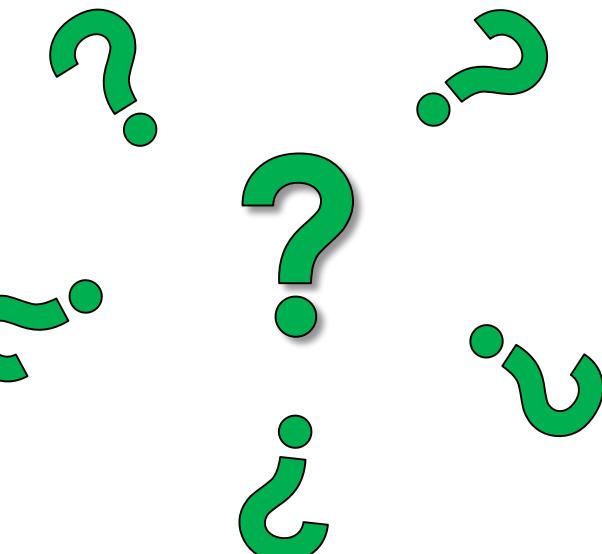
Absolute value of  
neutrino mass

Unitarity of the  
mixing matrix



Mass ordering –  
normal or inverted

Dirac CP-phase



Majorana  
CP-phases

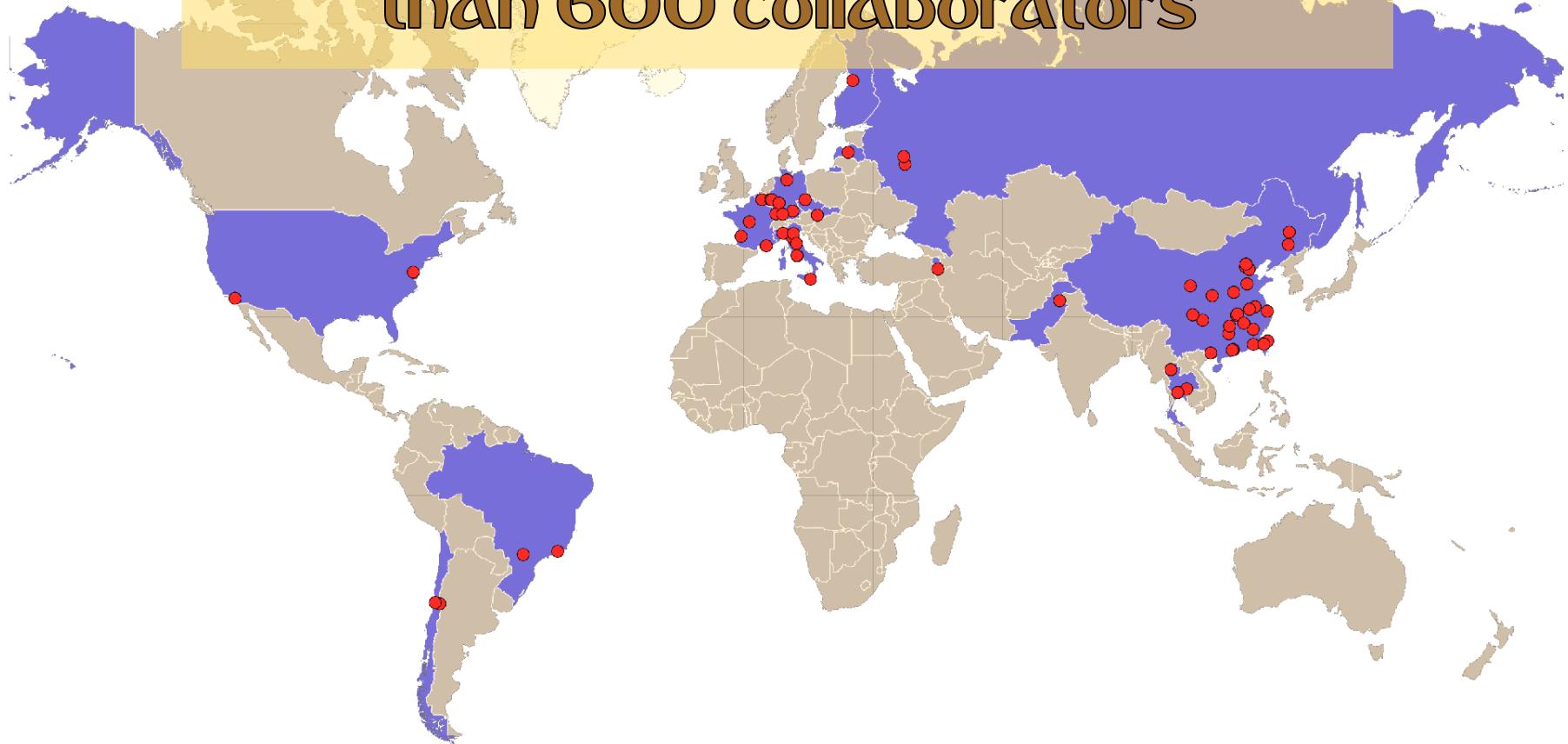




# JUNO collaboration



16 countries, 77 members, more  
than 600 collaborators



Armenia	1
Belgium	1
Brazil	2
Chile	2
China	34
Czech Republic	1
Finland	1
France	5
Germany	7
Italy	8
Latvia	1
Pakistan	1
Russia	3
Slovakia	1
Taiwan-China	3
Thailand	2
USA	3



# Overview of JUNO location



## JUNO – Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory

NPP	Power, GW	Status
Taishan	9.2/18.4	Operational
Yangjiang	17.4	Operational

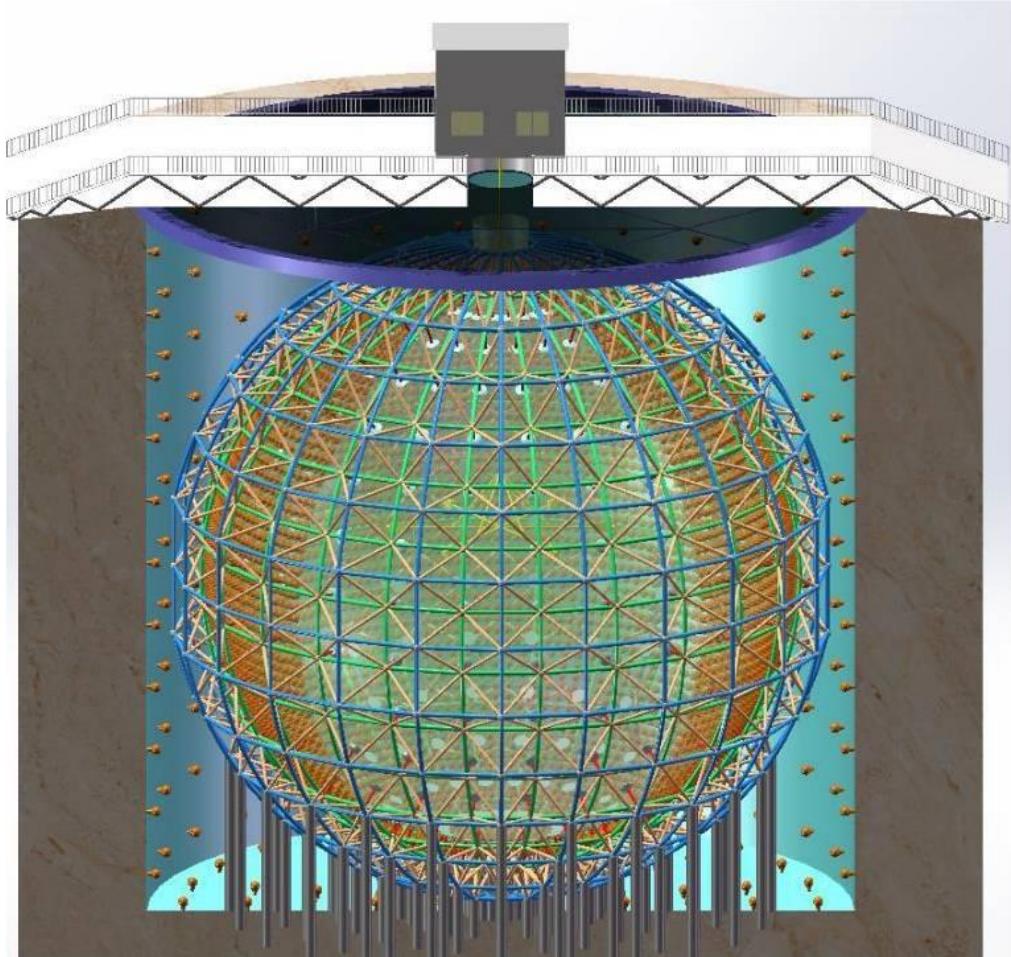
20 kt liquid scintillator (LS) spherical detector. Main goals are mass hierarchy determination and precise measurements of oscillation parameters.



Above ground facilities

# Detector design + veto

**JUNO – the largest LS in the world!**



## Central detector

- Acrylic sphere with diameter 35.4 m
- LS as a target material with mass 20 kt
- PMTs 17.6k 20" and 25k 3"
- 78% PMT photo coverage
- Energy resolution 3%@1 MeV ~1200 p.e.

## Muon water Cherenkov Veto

- Diameter of water pool 43.5 m
- Mass of purified water 35 kt
- 2k 20" PMTs inside

## Top tracker

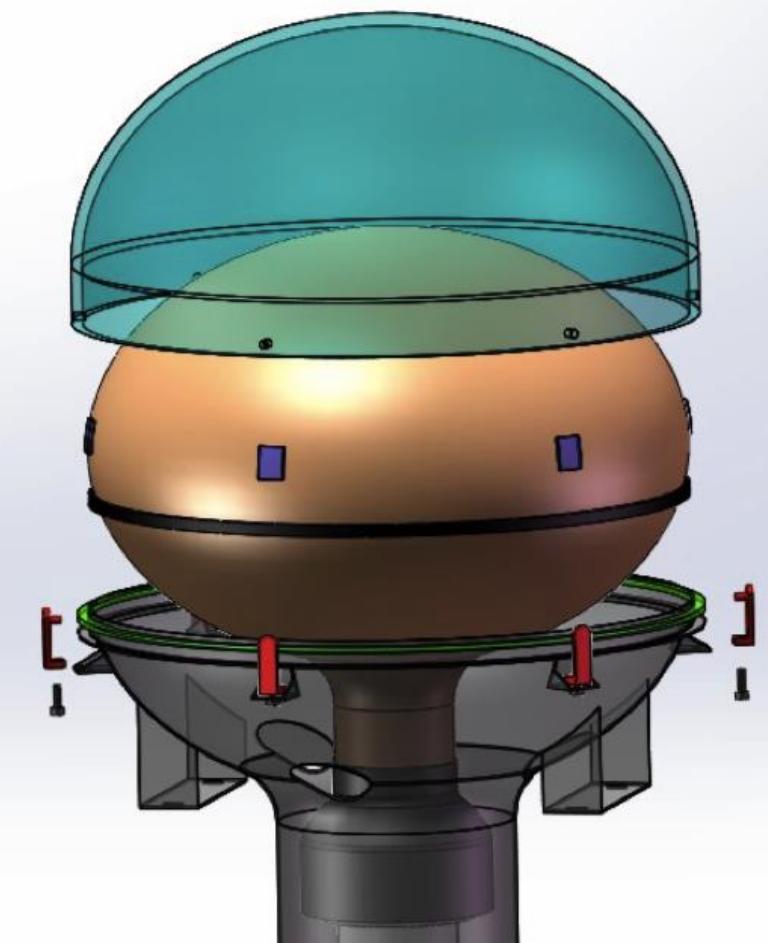
- Three layers of plastic scintillator
- Precise muon tracking

arXiv:1508.07166

# Large PMT array

- 15000 MCP-PMTs from NNVT (Northern Night Vision Technology)
- 5000 dynode PMTs from Hamamatsu (R12860 HQE)
- 17571 PMTs will read out the scintillation light of the Central Detector
- In production since 2016
- PMT testing:
  - Finished for dynode PMTs
  - ~10000 of 15000 MCP-PMTs already tested

Specifications	Unit	MCP-PMT (NNVT)	R12860 Hamamatsu HQE
Det. Efficiency (QE*CE)	%	28.3% (new Type: 30.1%)	28.1%
Peak to Valley of SPE		3.5, (>2.8)	3, (>2.5)
TTS on the top point	ns	12, (<15)	2.7, (<3.5)
Rise time / Fall Time	ns	RT~2, FT~12	RT~5, FT~9
Anode Dark Count	kHz	20, (<30)	10, (<50)
After Pulse Rate	%	1, (<2)	10, (<15)
Radioactivity (glass)	ppb	$^{238}\text{U}$ : 50 $^{232}\text{Th}$ : 50 $^{40}\text{K}$ : 20	$^{238}\text{U}$ : 400 $^{232}\text{Th}$ : 400 $^{40}\text{K}$ : 40



