The JUNO Experiment: Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory (JUNO)



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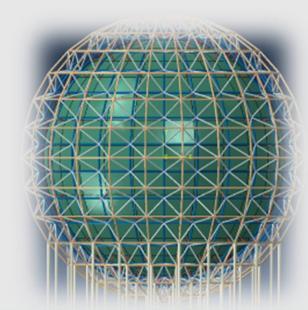
Outline

(1) Physics motivations

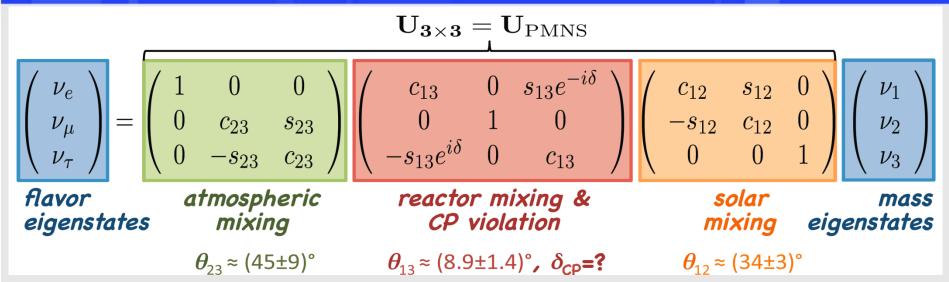
- a) Neutrino mass hierarchy
- b) Precision measurement of parameters
- c) Search for New Physics
- d) Observatory of astrophysical neutrino sources

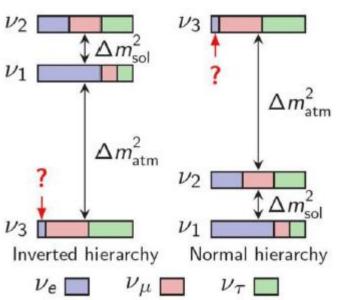
(2) Project status

- a) Experimental site
- b) R&D program
- c) Collaboration
- d) Schedule



Current status





Unresolved issues:

Mass hierarchy

CP-violating phase

Theta(23) octant

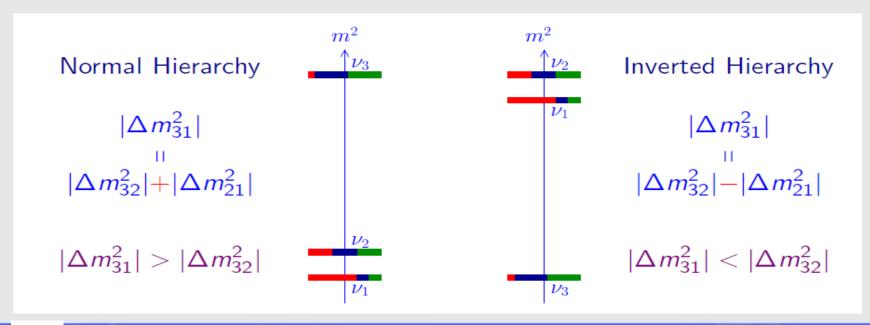
Are there additional sterile neutrino species?

Mass hierarchy

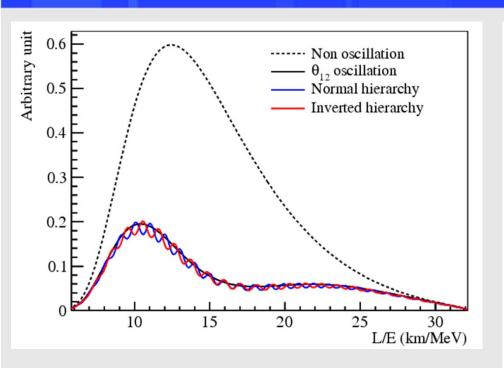
Matter effect: Accelerator, atmospheric, supernova neutrinos

- ▶ $\nu_e \leftrightarrows \nu_\mu$ MSW resonance: $V = \frac{\Delta m_{13}^2 \cos 2\vartheta_{13}}{2E} \Leftrightarrow \Delta m_{13}^2 > 0$ NH

 ▶ $\bar{\nu}_e \leftrightarrows \bar{\nu}_\mu$ MSW resonance: $V = -\frac{\Delta m_{13}^2 \cos 2\vartheta_{13}}{2E} \Leftrightarrow \Delta m_{13}^2 < 0$ IH
- Vacuum oscillation: reactor neutrinos s. T. Petcov et al., PLB 533, 94 (2002)

