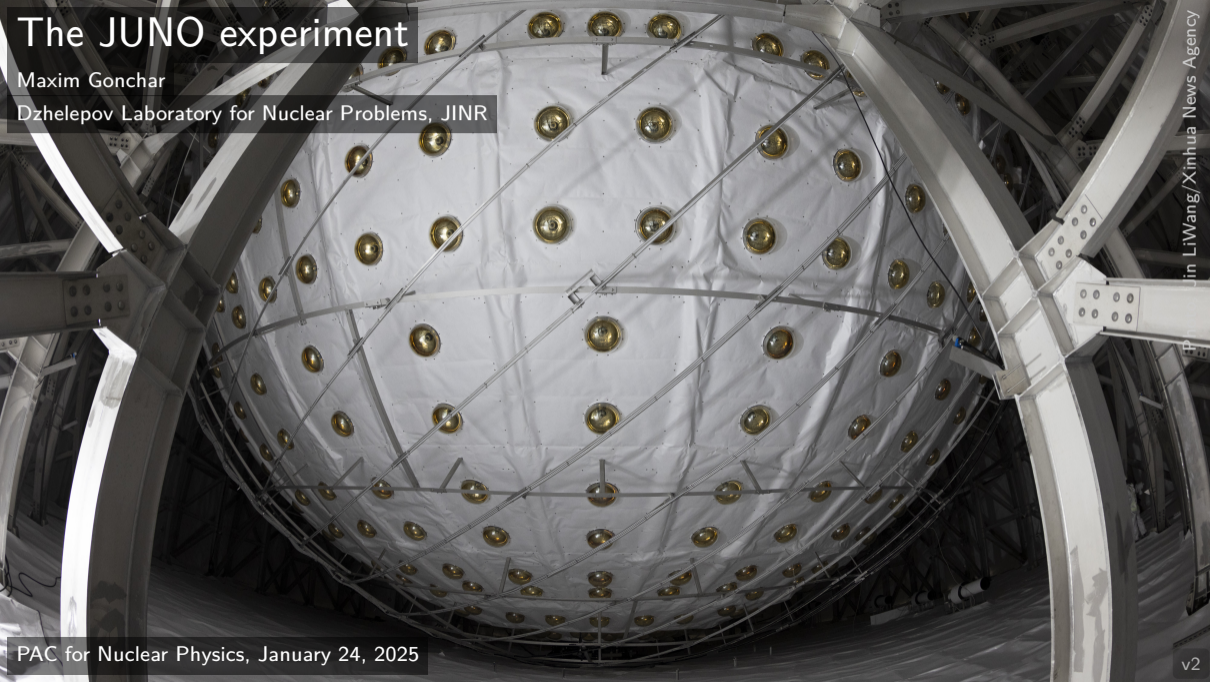


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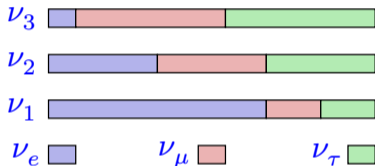
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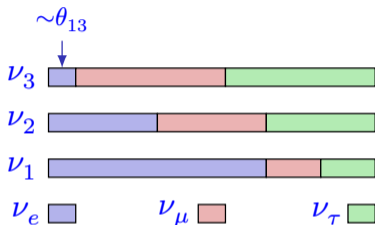
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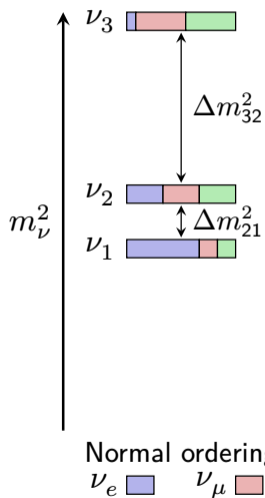
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Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata (PMNS) mixing matrix:

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- ✓ $\theta_{12} \approx 34^\circ$ established through **solar** experiments and **KamLAND**: large, but not maximal.
- ✓ $\theta_{13} \approx 8^\circ$ established by **reactor**: **Daya Bay**, RENO, Double Chooz.
- δ_{CP} unknown: NOvA and T2K.



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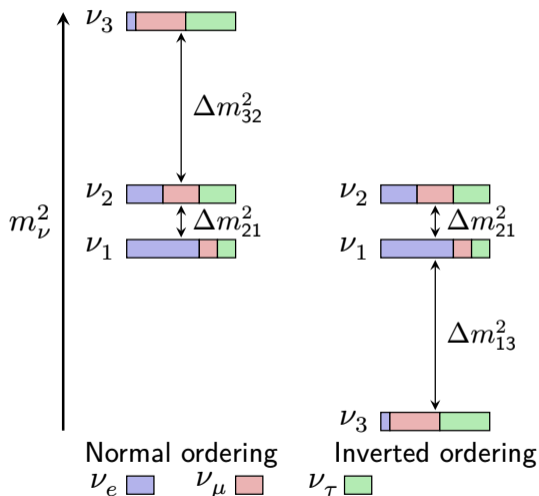


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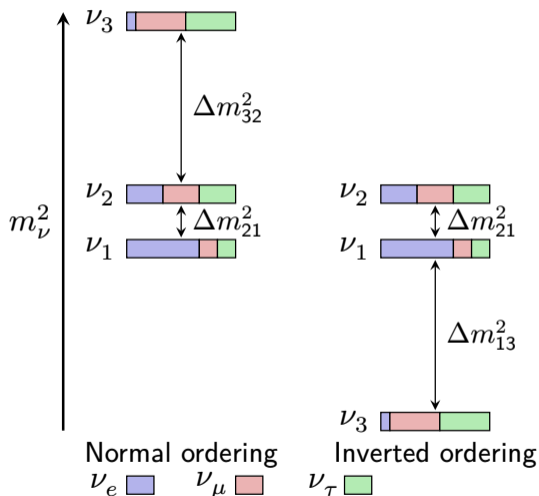


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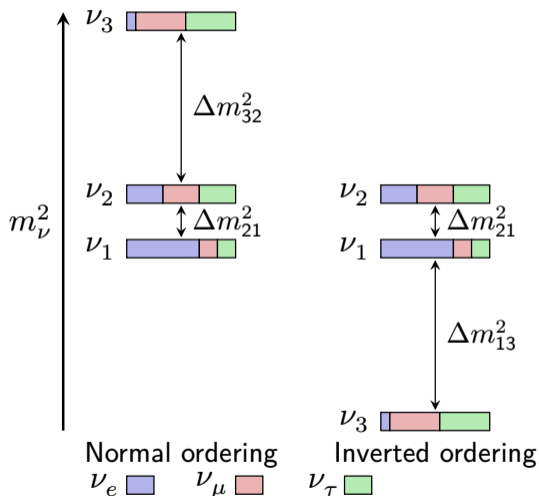
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- Mass limits, **meV**:

$m_2, m_3 > 0$	} oscillations	
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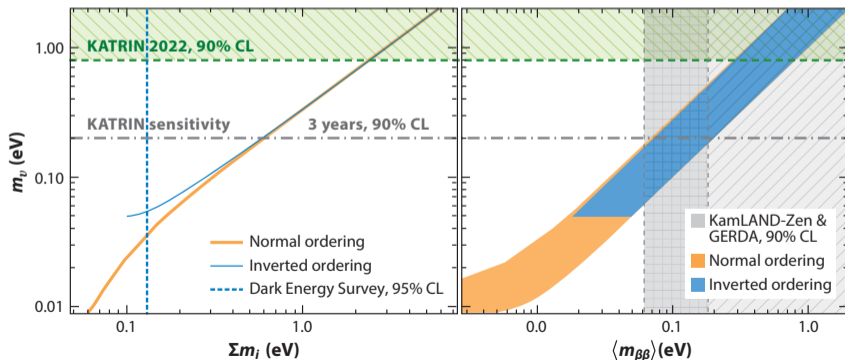
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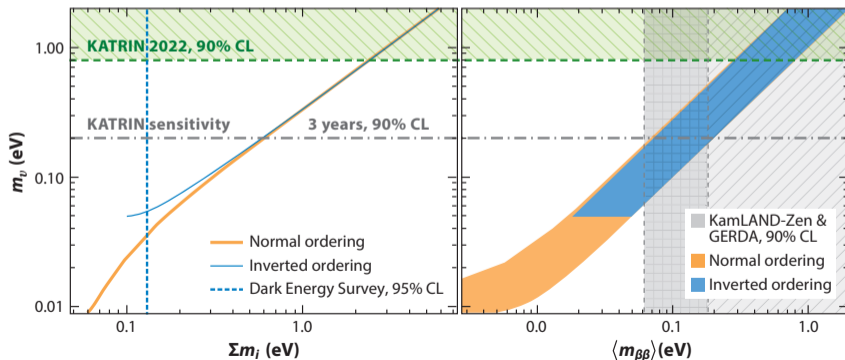
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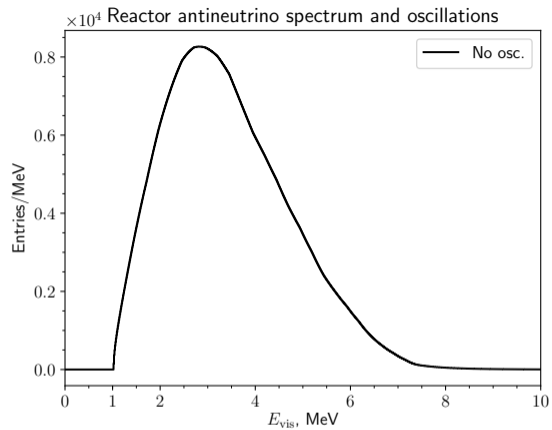




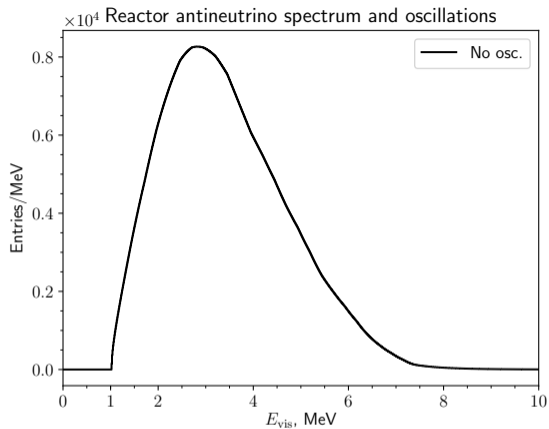
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 - ▶ Nucleosynthesis



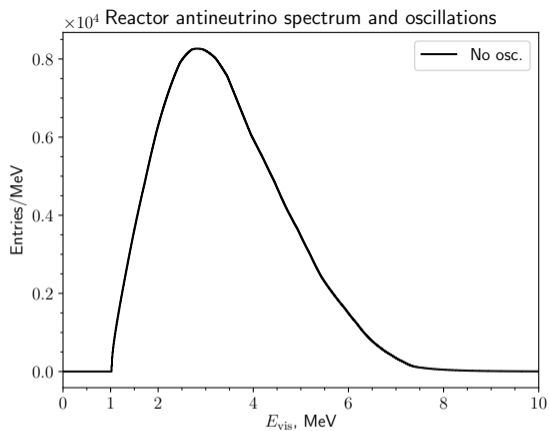
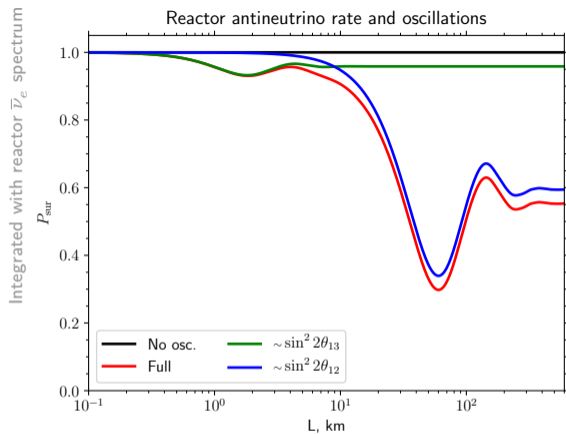