# Double calorimetry

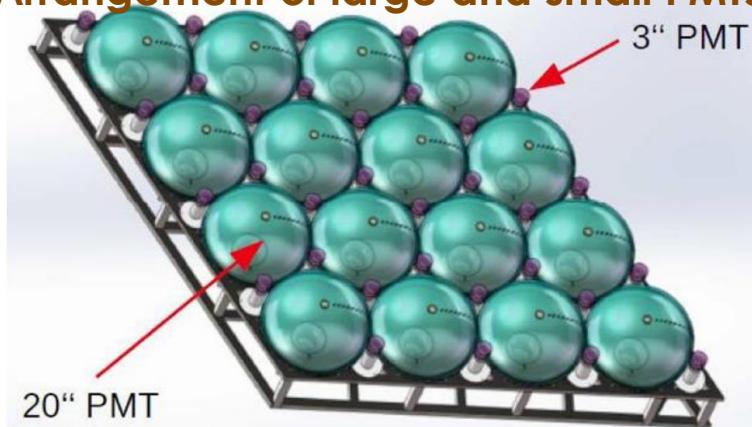
## Energy resolution

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

**stochastic term:** depends on photostatistics

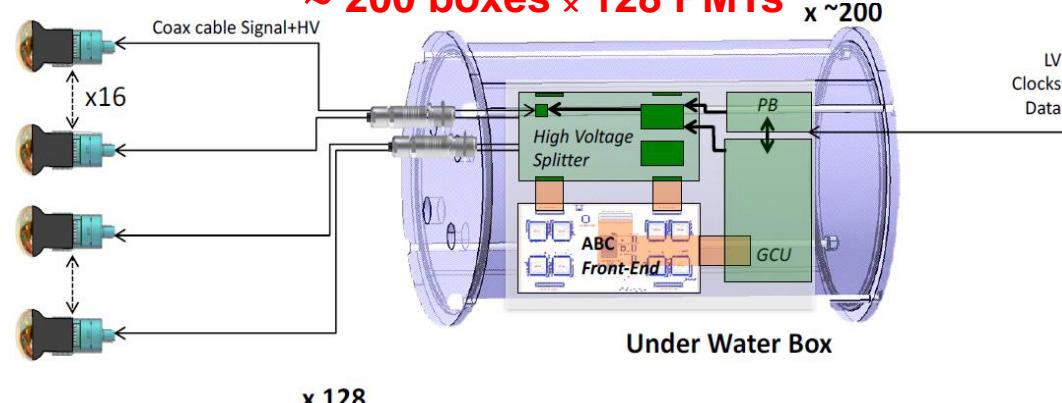
**non-stochastic term:** residual issues  
(stability, uniformity, linearity) after calibration

## Arrangement of large and small PMTs



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

~ 200 boxes × 128 PMTs



x 128  
Under water box provides supply for 128 PMTs  
(Prototype has already built and successfully tested!)

LPMTs use charge integration and provide info about stochastic term

SPMTs use photon counting and provide info about non-stochastic term

## 25600 PMTs in the Central Detector

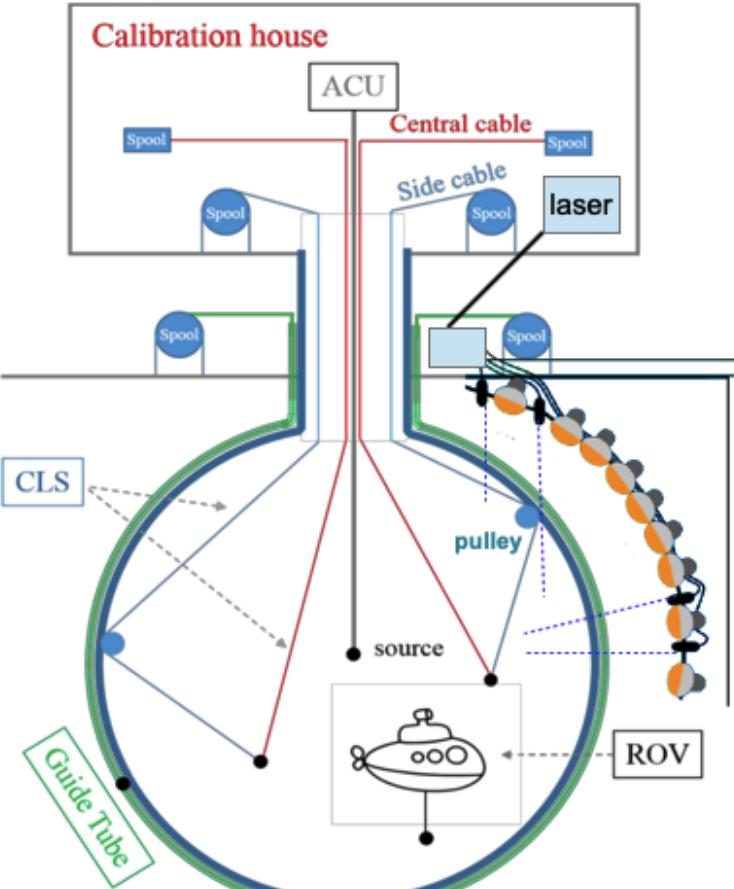
- 2.5% photocoverage
- Provided by HZC Photonics (Hainan, PR China)

Can effectively help in:

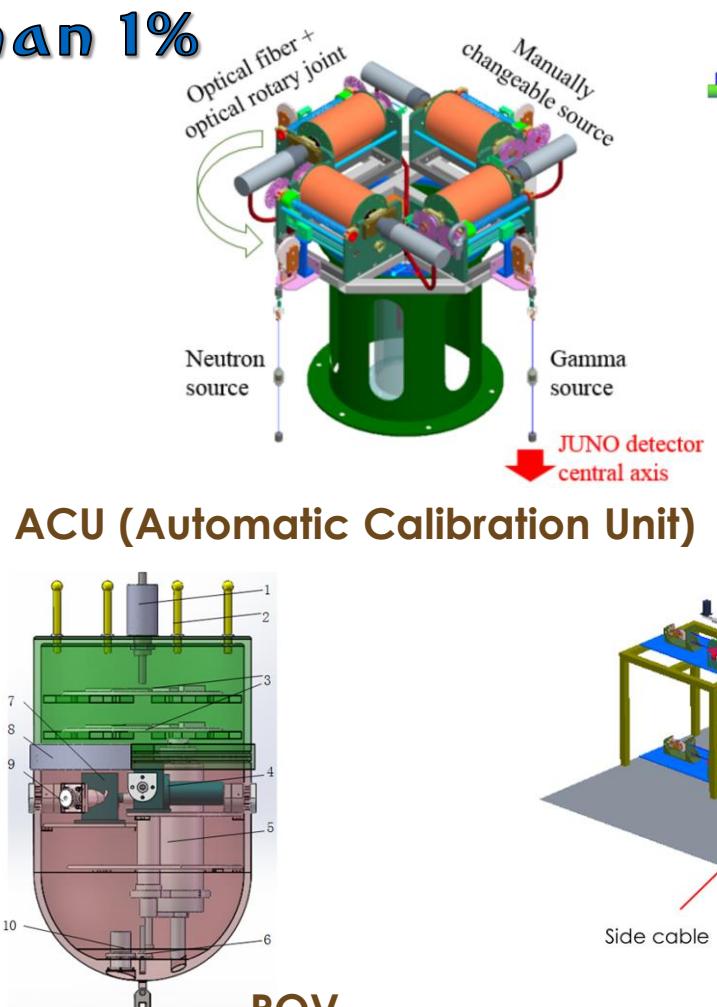
- Muon tracking (+ shower muon calorimetry)
- Supernova measurements
- Independent measurement of solar oscillation parameters

# Calibration systems

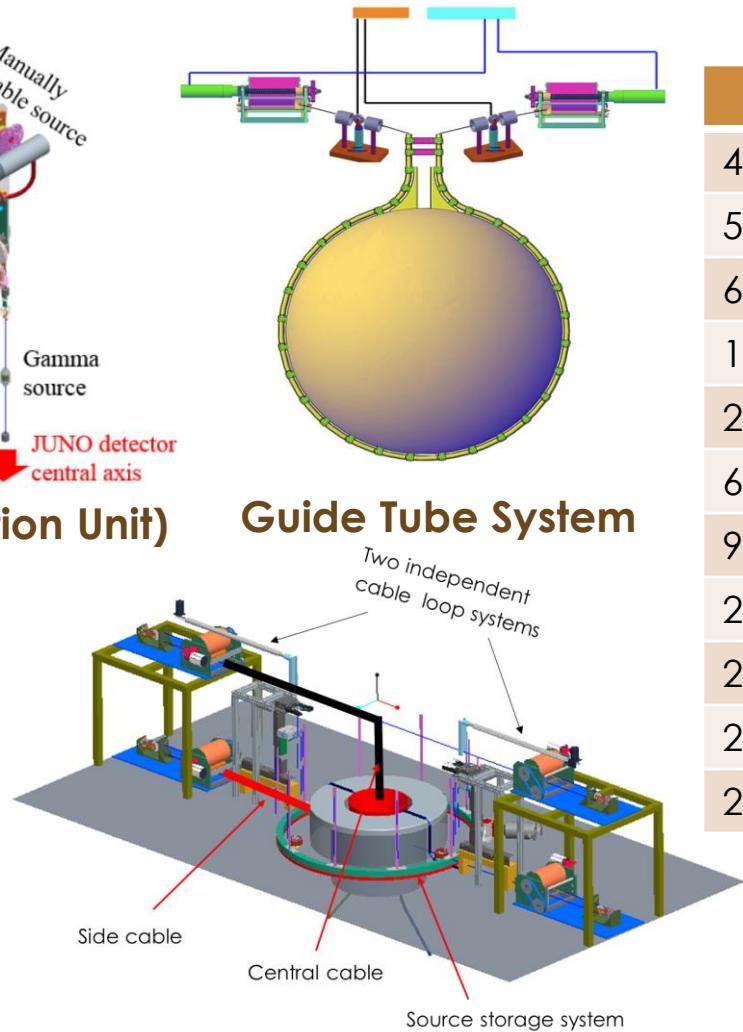
**Energy scale error less than 1%**



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



ROV  
(Remotely Operated Vehicle)



Guide Tube System

source	type
40K	$\gamma, e^-$
54Mn	$\gamma$
60Co	$\gamma$
137Cs	$\gamma$
22Na	$e^+$
68Ge	$e^+$
90Sr	$e^-$
241Am-Be	$n, \gamma$
241Am-C	$n, \gamma$
241Pu-C	$n, \gamma$
252Cf	$n, \gamma$

# Liquid scintillator for JUNO

## Requirements for LS

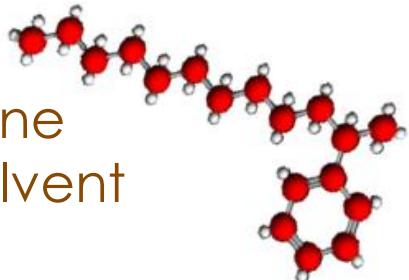
- Low background:  $^{238}\text{U} < 10^{-15} \text{ g/g}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th} < 10^{-15} \text{ g/g}$ ,  $^{40}\text{K} < 10^{-17} \text{ g/g}$
- High light yield:  $10^4 \text{ PE/MeV}$
- High transparency: Attenuation length  $> 20 \text{ m}$  for  $430 \text{ nm}$

## Purification pilot plant

- Distillation: Remove heavy metal and improve transparency
- $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  column purification: Remove impurity
- Water extraction: Remove U/Th/K
- Gas stripping: Remove Ar/Kr/Rn
- Use one DayaBay AD for R&D
- $^{222}\text{Rn}$  suppression  $> 94\%$

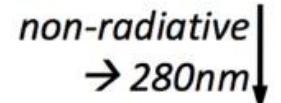
### Solvent:

Linear alkylbenzene (LAB) as solvent



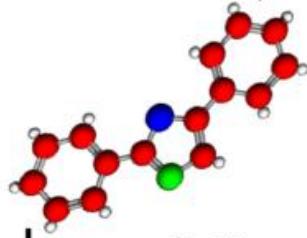
### Fluor:

2.5 g/l PPO

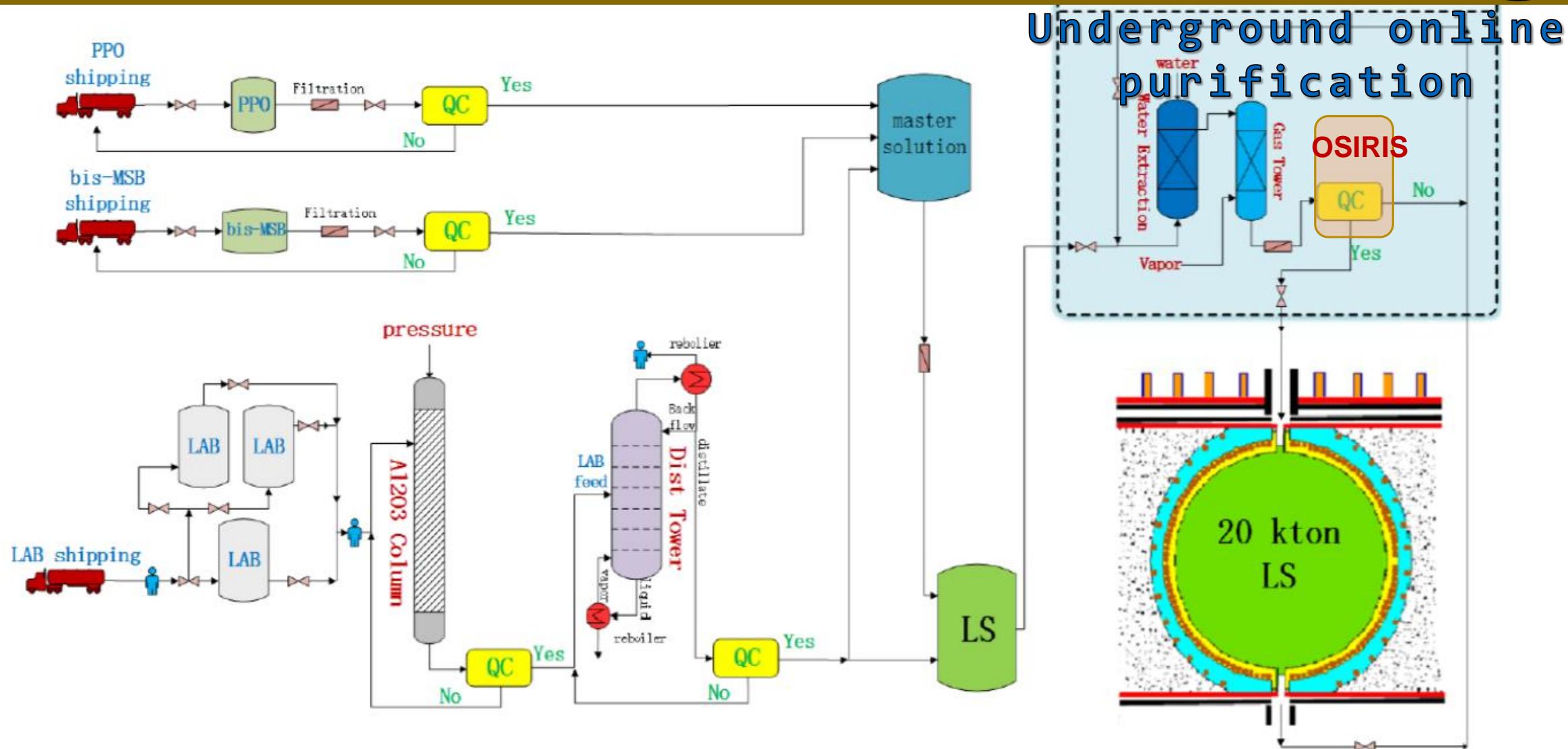


### Wavelength Shifter:

3 mg/l Bis-MSB



# LS purification scheme



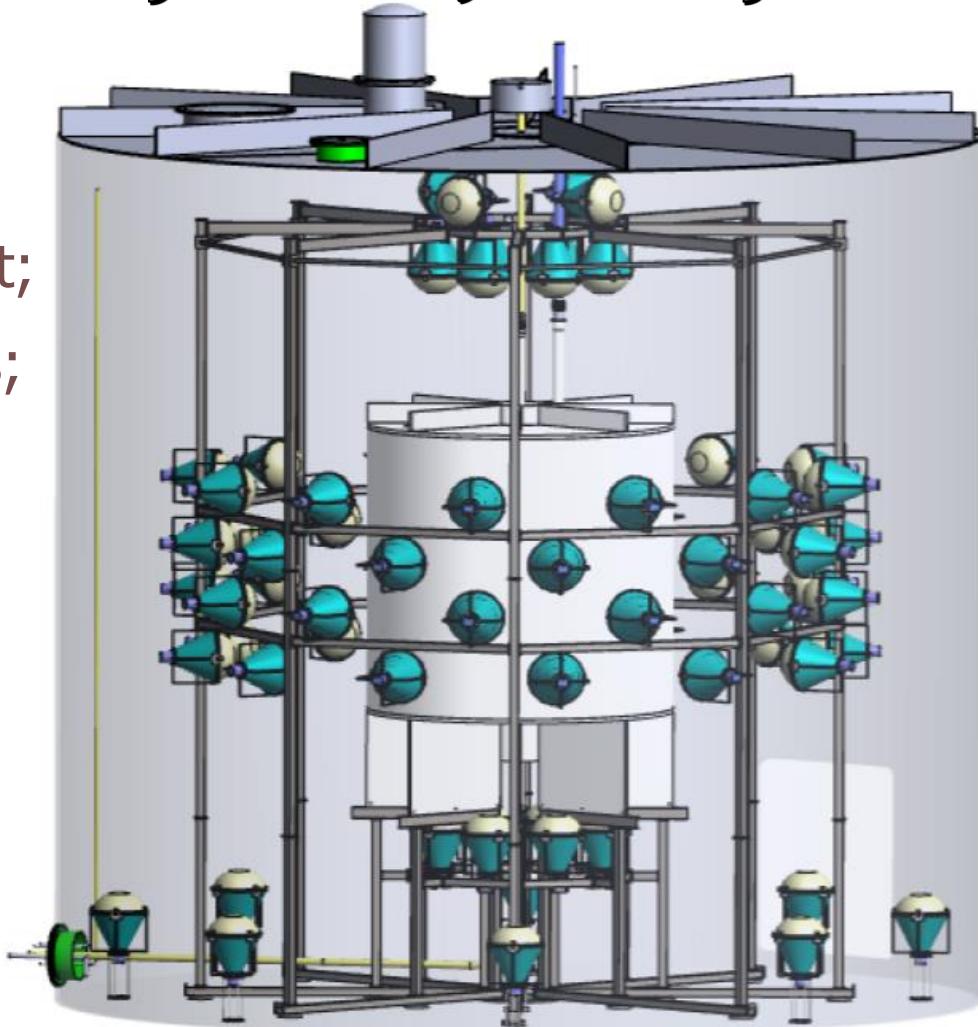


# OSIRIS



## OSIRIS-Online Scintillator Internal Radioactivity Investigation System

- ❖ Measure the radioactive contamination of LS before filling into JUNO detector;
- ❖ Sensitivity: IBD requirements within 10 h measurement;
- ❖ Sensitivity: solar neutrinos within 5 days measurements;
- ❖ Measure ~19 t LS per day;
- ❖ Detector:
  - Diameter 3 m, height 3 m acrylic tank;
  - 2.5 m water shielding;
  - 81 20" PMTs for photon detection;
  - 12 20" PMTs inside water pool for veto.



# Neutrino physics with JUNO

Solar Neutrino  
~10k per day



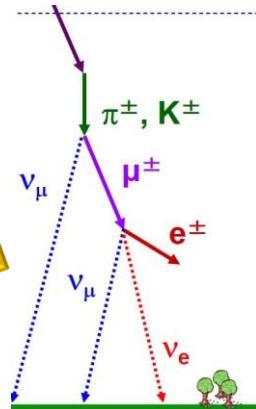
Supernova Neutrino (burst)  
~5k in 10 s for 10 kpc



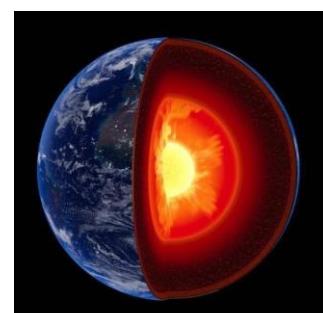
Diffuse Supernova Neutrino  
~3 per year

Atmospheric Neutrino  
several per day

Reactor Neutrino  
~60 per day



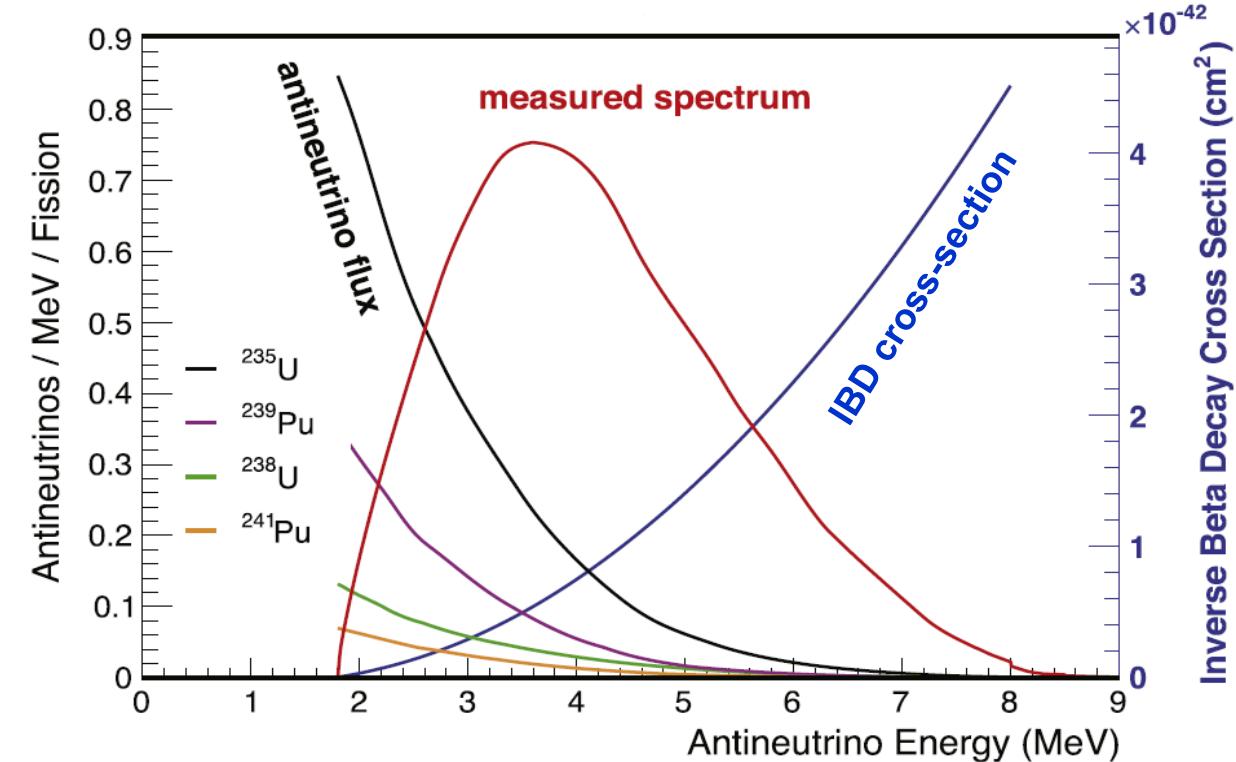
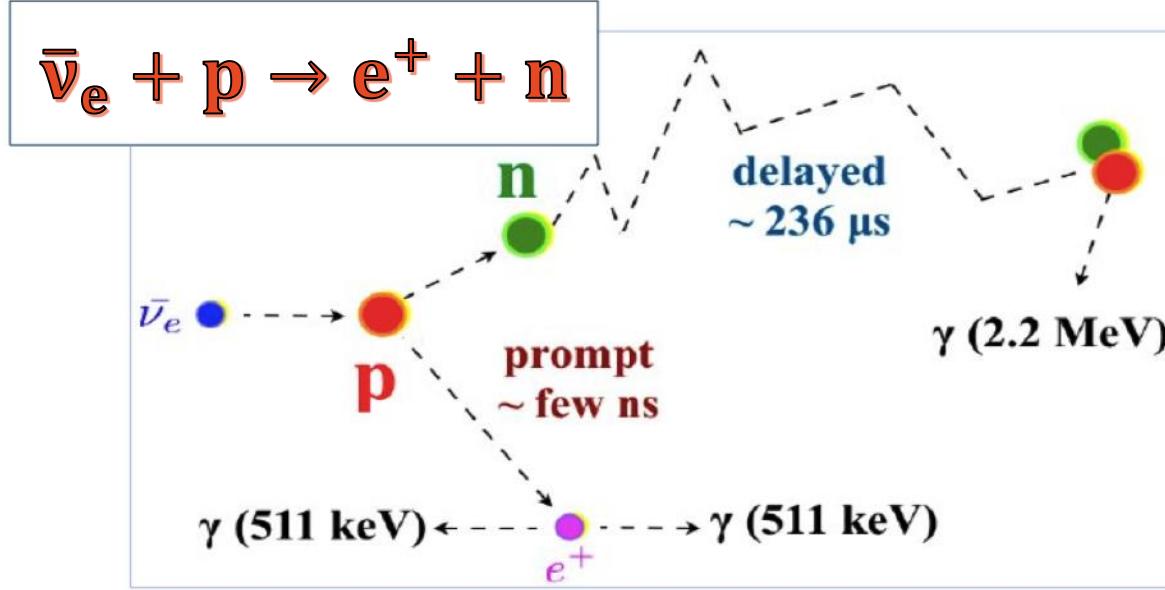
Cosmic-rays  
~250k per day