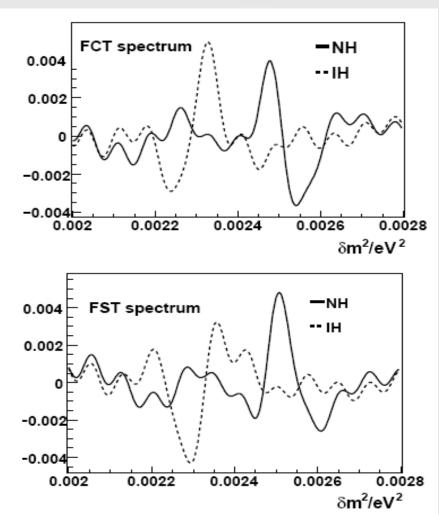


Spectral information

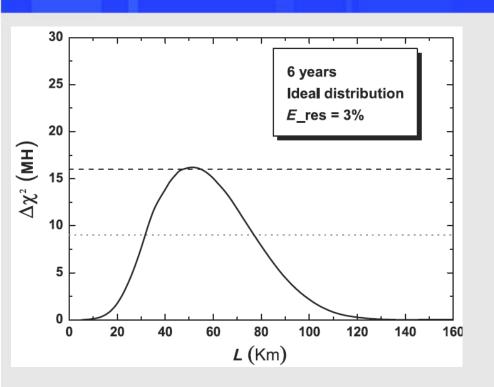


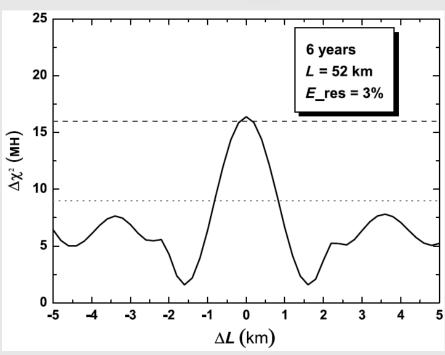
How the interference happens? Fourier transform to L/E spectrum: L/E spectrum←→Δm² spectrum(oscillation frequency)

- J. Learned et. al. hep-ex/0612022
- L. Zhan et. al. 0807.3203



Baseline optimization

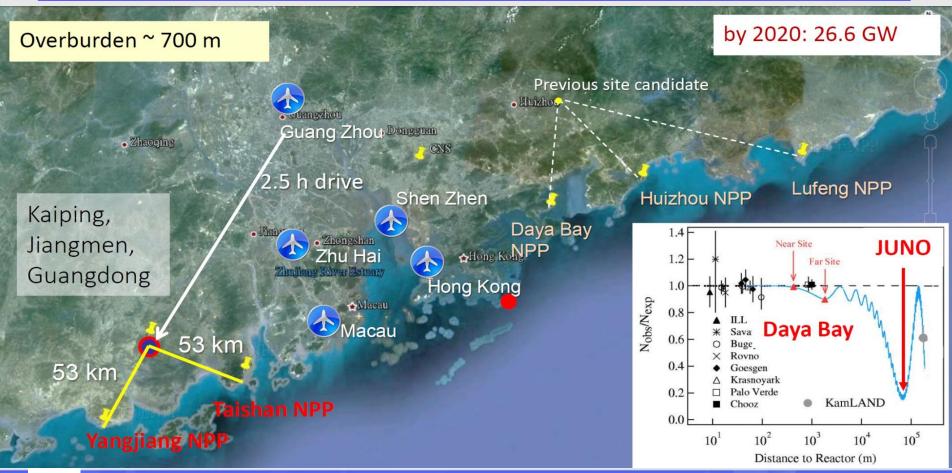




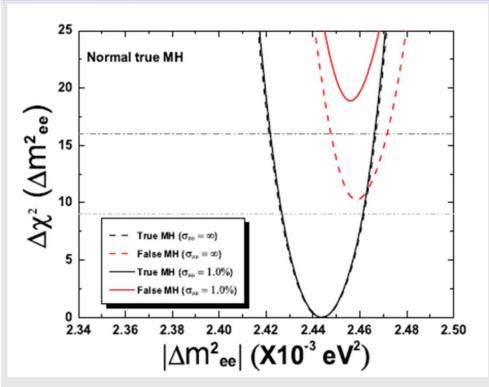
- > The optimum baseline is required to be at the oscillation maximum of Δm^2_{21} .
- The control of baseline difference is important to maximize the sensitivity. Y.F Li et al, PRD 88, 013008 (2013)