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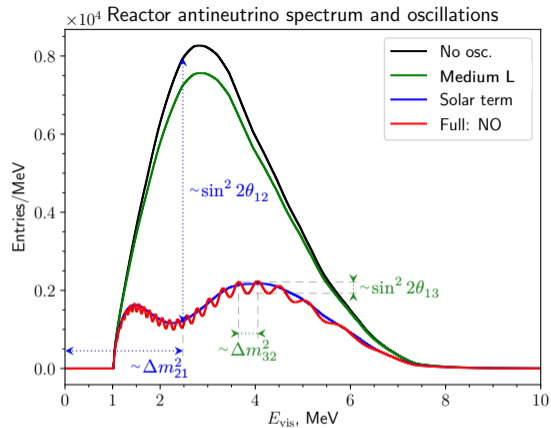
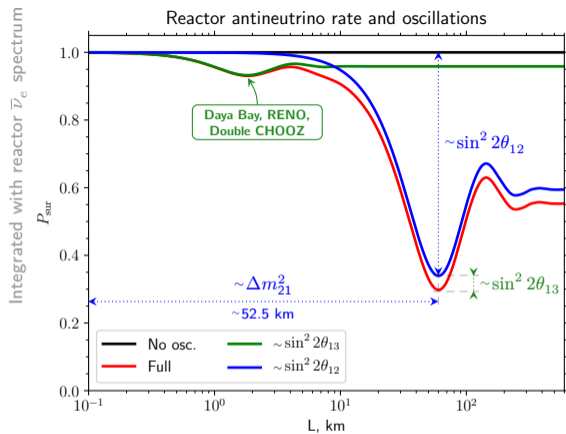
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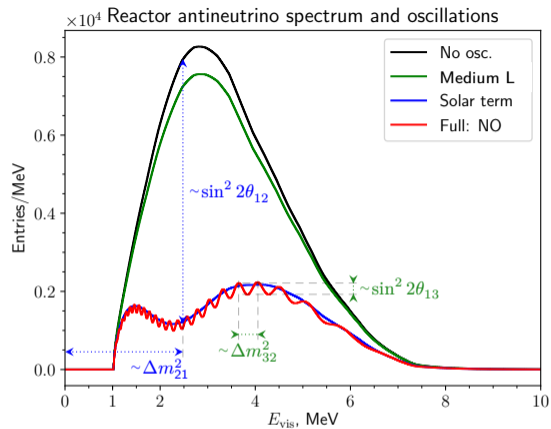
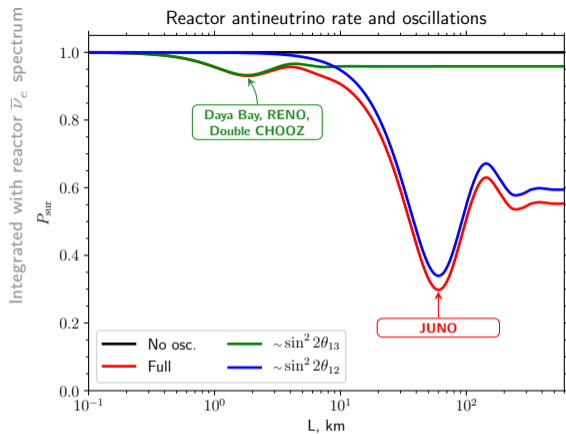
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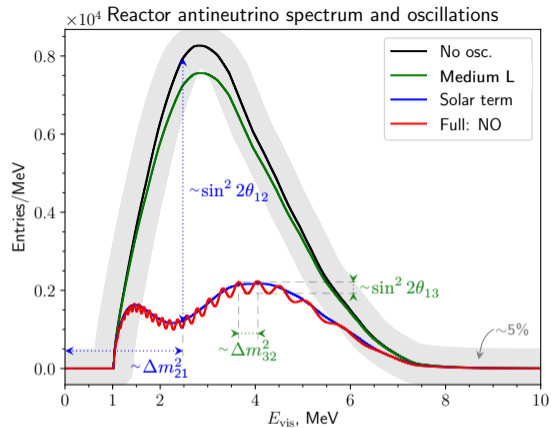
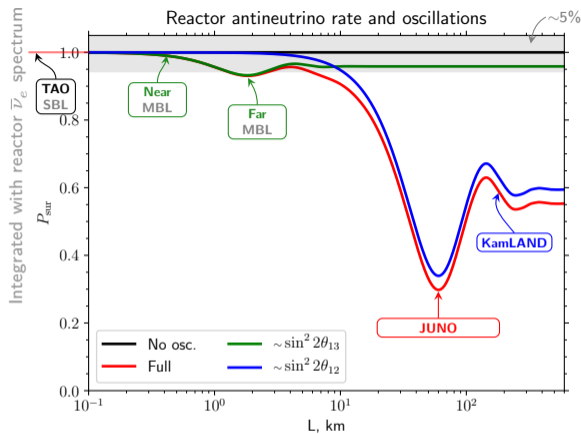
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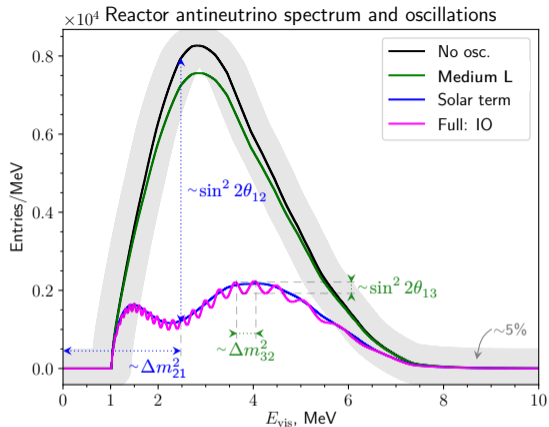
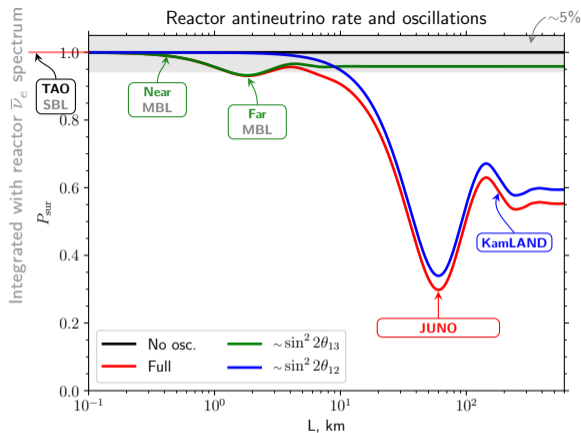
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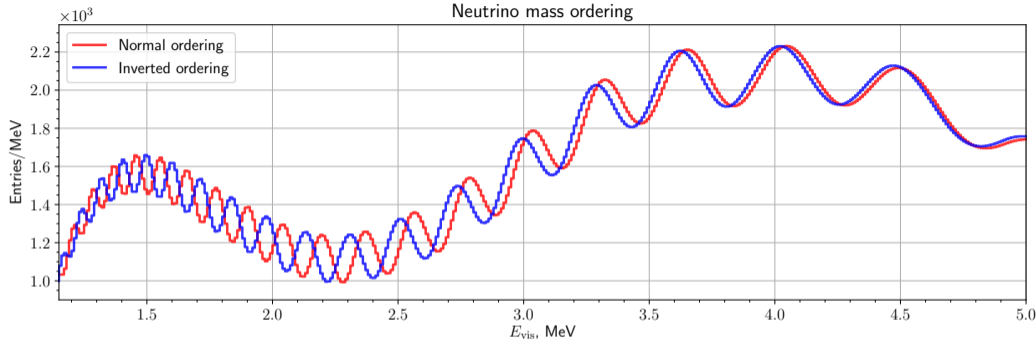
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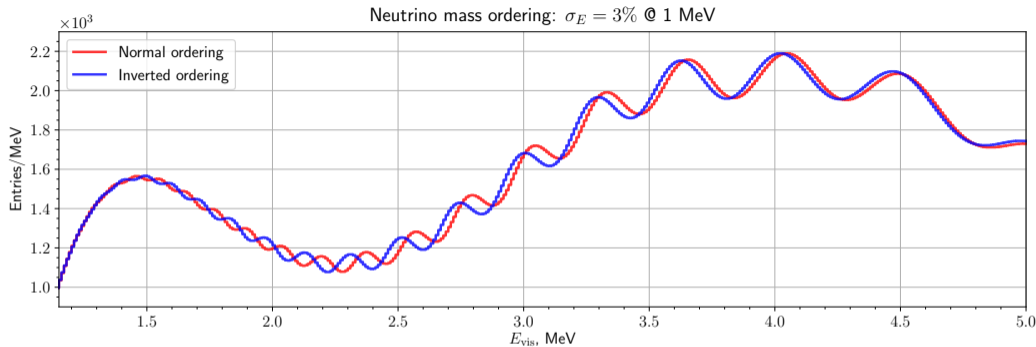
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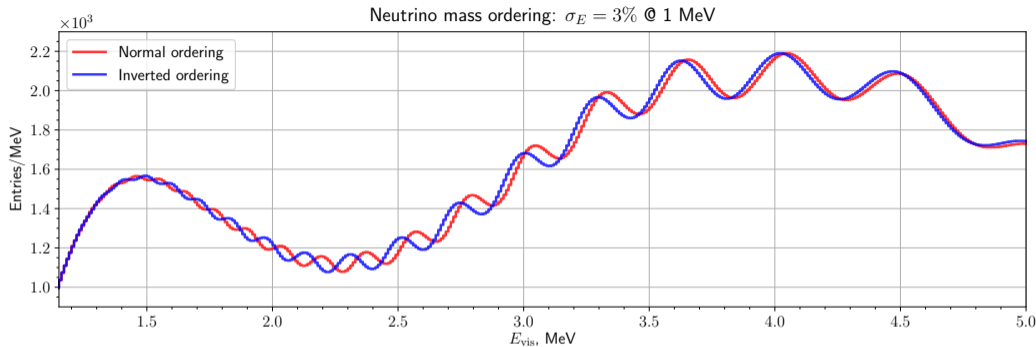
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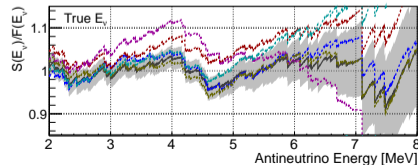
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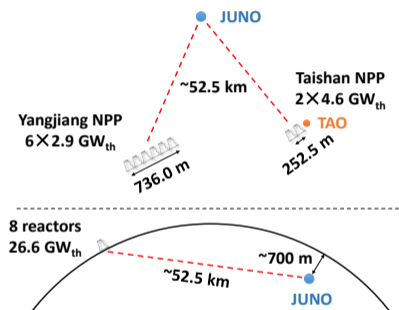
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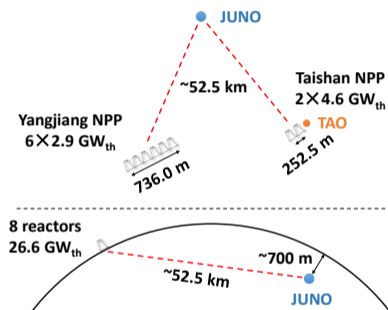