Geo-Neutrino  
~1 per day

Proton Decay

# Inverse beta-decay reaction



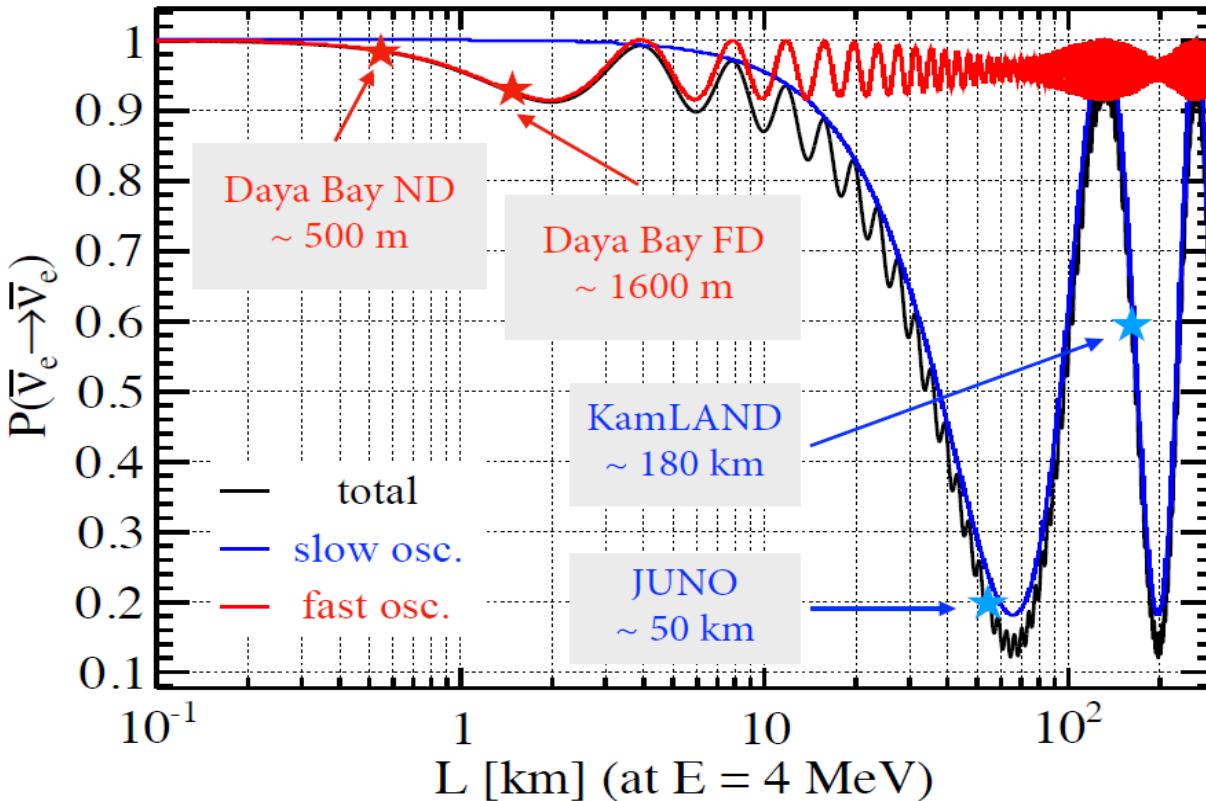
## IBD is golden reaction of neutrino physics

- Higher cross-section than other channels
- Signature is a coincidence of prompt and delay signals
- Positron energy carries information about antineutrino energy
- Threshold is 1.8 MeV

# Neutrino mass ordering

survival probability

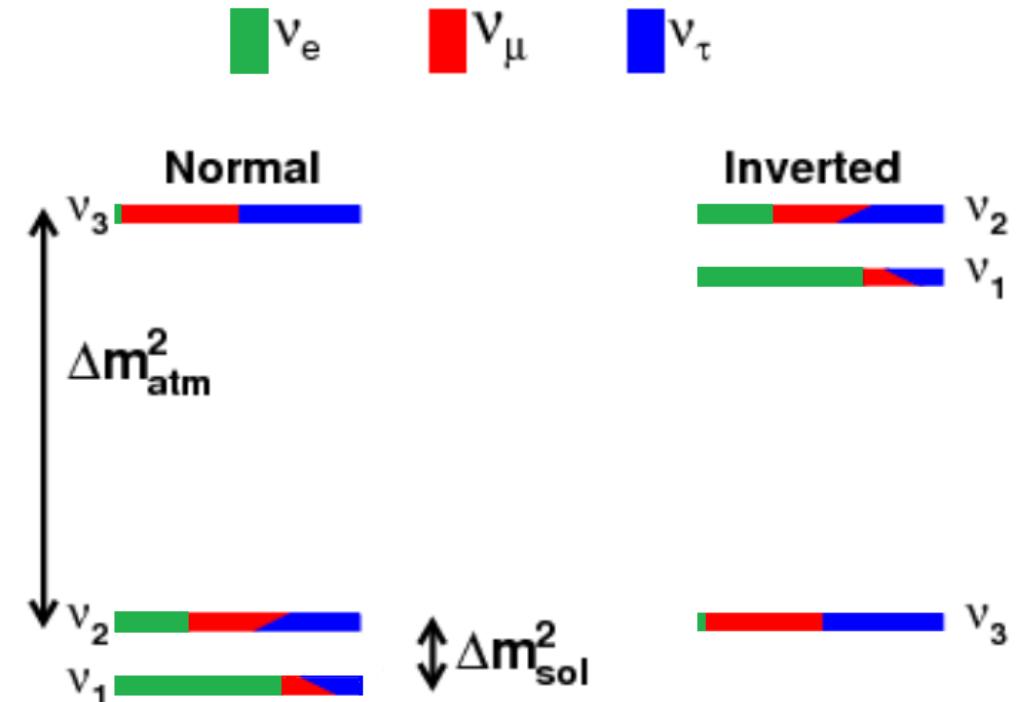
$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = 1 - \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{21} - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} (\cos^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{31} + \sin^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{32})$$



$$\text{NH : } |\Delta m_{31}^2| = |\Delta m_{32}^2| + \Delta m_{21}^2$$

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

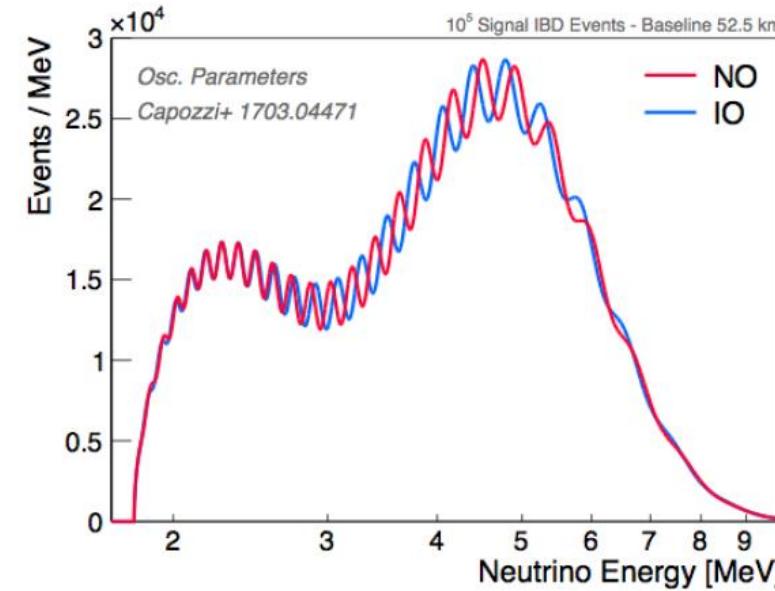
$$\Delta_{ij} = \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2 \cdot L}{4E}$$



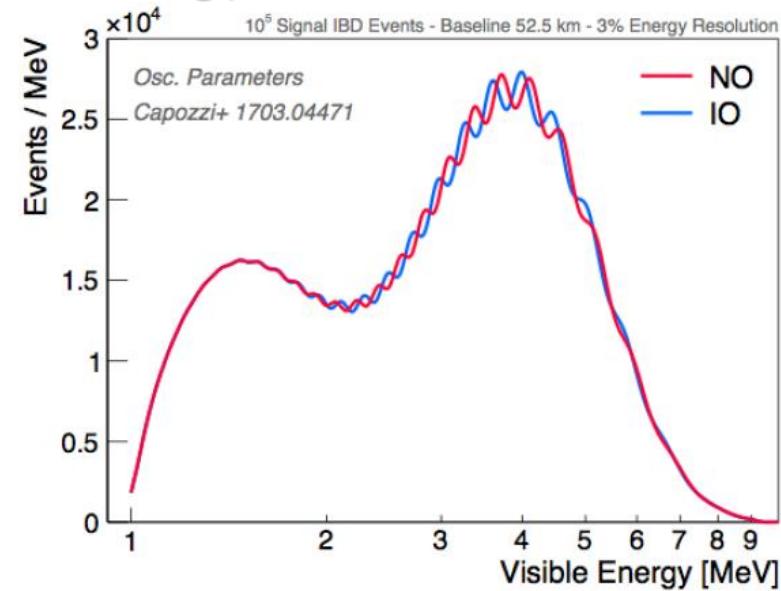
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# Difficulties

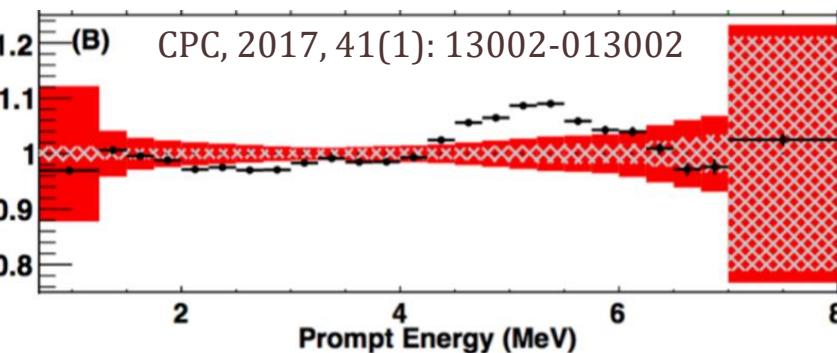
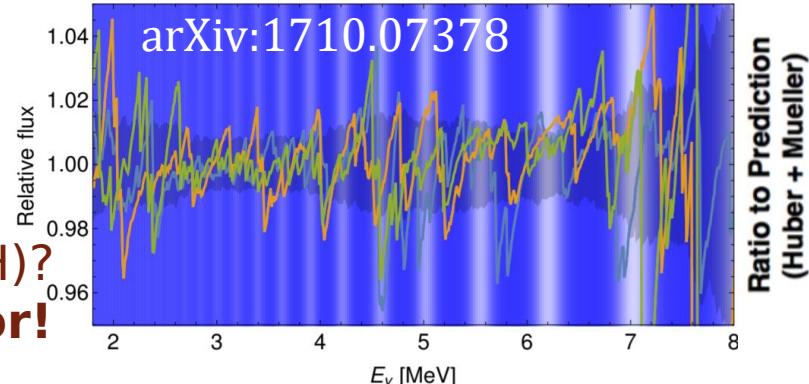
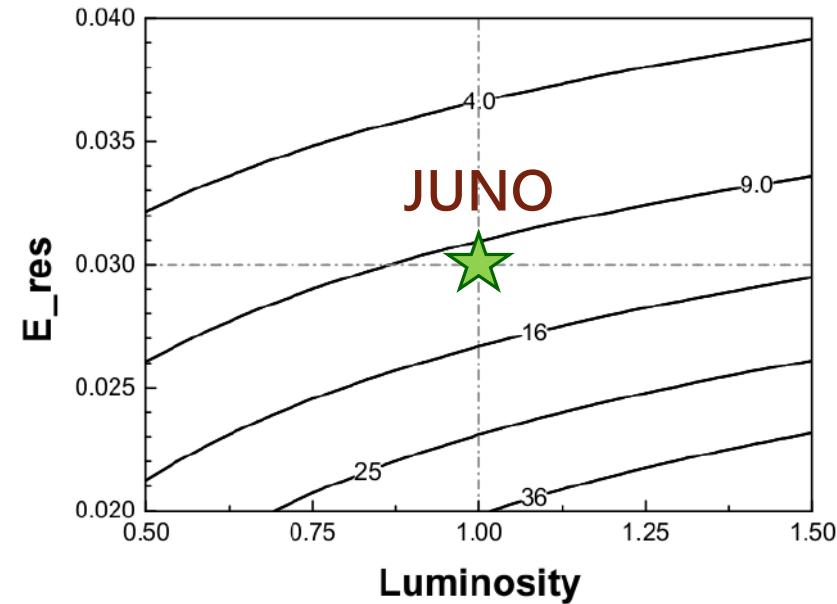
Ideal neutrino spectrum



Measured spectrum +  
energy resolution 3%@1 MeV



Chi-square map



More detailed information about reactor spectrum is needed.

- 5 MeV bump?
- Fine structure (may affect to MH)?