Experimental site

NPP	Daya Bay	Huizhou	Lufeng	Yangjiang	Taishan
Status	Operational	Planned	Planned	Under construction	Under construction
Power	17.4 GW	17.4 GW	17.4 GW	17.4 GW	18.4 GW



Physics Potential



Nominal assumption:

20 kton Liquid Scintillator
(LS) detector
3%/sqrt(E) energy resolution
52-53 km baselines
36 GW and 6 years

Y.F Li et al, PRD 88, 013008 (2013)

MH sensitivity for JUNO:

 3σ ($\Delta\chi^2>10$) with the spectral measurement 4σ if including an external Δm^2 (atm) measurement spread of reactor cores; uncertainties from reactor antineutrino flux; the energy scale and non-linearity.

Other oscillation probes

	Δm_{21}^2	$ \Delta m_{31}^2 $	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$\sin^2\theta_{13}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$
Dominant Exps.	KamLAND	MINOS	SNO	Daya Bay	SK/T2K
Individual 1σ	2.7% [20]	4.1% [25]	6.7% [6]	10% [21]	14% [23, 24]
Global 1σ	2.6%	2.7%	4.1%	8.6%	11%

	Nominal	+shape(1%)	+BG	+1.0% (EL)	+1.0% NL
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	0.54%	0.60%	0.62%	0.64%	0.67%
Δm ² ₂₁	0.24%	0.27%	0.29%	0.44%	0.59%
$ \Delta m^2_{31} $	0.27%	0.31%	0.31%	0.35%	0.44%

New Physics test in low-energy oscillation phenomena: light sterile neutrinos 1405.6540 nonstandard neutrino interactions 1310.5917, 1408.6301 Lorentz and CPT violation 1409.6970

Observatory of astrophysical sources

Indirect DM search

discover DM or extend excluded parameter space

Supernova neutrinos

v burst established

→ extract information on core-collapse and neutron star formation

galactic cosmic

Solar neutrinos

pp-chain measured

- → CNO neutrino flux
- → study solar interior

Observation Range <1 to 50 MeV

Geoneutrinos

now: 4σ observation

→ geology: radiogenic heat, U/Th conc.

Diffuse SN neutrinos

still unobserved

→ discovery, z-dep. SN rate and average spectrum

Supernova neutrinos

Channel	Type	Events for different $\langle E_{\nu} \rangle$ values			
Chamiei	туре	$12~{ m MeV}$	$14 \mathrm{MeV}$	$16 \mathrm{MeV}$	
$\overline{\nu}_e + p \to e^+ + n$	$\overline{\mathbf{CC}}$	4.3×10^{3}	5.0×10^{3}	5.7×10^{3}	
$\nu + p \rightarrow \nu + p$	NC	6.0×10^{2}	1.2×10^3	2.0×10^{3}	
$\nu + e \rightarrow \nu + e$	NC	3.6×10^2	3.6×10^2	3.6×10^{2}	
$\nu + {}^{12}C \rightarrow \nu + {}^{12}C^*$	NC	1.7×10^2	3.2×10^{2}	5.2×10^{2}	
$\nu_e + {}^{12}\text{C} \to e^- + {}^{12}\text{N}$	\mathbf{CC}	4.7×10^1	9.4×10^{1}	1.6×10^{2}	
$\bar{\nu}_e + {}^{12}\text{C} \to e^+ + {}^{12}\text{B}$	CC	6.0×10^{1}	1.1×10^2	1.6×10^{2}	

- For a SN at 10 kpc, JUNO will register about 5000 events from inverse beta decay (IBD), 2000 events from all-flavor elastic neutrino-proton scattering (>0.2 MeV).
- > High statistics, different flavors, good energy resolution
- particle physics:
 - a) neutrino mass scale: 0.7 eV@95% C.L. [10 kpc]
- > astrophysics:
 - b) pre-SN neutrinos: ~ 1000 events/day [0.2 kpc]

Many other physics and astro-physics potentials

A physics yellow book will be released by end of this year.