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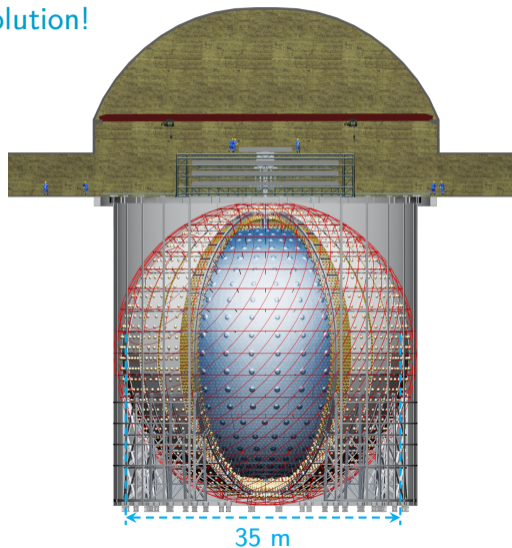


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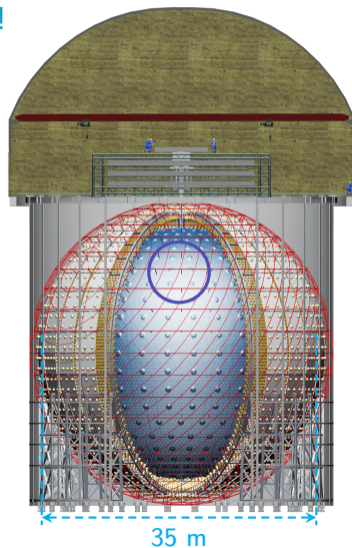
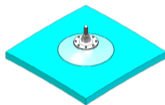


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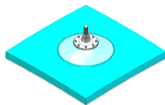


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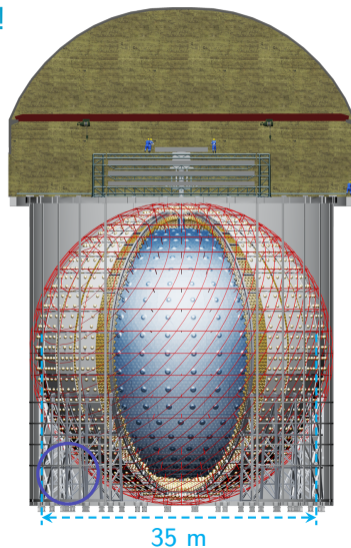
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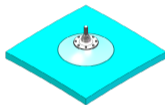


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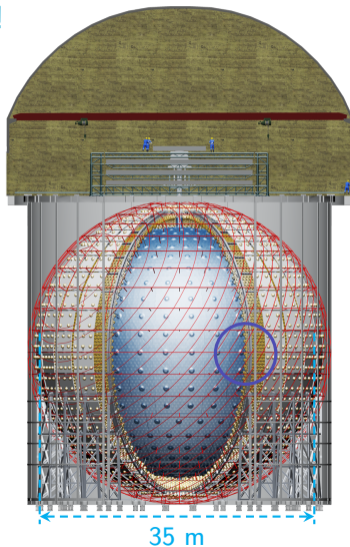
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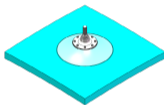


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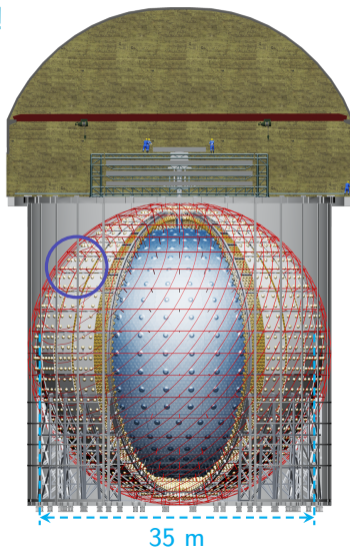


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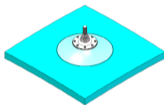


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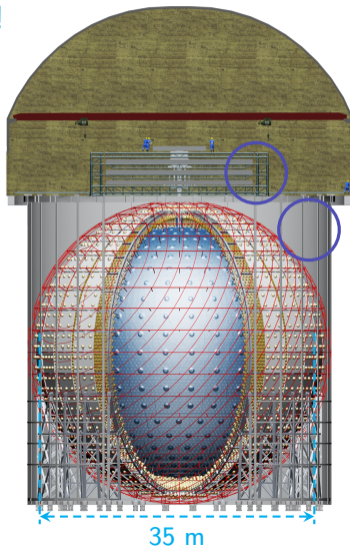


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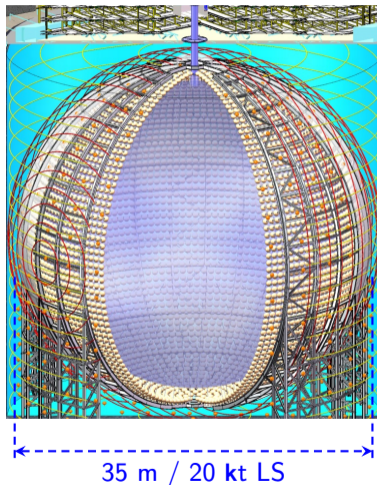
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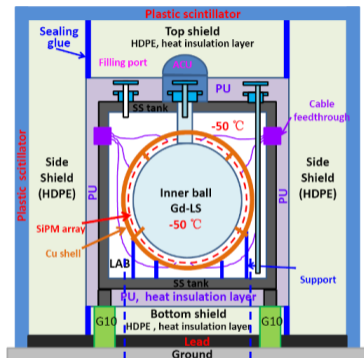


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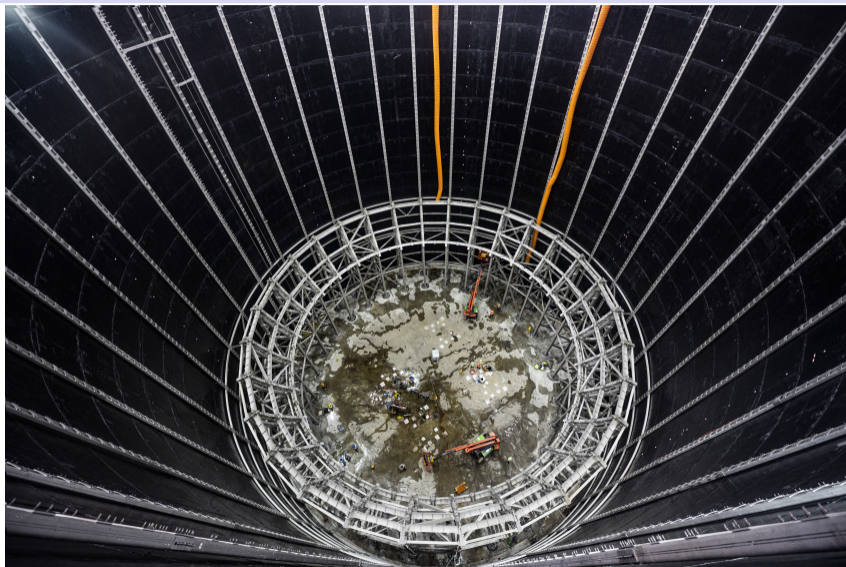
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	TAO	JUNO
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	Dark noise \downarrow	
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Coverage, %	94	78
Light col. p.e./MeV	4500	1665
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Thermal power, GW	4.6	26.6
Baseline	44 m	52.5 km
IBD/day	1000	47