**It requires a reference detector!**

# TAO detector

## High precision measurement of reactor spectrum:

- Provide model-independent reference for JUNO
- Possible improvement of nuclear databases
- Investigate the reactor spectrum anomaly (5 MeV bump)
- $30 \times$  JUNO statistics

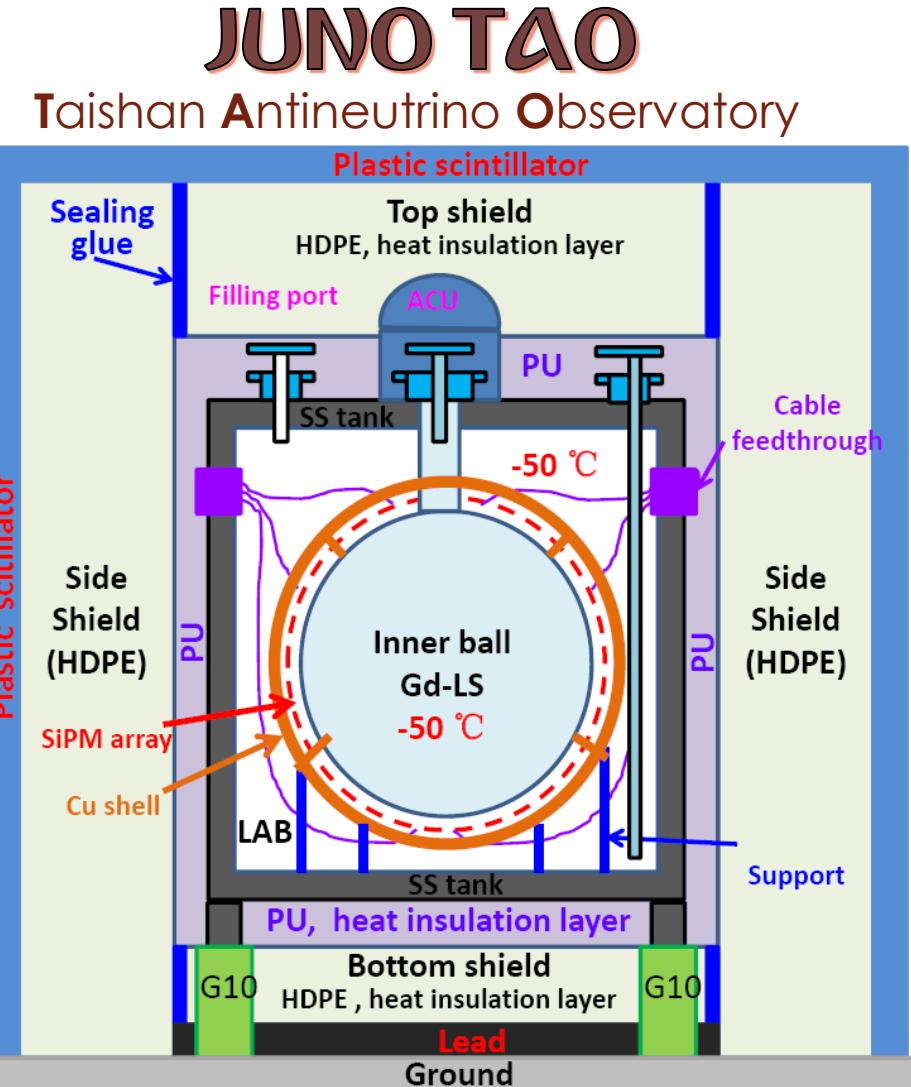
## TAO Design Features:

- 2.6 ton Gd-LS** as target material (1 ton fiducial target)
- Detector placed at **30 m distance** from one reactor core
- 10 m<sup>2</sup> **SiPM**, with **50% PDE**, **Coverage: ~94-96%**
- SiPMs and LS **cooled down to -50 °C** (reduce noise from SiPM)

## Expected Performance:

- ~ 4500 p.e. / MeV collected charge
- Energy Resolution: ~ 1.7% @ 1 MeV, < 1.0% above 3 MeV

**Planned to be online in early 2021!**



# Neutrino mass ordering

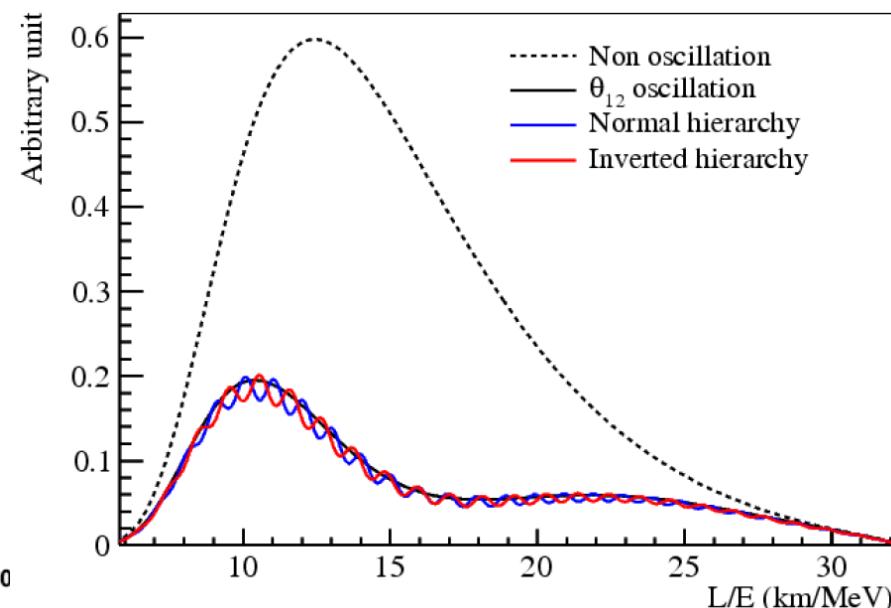
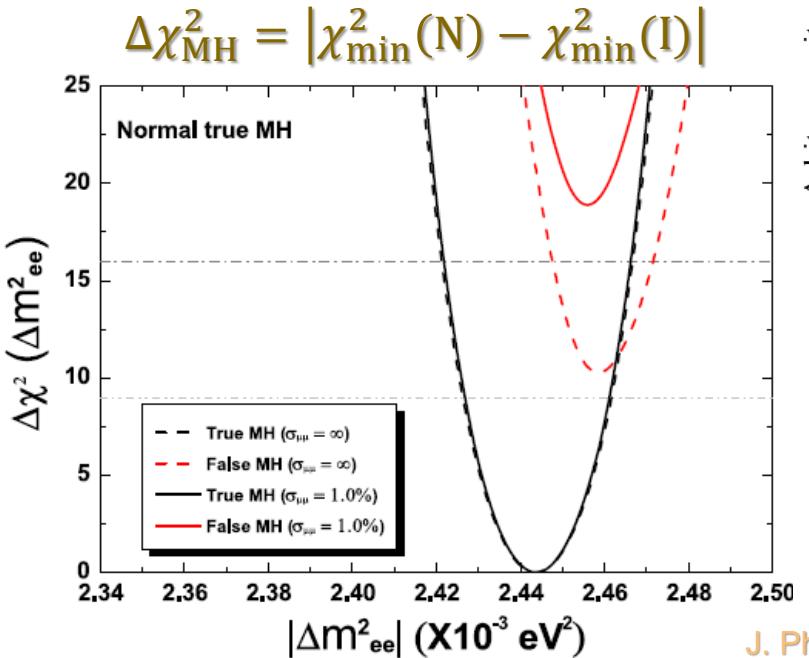
## Expected background

Event type	Rate (per day)	Rate uncertainty (relative)	Shape uncertainty
IBD candidates	60	—	—
Geo- $\nu$ s	1.1	30%	5%
Accidental signals	0.9	1%	negligible
Fast- $n$	0.1	100%	20%
$^9\text{Li}$ - $^8\text{He}$	1.6	20%	10%
$^{13}\text{C}$ ( $\alpha$ , $n$ ) $^{16}\text{O}$	0.05	50%	50%

## Requirements for setup:

- Energy resolution < 3%@1 MeV
- Energy scale uncertainty < 1%
- Reactor baseline variation < 0.5 km
- Large statistics: 100k IBD in 6 years

	Size	$\Delta\chi^2_{\text{MO}}$
Ideal	52.5 km	+16
Core distr.	Real	-3
DYB & HZ	Real	-1.7
Spectral Shape	1%	-1
B/S (rate)	6.3%	-0.6
B/S (shape)	0.4%	-0.1
$ \Delta m^2_{\mu\mu} $ T2K&Nova	1%	+(4-12)



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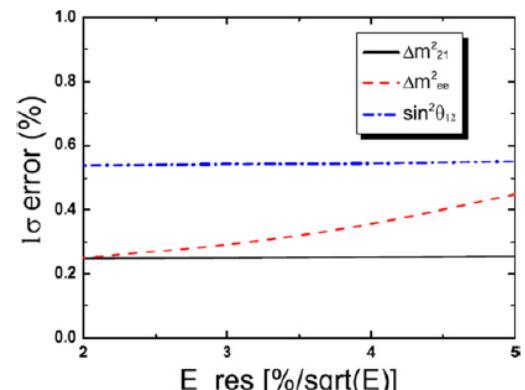
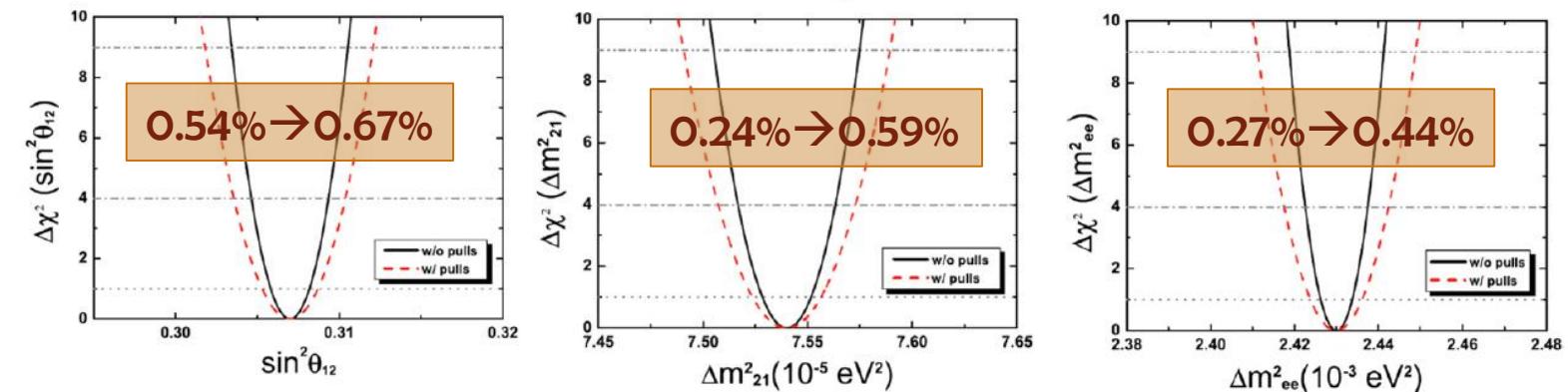
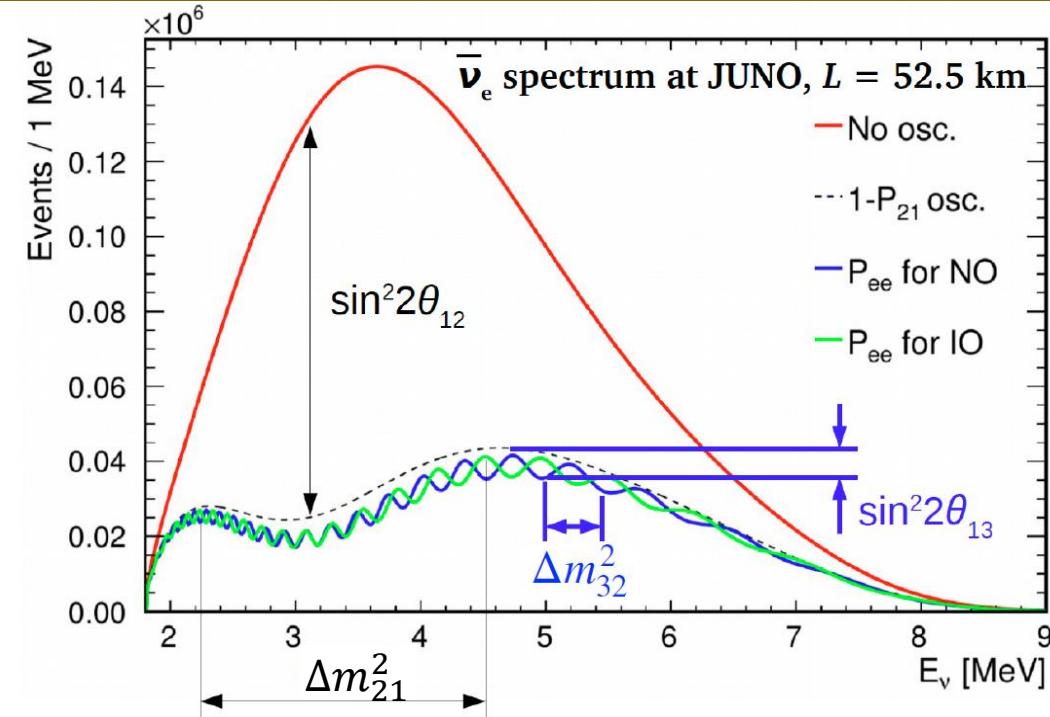
# Precise measurements