Detector concept

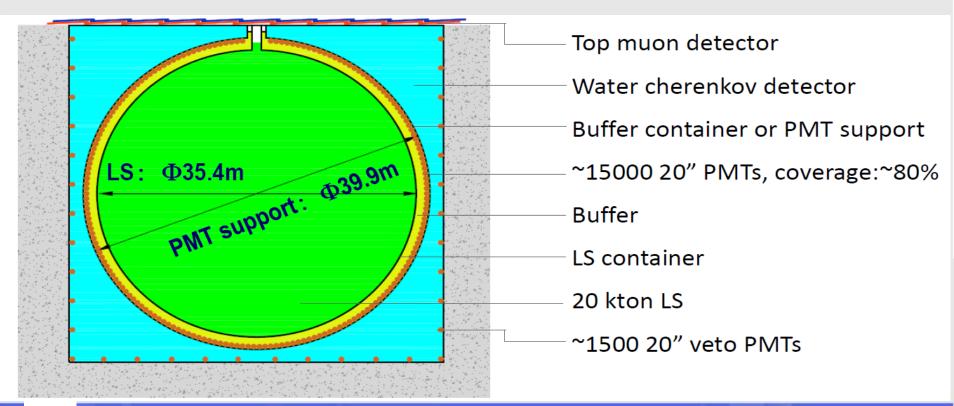
Requirements:

Large detector: 20 kt LS

Energy resolution:

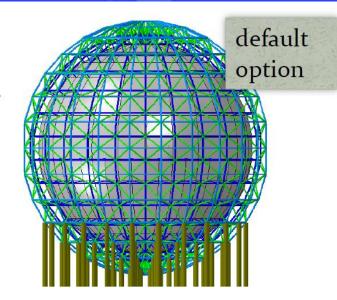
3%/√E → 1200 p.e./MeV

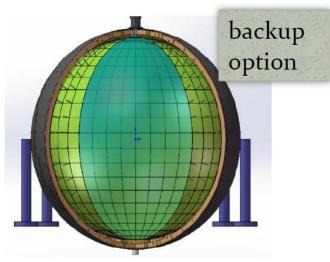
	KamLAND	JUNO
LS mass	~1 kt	20 kt
Energy Resolution	6%/√E	3%/√E
Light yield	250 p.e./MeV	1200 p.e./MeV



Central detector

- A giant detector in a water pool
 - Default option: acrylic tank(D~35m) + stainless steel (SS) structure
 - Backup option: balloon + acrylic structure + SS tank(D~38m)
- Considerations:
 - Engineering: mechanics, lifetime, safety...
 - Physics: cleanness, light collection, materials compatibility...
 - Assembly & installation
- R&D and prototypes are in progress





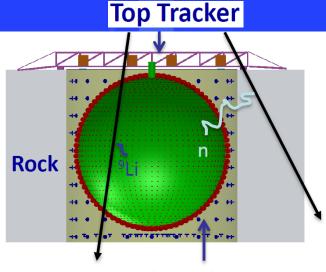
Veto system

Goals of veto

- Cosmogenic isotopes rejection
- Neutron background rejection
- Gamma background passive shielding
- ...

Water cherenkov detector

- ~1500 20" PMT
- 20~30 kton ultrapure water with a circulation system
- Earth magnetic field shielding
- Tyvek reflector film
- PMT support frame
- Water pool sealing



Water Cherenkov Detector

Top tracker

Use OPERA Target Tracker

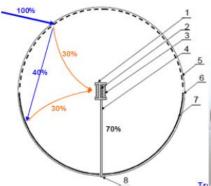
 Additional options are considered to increase the coverage



High QE PMT

- 20" PMTs under discussion:
 - MCP-PMT with Chinese Industry
 - Photonics-type PMT: 8"→12"→20"
 - Hammamatzu R5912-100 (SBA)
- MCP-PMT development:
 - Technical issues mostly resolved
 - Successful 8" prototypes
 - A few 20" prototypes

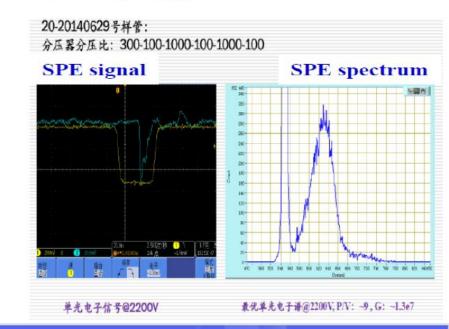
	R5912	R5912- 100	MCP- PMT
QE@410nm	25%	35%	25%
Rise time	3 ns	3.4ns	5ns
SPE Amp.	17mV	18mV	17mV
P/V of SPE	>2.5	>2.5	>2.5
TTS	5.5ns	1.5 ns	3.5 ns