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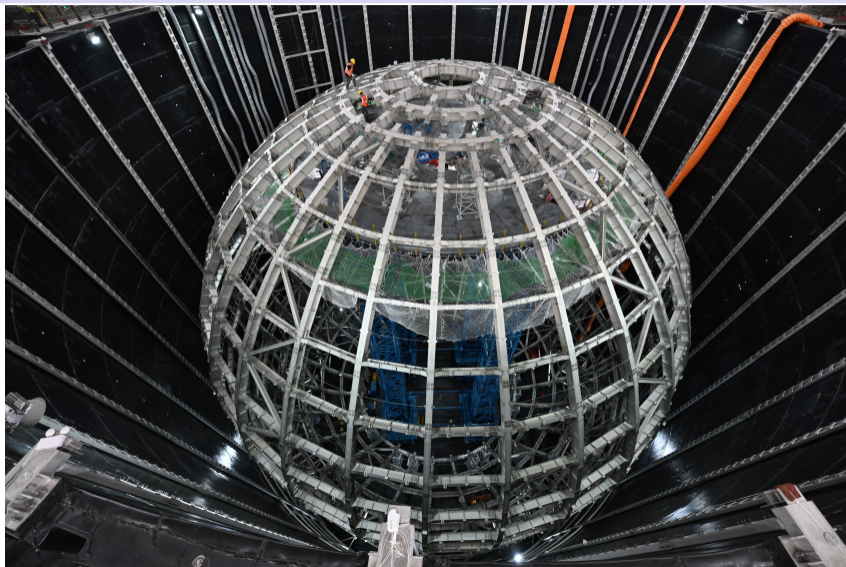


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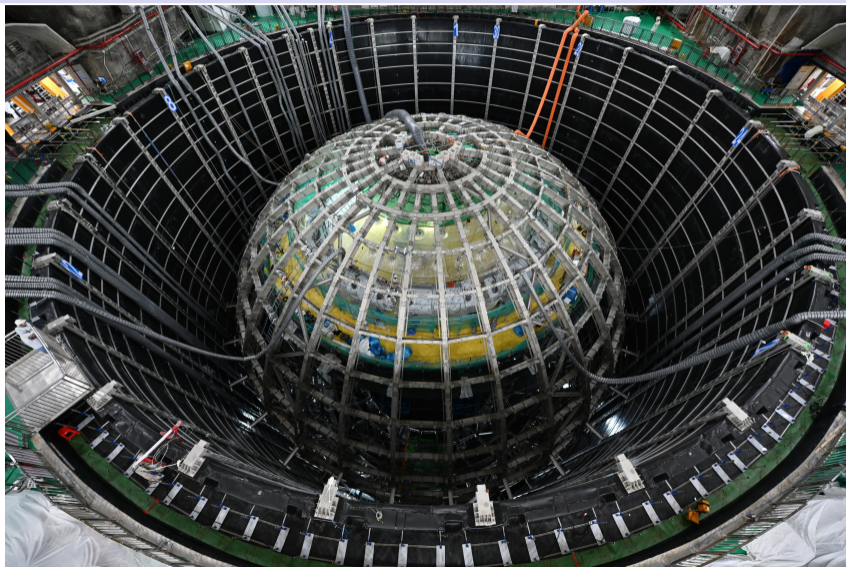


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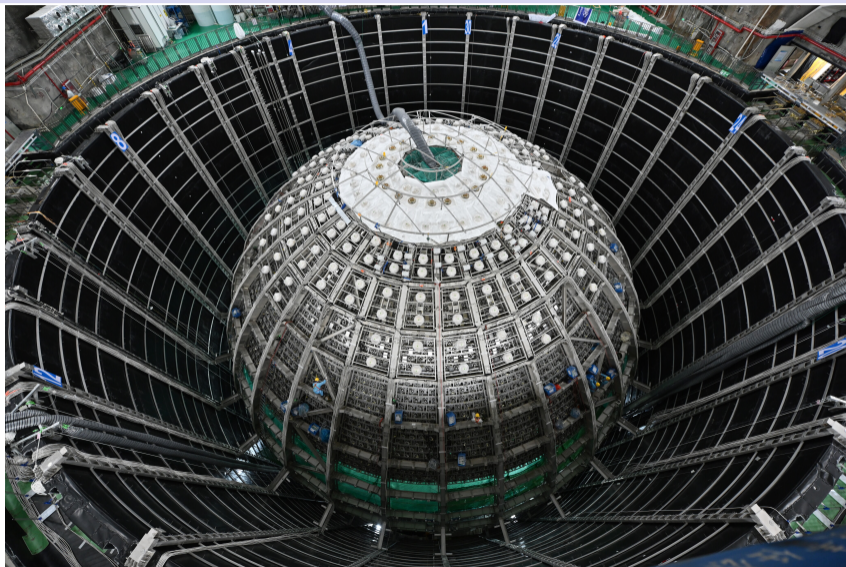


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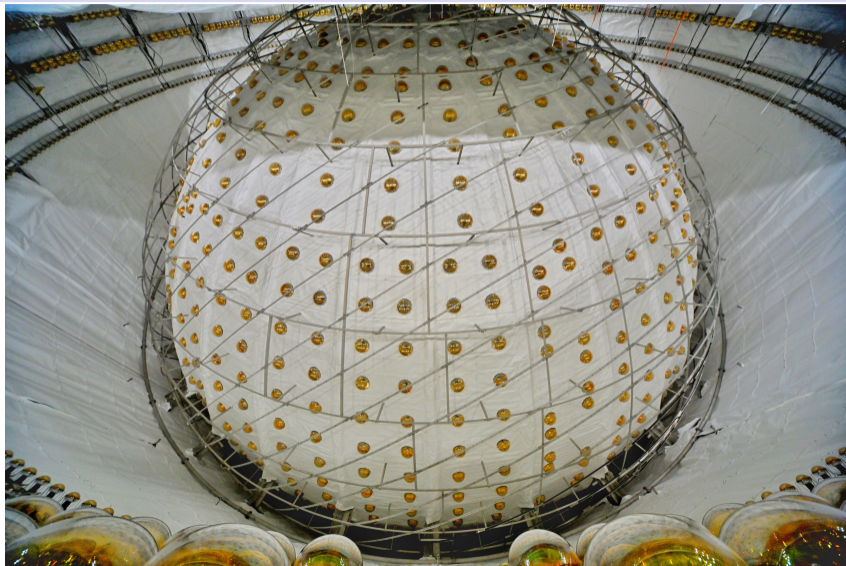