## Oscillation physics with JUNO:

- Independent from CP-violation
- Tiny influence from matter effect
- Insensitive to  $\theta_{23}$  and octant problem
- Sensitive to  $\theta_{12}, \Delta m_{21}^2, \Delta m_{32}^2$
- For  $\theta_{13}$  precision is worse than current best fit result

### Current status

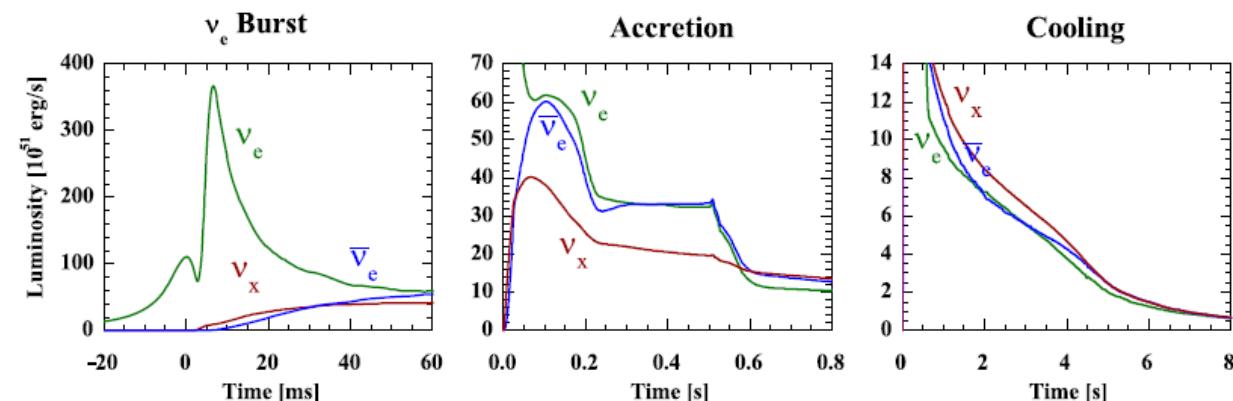
	$\Delta m_{21}^2$	$ \Delta m_{31}^2 $	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$
Dominant Exps.	KamLAND	T2K	SNO+SK	Daya Bay	NOvA
Individual $1\sigma$	2.4%	2.6%	4.5%	3.4%	5.2%
Nu-FIT 4.0	2.4%	1.3%	4.0%	2.9%	3.8%



# Supernova neutrinos and JUNO

## Expected number of burst-type events at 10 kpc

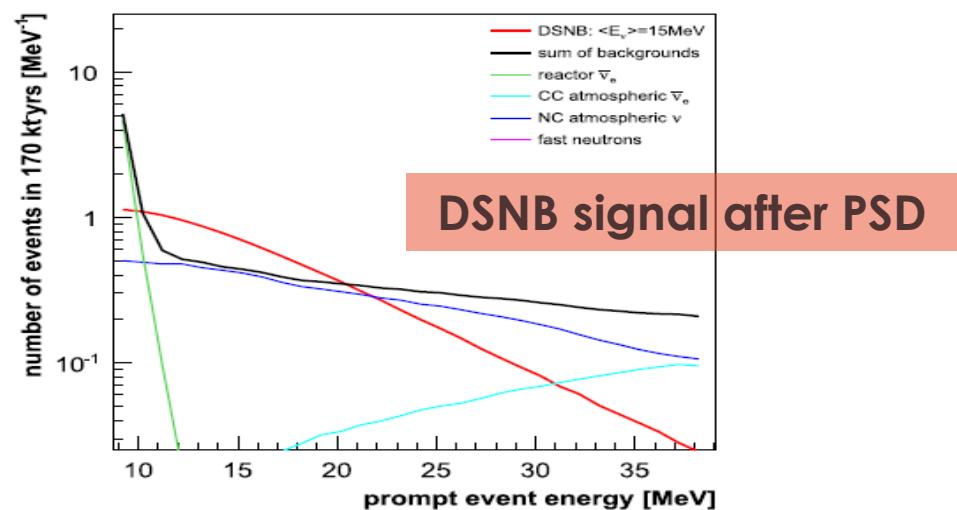
Channel	Type	Events for different $\langle E_\nu \rangle$ values		
		12 MeV	14 MeV	16 MeV
$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$	CC	$4.3 \times 10^3$	$5.0 \times 10^3$	$5.7 \times 10^3$
$\nu + p \rightarrow \nu + p$	NC	$0.6 \times 10^3$	$1.2 \times 10^3$	$2.0 \times 10^3$
$\nu + e \rightarrow \nu + e$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



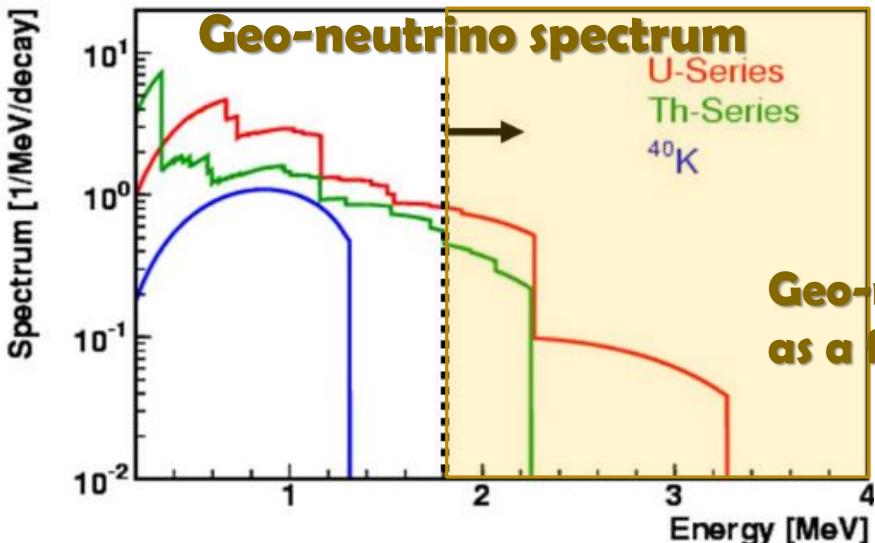
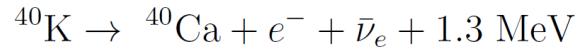
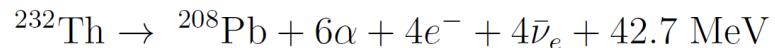
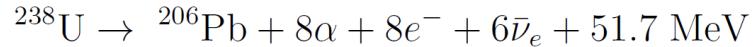
JUNO is able to determine flavor content, energy spectrum and time evolution of SN burst-type neutrinos

DSNB rate after 10 years fiducial volume 17 kt

Item		Rate (no PSD)	PSD efficiency	Rate (PSD)
Signal	$\langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle = 12 \text{ MeV}$	13	$\varepsilon_\nu = 50\%$	7
	$\langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle = 15 \text{ MeV}$	23		12
	$\langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle = 18 \text{ MeV}$	33		16
	$\langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle = 21 \text{ MeV}$	39		19
Background	reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$	0.3	$\varepsilon_\nu = 50\%$	0.13
	atm. CC	1.3	$\varepsilon_\nu = 50\%$	0.7
	atm. NC	$6 \times 10^2$	$\varepsilon_{\text{NC}} = 1.1\%$	6.2
	fast neutrons	11	$\varepsilon_{\text{FN}} = 1.3\%$	0.14
$\Sigma$				7.1



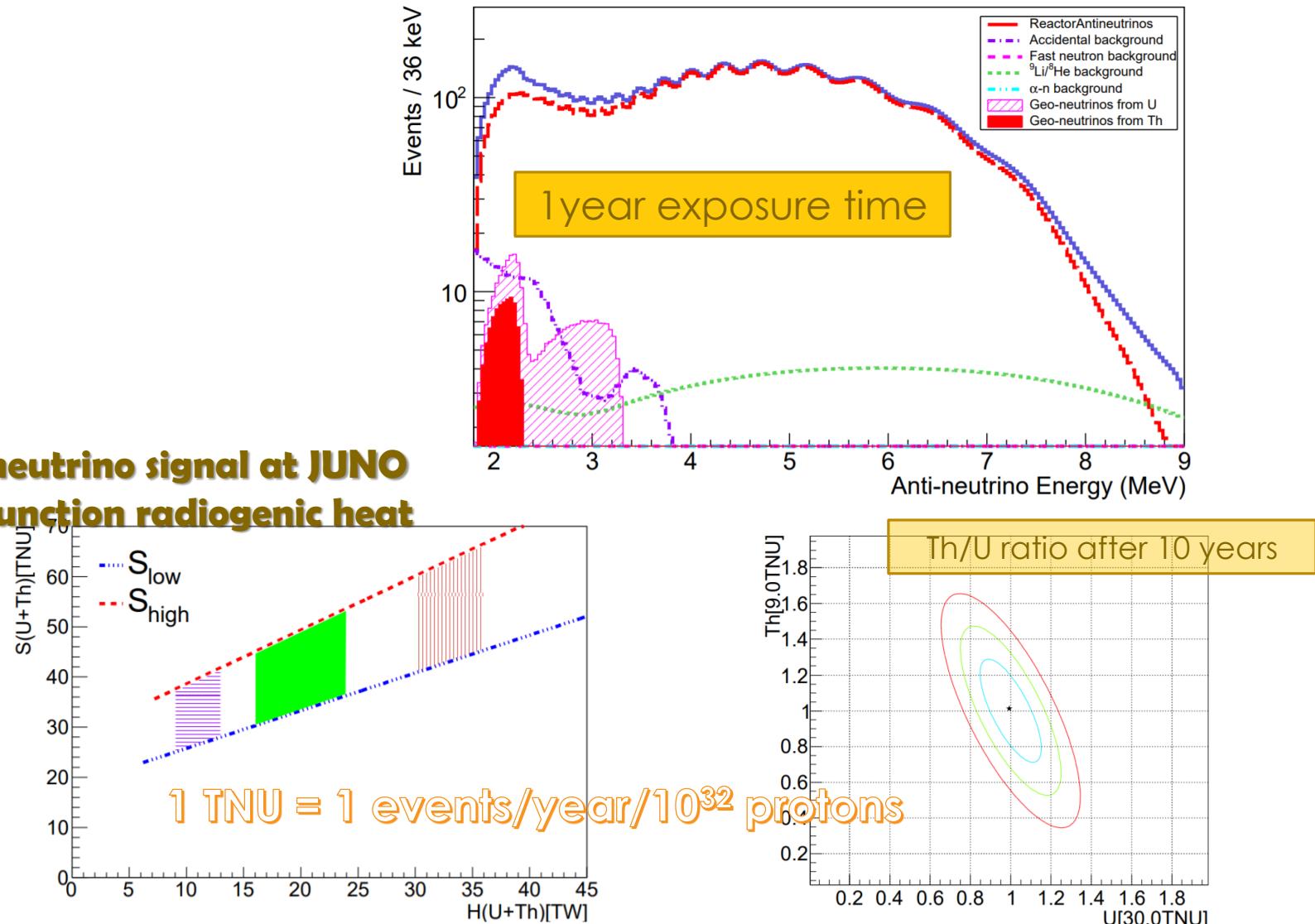
# Geo-neutrino signal



Uncertainty for U/Th flux after 10 years:

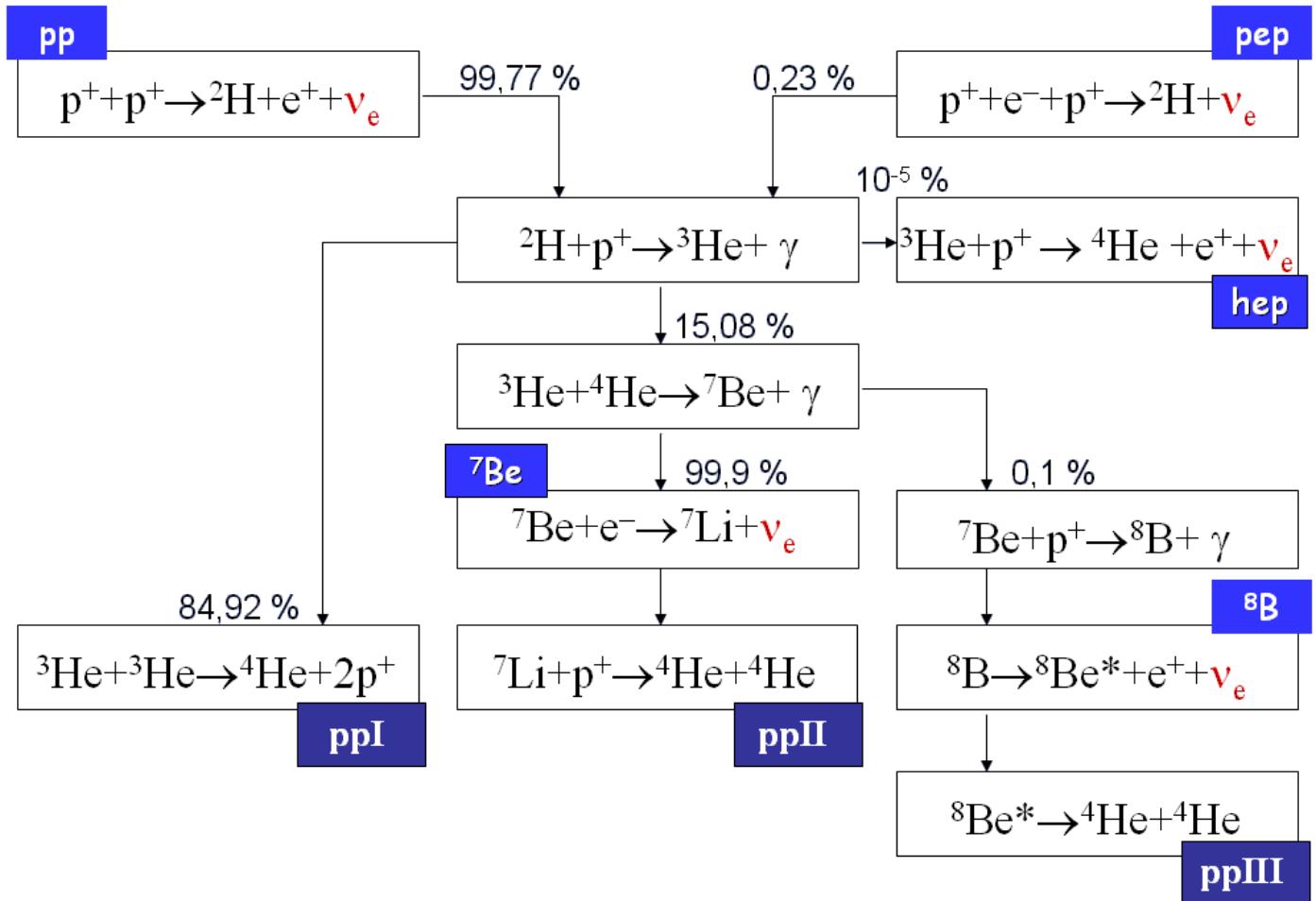
- U: 11%
- Th: 24%

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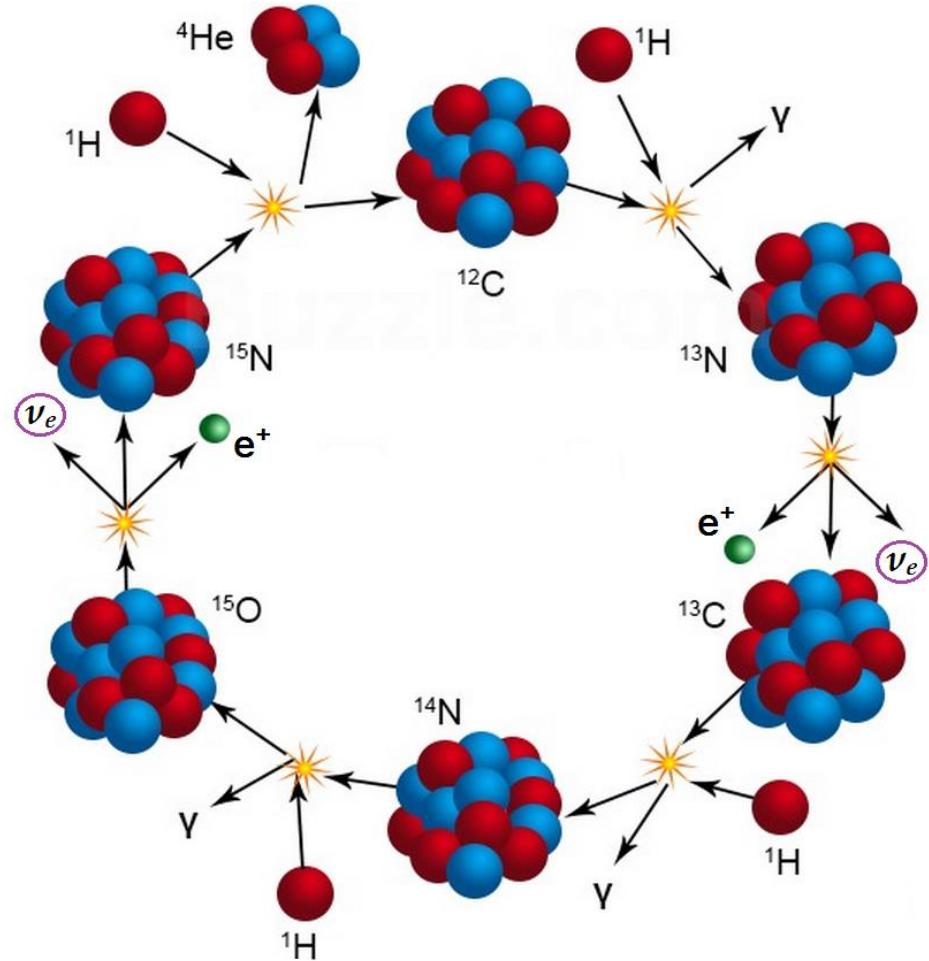


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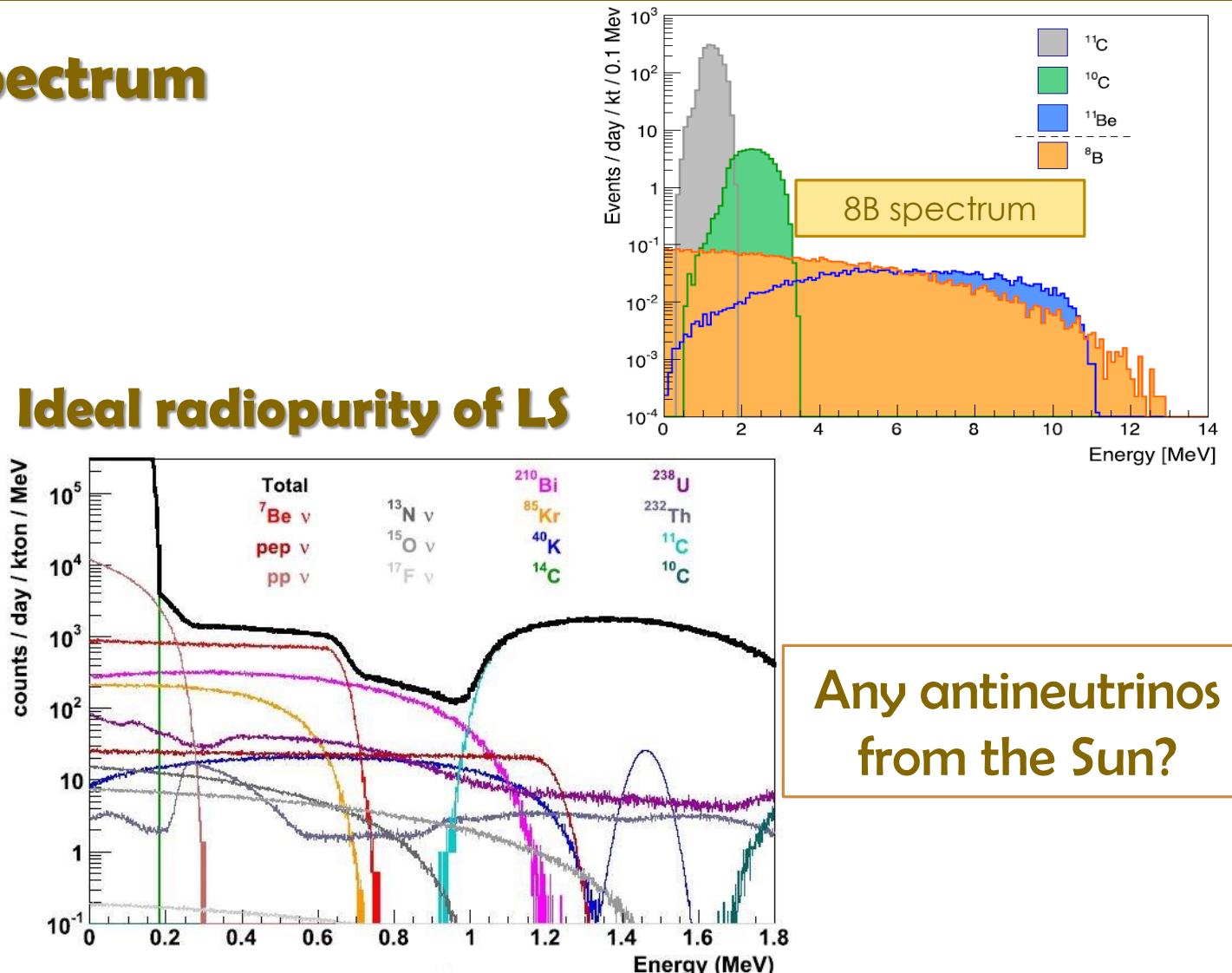
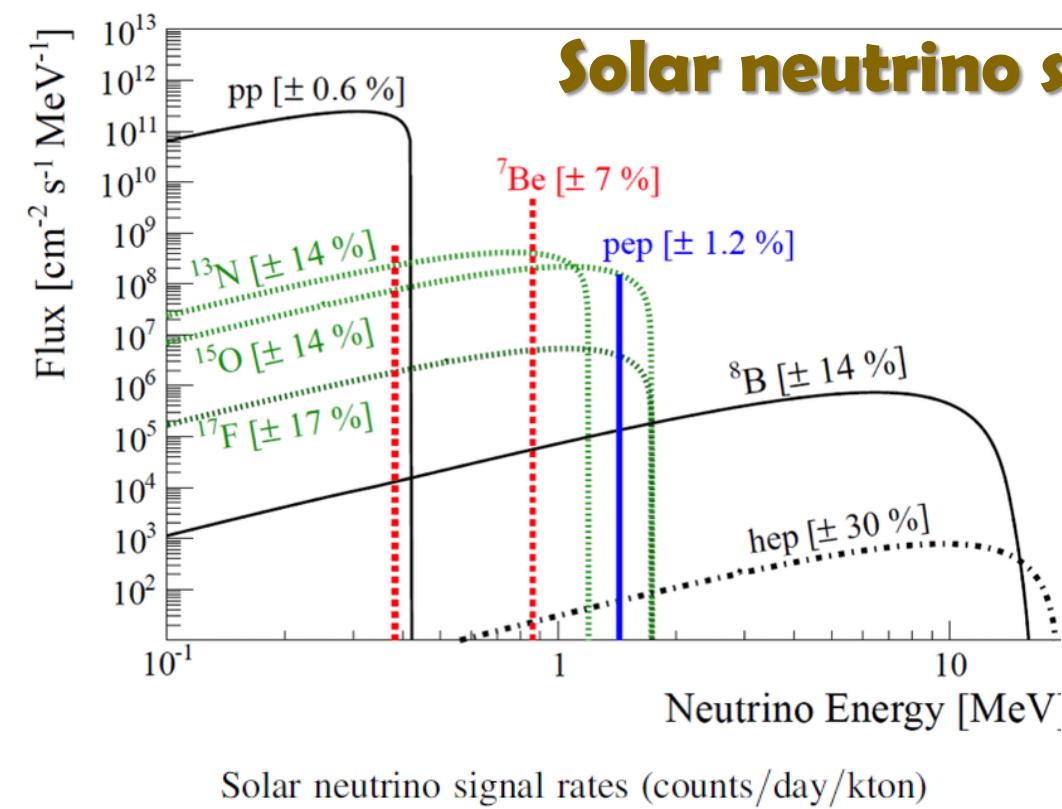
## Proton-proton cycle



## CNO-I cycle



# Solar neutrinos





# Sterile neutrinos



## Unexplained neutrino anomalies

- “Gallium anomaly” solar neutrino experiments GALLEX&SAGE
- Beam experiments LSND&MiniBooNE
- Reactor antineutrino anomaly (RAA)

Disappearance channel:

$$P_{\alpha\alpha} \approx 1 - 4|U_{\alpha 4}|^2 \cdot (1 - |U_{\alpha 4}|^2) \sin^2 \left( 1.27 \Delta m_{41}^2 \cdot \frac{L[\text{m}]}{E[\text{MeV}]} \right)$$

## Extended mixing matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \\ \nu_s \end{pmatrix} = U[4 \times 4] \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \\ \nu_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