Photon detection efficiency: ~30%

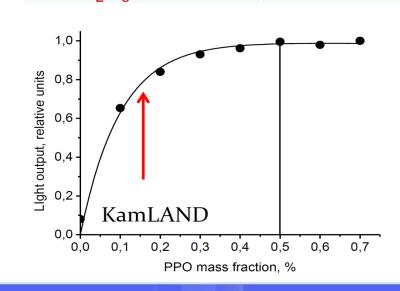
20" MCP-PMT



Liquid scintillator

- Recipe: LAB + PPO + bisMSB
 - Attenuation length 15 m → ~30m
 - No Gd-loading for low radioactivity
- R&D efforts:
 - Low background: → No Gd-loading
 - Improve raw materials
 - Improve the production process
 - Purification
 - Distillation, Filtration, Water extraction, Nitrogen stripping...
 - Optimization of fluor concentration
- Other works:
 - Rayleigh scattering length
 - Energy non-linearity
 - Aging
 - Material selection: BKG & purity issues
 - Engineering for 2okt mass production

Linear Alky Benzene	Atte. L(m) @ 430 nm
RAW	14.2
Vacuum distillation	19.5
SiO ₂ column	18.6
Al ₂ O ₃ column	22.3
LAB from Nanjing, Raw	20
Al ₂ O ₃ column	25



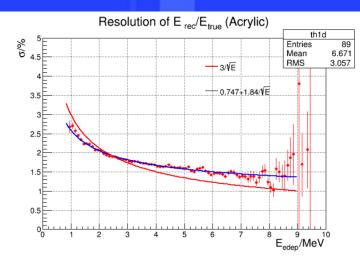
MC studies

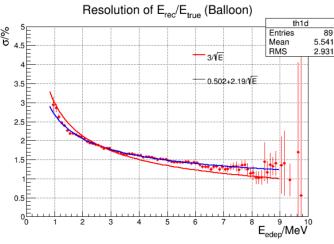
Optical model

- Based on DYB (tuned to data), except:
- **PMT QE:** $25\% \rightarrow 35\%$
- LS light yield: 10400 photons/MeV
- LS attenuation length: 20 m @430 nm
 - Absorption 60m
 - Rayleigh scattering 30 m

Detector performance studies

- Vertex and energy resolution: $\sigma_E/E^3\%@1MeV$
- Effect of steel struts, PMT proof, film transparency, dark noise ...
- Buffer thickness: reduce PMT background
- Optimize fiducial volume
- Muon efficiency in water pool: 99.5%



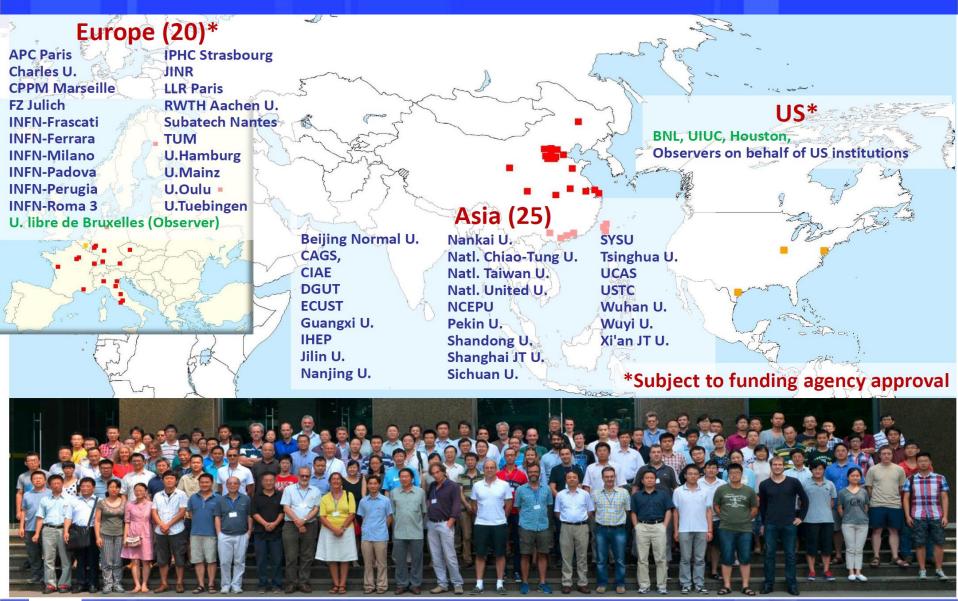


Energy resolution of two detector options: similar performances

Civil construction



Collaboration Established



Schedule

- > Civil preparation: 2013-2014
- > Civil construction: 2014-2017
- > Detector component production: 2016-2017
- **→ PMT production: 2016-2019**
- > Detector assembly & installation: 2018-2019
- > Filling & data taking: 2020