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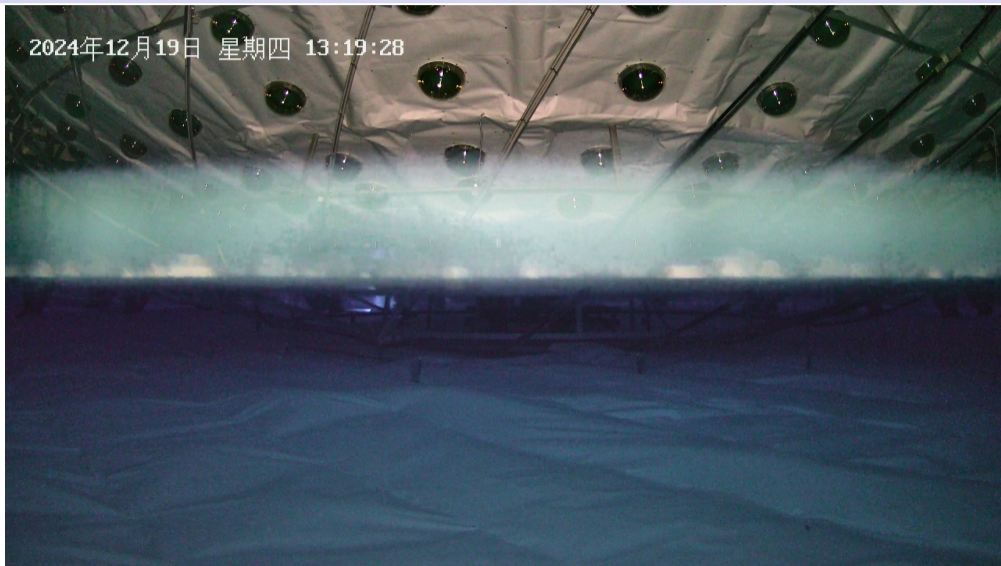
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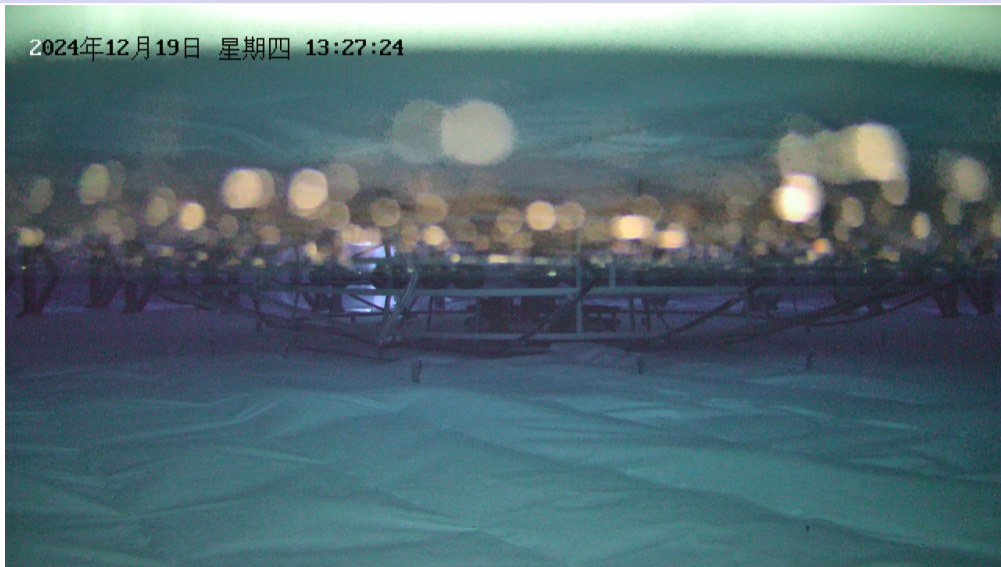
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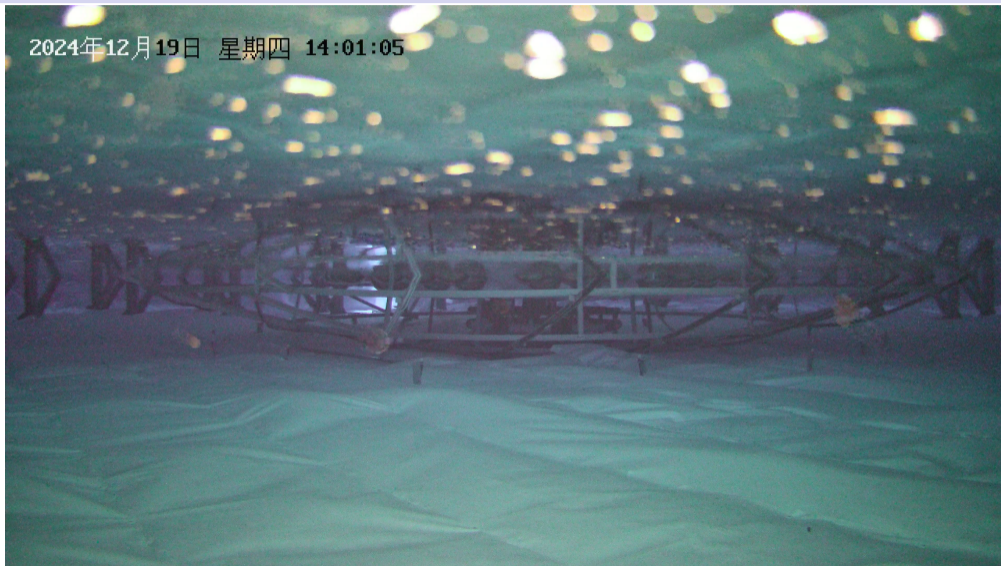
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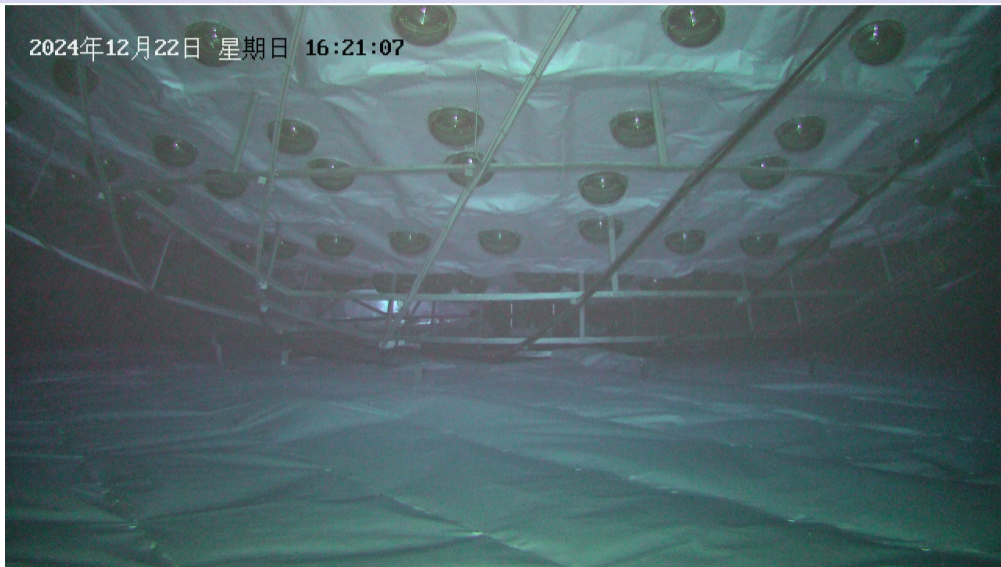
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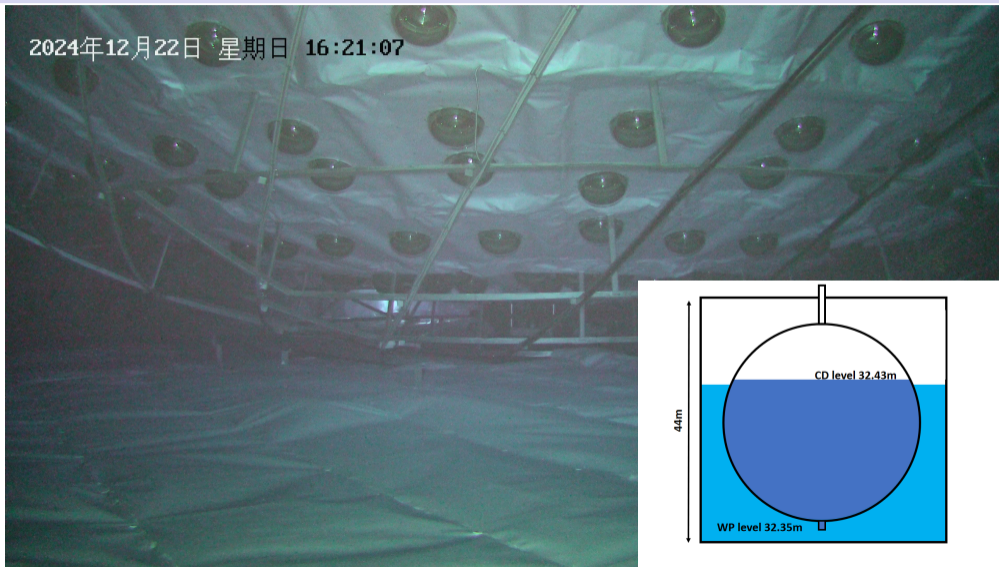
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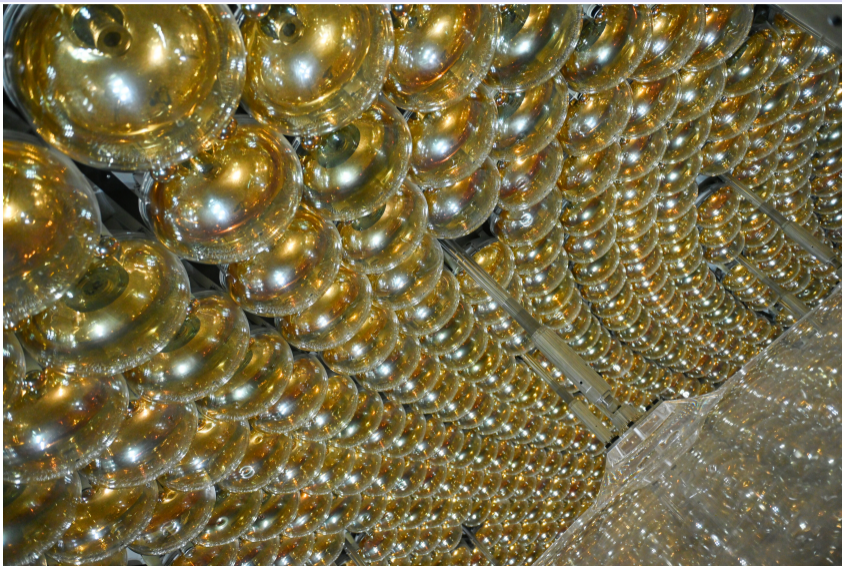
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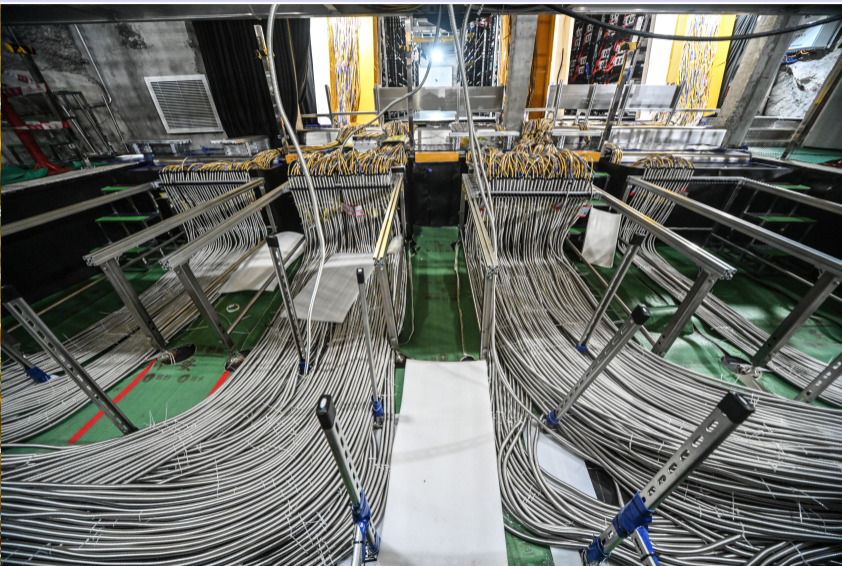