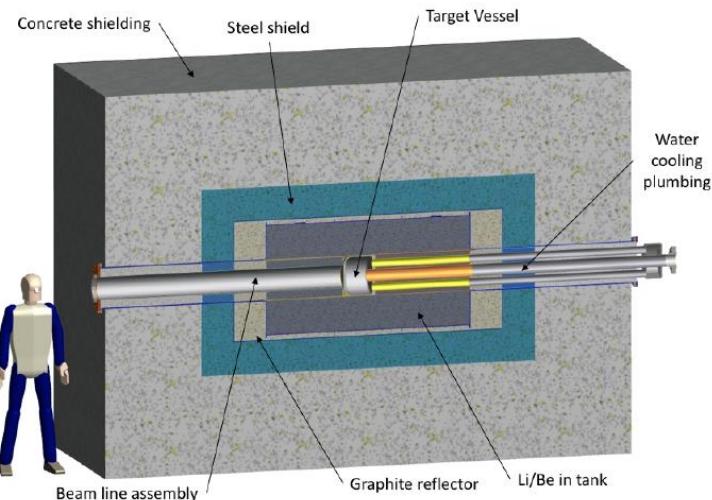
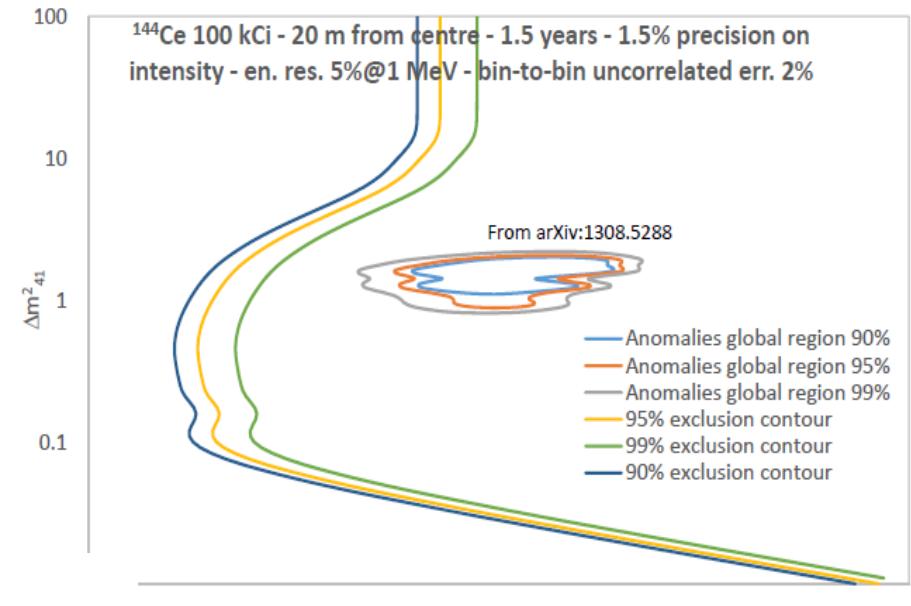
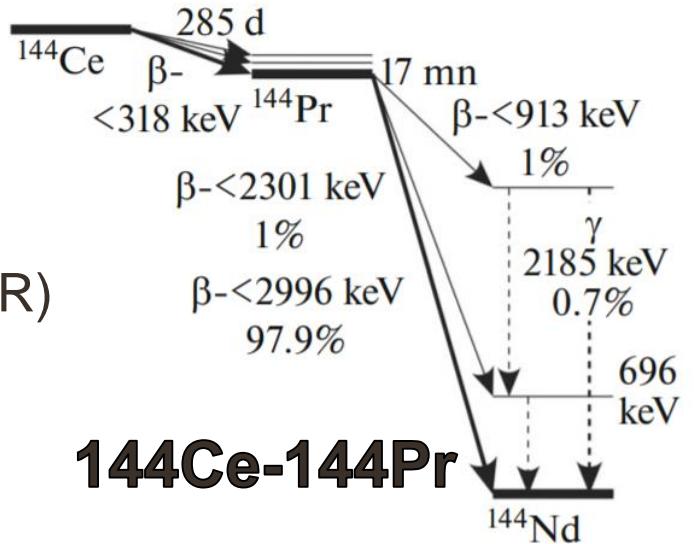
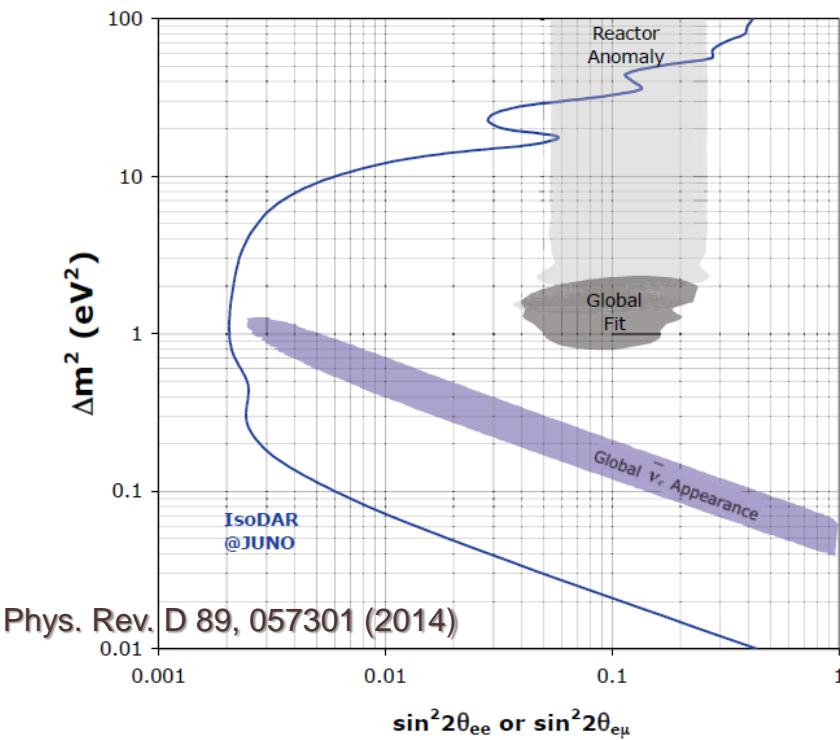
Simple solution – additional eV scale sterile neutrino!

# Sterile neutrinos – proposals

## Radioactive sources:

Neutrino emitters:  $^{37}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{51}\text{Cr}$

Antineutrino emitters:  $^{144}\text{Ce}$ - $^{144}\text{Pr}$ ,  
 $^{106}\text{Ru}$ - $^{106}\text{Rh}$ ,  $^{90}\text{Sr}$ - $^{90}\text{Y}$ ,  $^8\text{Li}$  (IsoDAR)



## 8Li (IsoDAR)

- cyclotron 10 mA, 600 kW
- 5 m distance to the edge
- 5 years running
- $2.7 \cdot 10^7$  IBD events

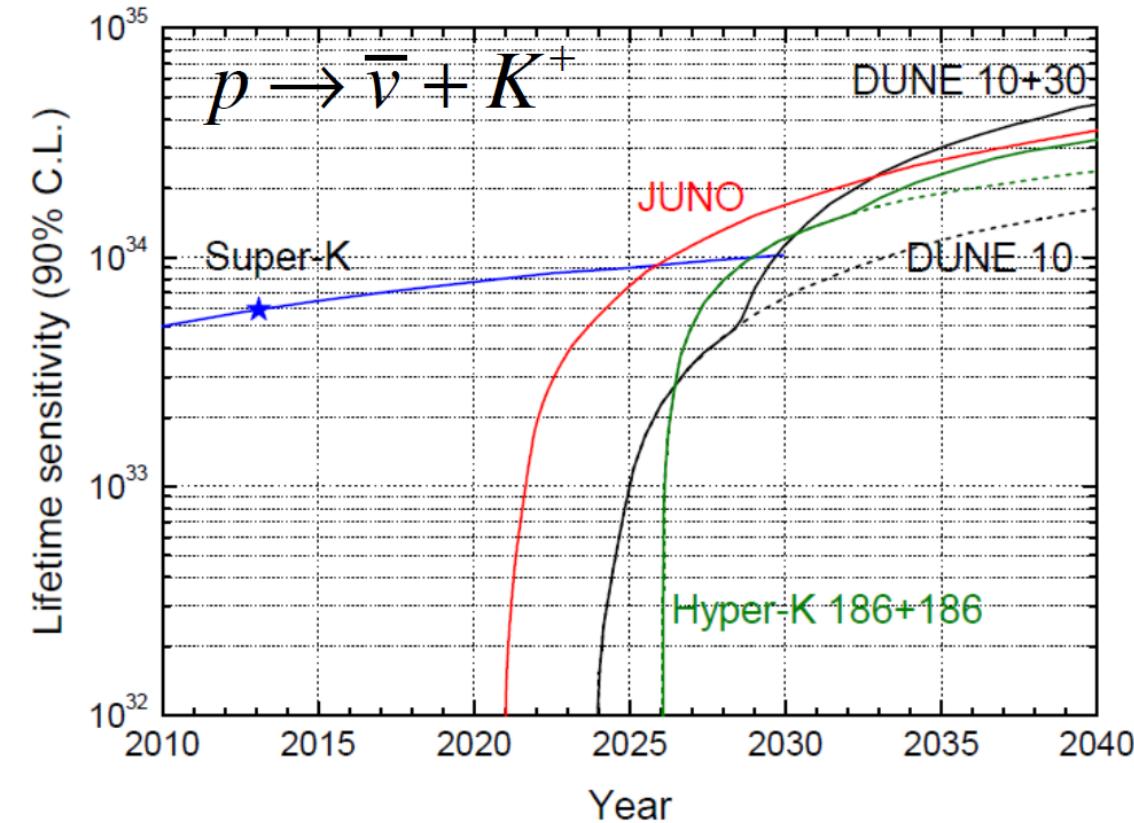
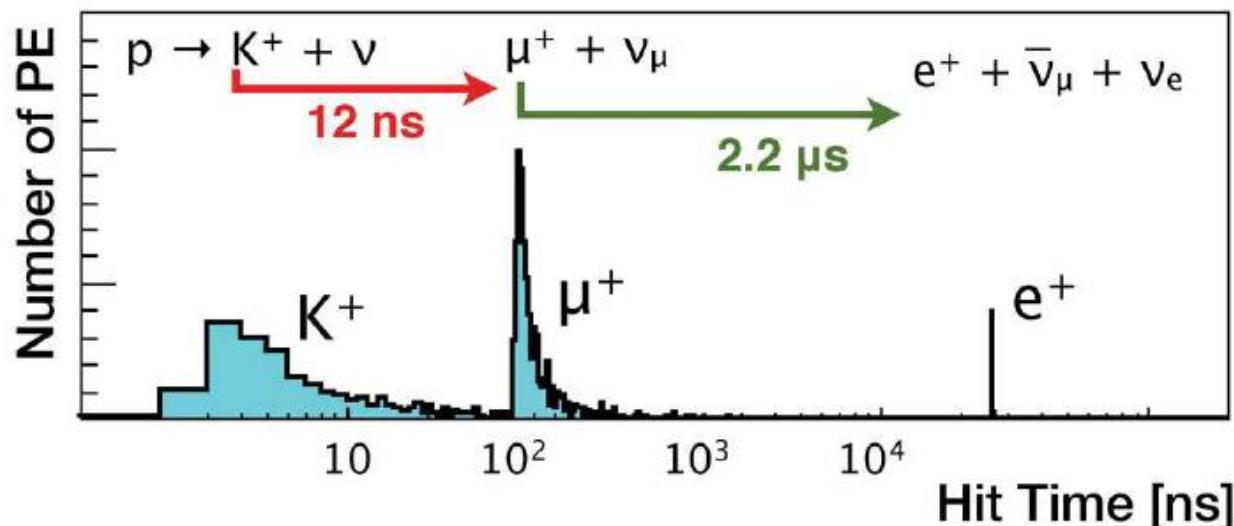
# Proton decay

**The most promising channels:**

$$p \rightarrow \pi^0 + e^+ \quad (\text{from GUT})$$

$$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu} + K^+ \quad (\text{from SUSY})$$

**Signature is triple coincidence**



**Upper limit after 10 years**  
 $1.9 \cdot 10^{34}$  years 90% C.L.  
 based on LENA



# Schedule



International  
collaboration  
established!

2014

- PMT production line setup
- Start civil construction
- CD parts R&D

2015

- Start PMT production
- Start CD parts production

2016

- Start PMT testing
- Top Tracker arrived!
- Daya Bay LS tests

2017

- Delivery of surface buildings
- Start production of acrylic sphere
- OSIRIS was funded
- TAO group formed

2018

- Electronics production starts
- Civil work and lab preparation completed
- Detector construction

2019-20

DATA  
TAKING!!!

2021

- Detector filled & commissioned
- TAO ready
- Detector ready



THANK YOU  
FOR ATTENTION!!!



The 15th JUNO Collaboration Meeting

January 13-17, 2020, Guangxi University, Nanning



# BACKUP



- Reactor  $\nu$  oscillation

$$P = 1 - \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{21} \\ - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} (\cos^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{31} + \sin^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{32})$$

- Daya Bay's 2- $\nu$  approximation

$$P_{\text{sur}} \simeq 1 - \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{21} - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \Delta_{ee}$$

- In the standard 3- $\nu$  frame  $\sin^2 \Delta_{ee} \equiv \cos^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{31} + \sin^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{32}$
- The  $\Delta m^2_{ee}$  definition is irrelevant to JUNO, since the 2- $\nu$  approximation is not valid.  $\Delta m^2_{31}$  and  $\Delta m^2_{32}$  should always be used.
- Detailed information is in [arXiv:1905.03840](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.03840)