JUNO nominal setup

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

Table 1: Summary of the power and baseline distribution for the Yangjiang (YJ) and Taishan (TS) reactor complexes, as well as the remote reactors of Daya Bay (DYB) and Huizhou (HZ). Y.F Li et al, PRD 88, 013008 (2013)

- > 3%/sqrt(E), 300 effective days times 6 years, 80% efficiency
- both old and new evaluations of v_bar flux spectrum.
- Oscillation parameters: recent best-fits
- Systematics:

include the correlated (absolute) reactor uncertainty (2%), the uncorrelated (relative) reactor uncertainty (0.8%), the flux spectrum uncertainty (1%) and the detector-related uncertainty (1%). We use 200 equal-size bins for the incoming neutrino energy between 1.8 MeV and 8.0 MeV.

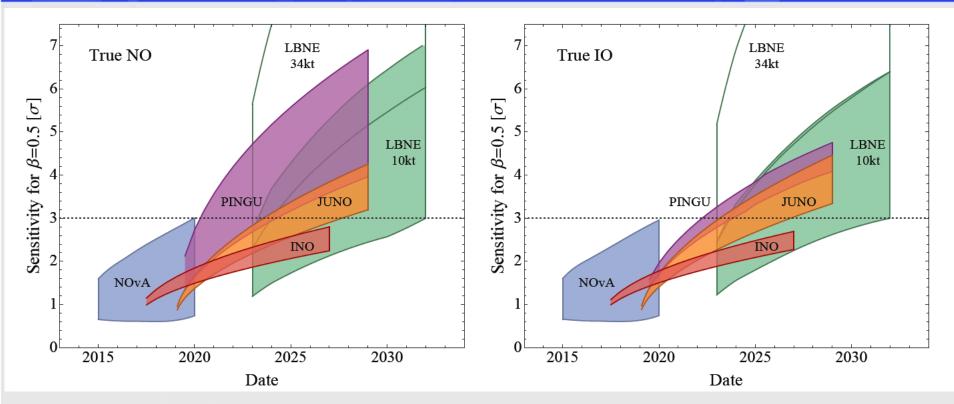
The median sensitivity

- (1) The square root of delta_chi_2 is very close the median sensitivity.
- (2) It is representative for how well the experiment will do.
- (3) 50 % probability of not reaching it, and 50 % probability of doing better, not 50 % probability of "being wrong".

	Median sens.	Standard sens.	Crossing sens.
Normal MH	3.4σ	3.3σ	1.9σ
Inverted MH	3.5σ	3.4σ	1.9σ

Table 2-4: The MH sensitivity with the JUNO nominal setup.

Global comparison



Blennow, Coloma, Huber, Schwetz, JHEP 03, 028 (2014)

Note: Bands have dierent meanings:

JUNO: Energy resolution 3%-3.5%

PINGU/INO: theta(23) 40°~50°

LBNE: CP phase $(0~2\pi)$

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Signal and background

Signal:
$$\overline{V}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$$
 Estimated IBD rate: ~80/ w/o detection efficiency

Estimated IBD rate: ~80/day,

Background type	Raw rate	Final number after selection cuts	Relative U	Incertainty Shape
Accidentals	~410/day (∆T < 1.0 ms)	1.1/day (R _{p-d} < 1.5m)	1%	negligible
*Fast neutron	0.01/day	0.01 /day	100%	20%
⁹ Li/ ⁸ He	80/day	1.8/day (muon veto)	20%	10%
(α, n)	3.8/day (acrylic opt.) 0.2/day (balloon opt.)	0.05/day (acrylic), by FV cut negligible (balloon), by FV cut	50%	50%

^{*} Fast neutron is being re-evaluated by using real MC

Above table does not take into account the IBD selection efficiency

IBD selection Cuts	Efficiency
0.7 MeV < Ep < 12 MeV, 1.9 MeV < Ed < 2.5 MeV,	95.6%
ΔT < 1.0 ms, R _{p-d} < 1.5 m	
Muon Veto	83%

Calibration System Conceptual Designs

- Point radioactive source calibration systems
 - A automatic rope system is the most primary source delivery system
 - Considering a ROV to be more versatile
 - Considering a guide tube system to cover the boundaries and near boundary regions
- Also considering a shortlived diffusive radioactive sources
- A UV laser system being considered to calibrate the LS responses