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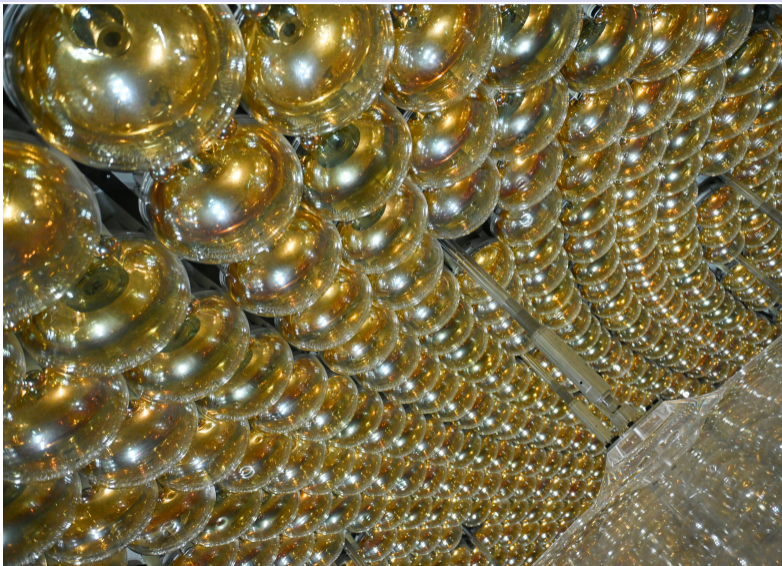
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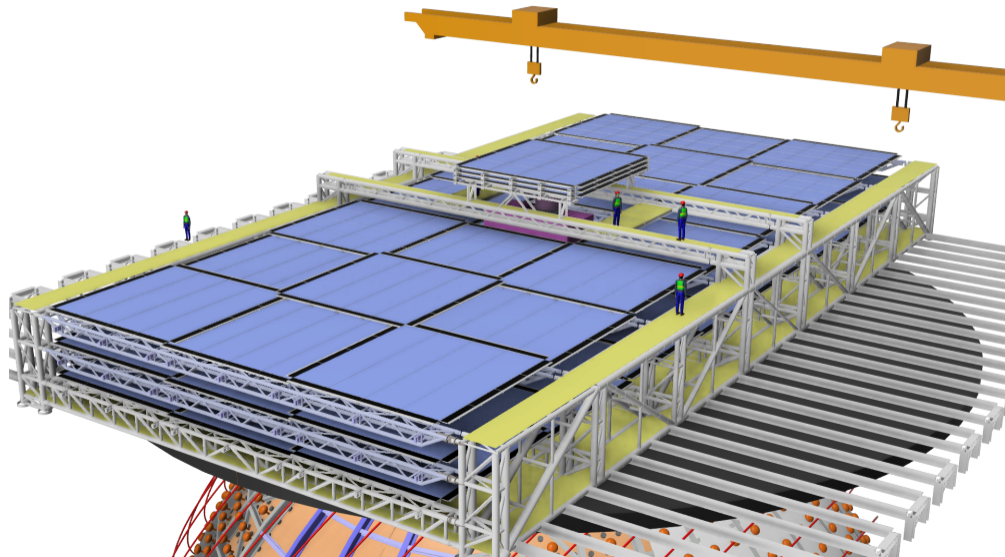


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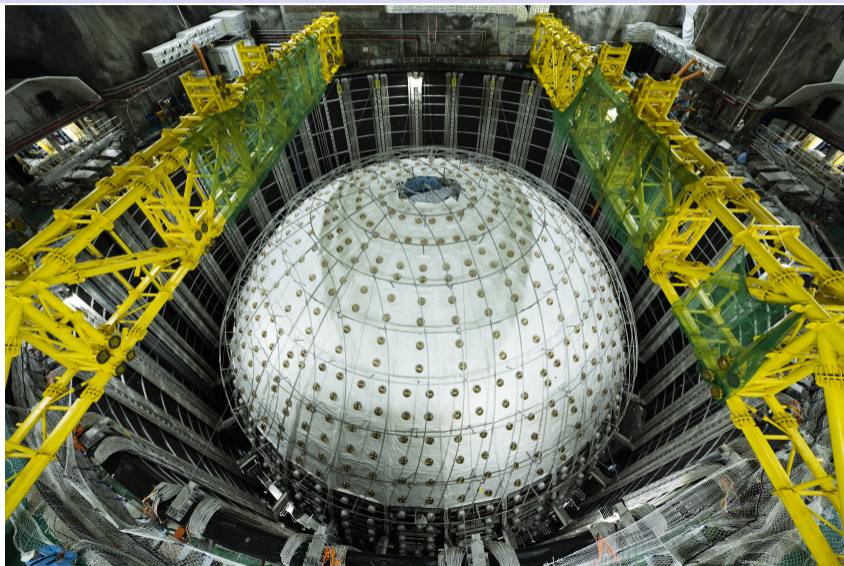


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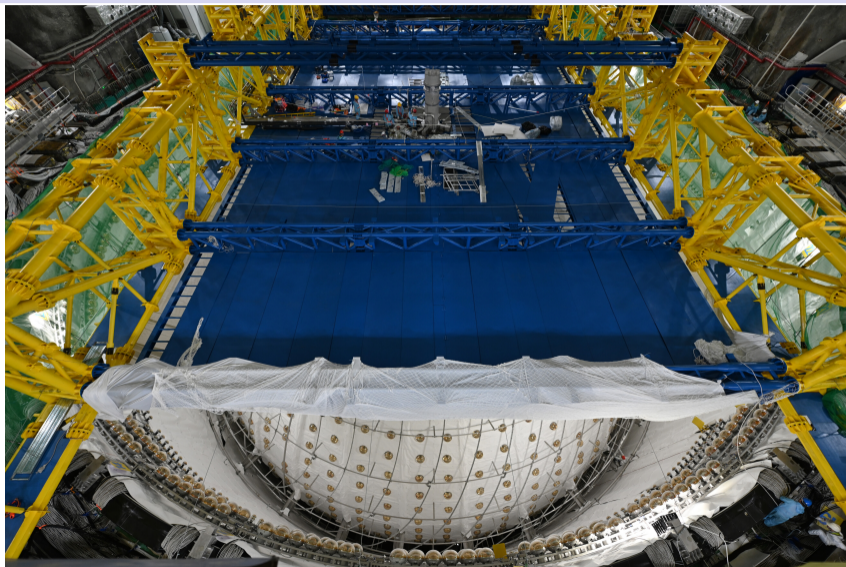


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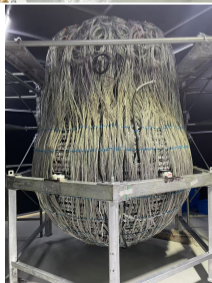


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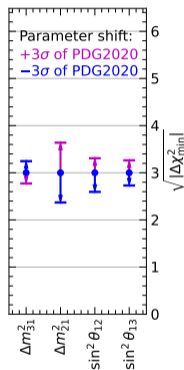
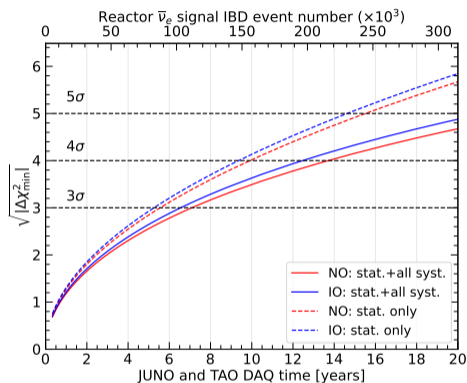
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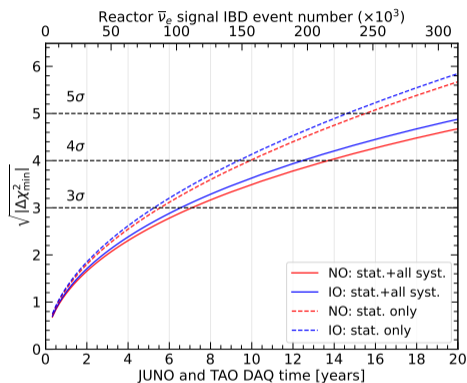
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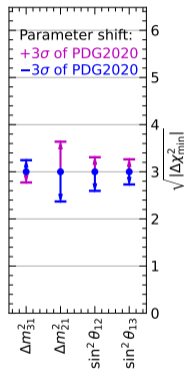
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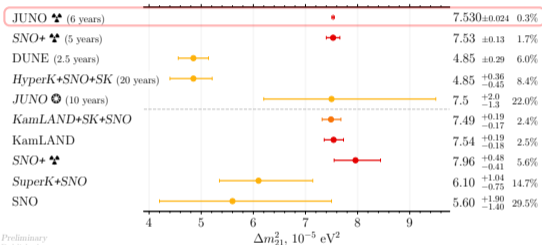


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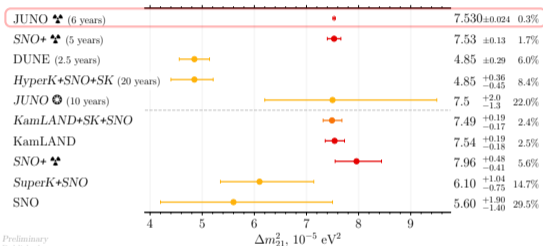


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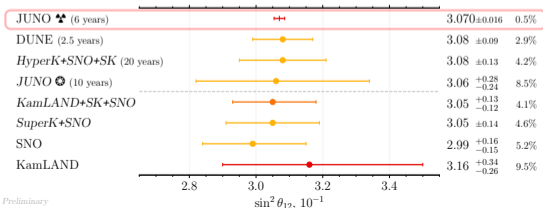
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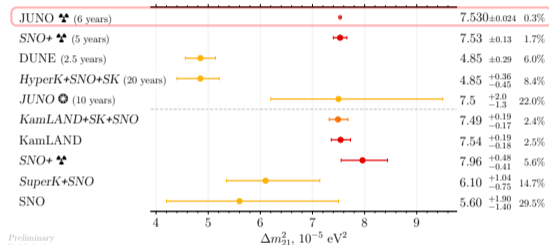


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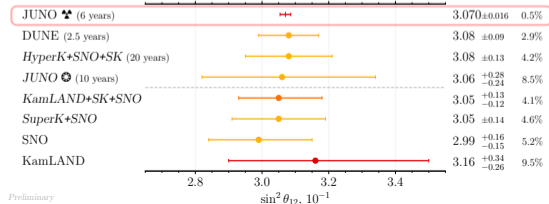
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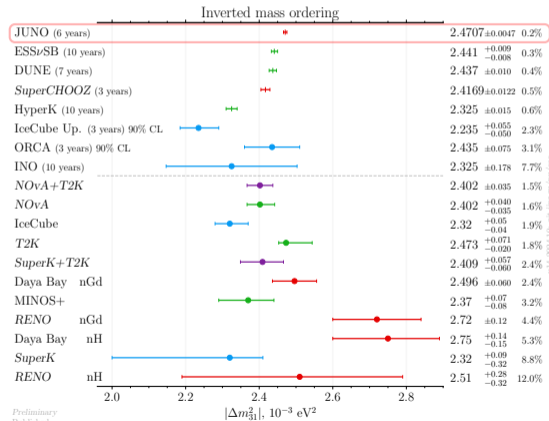
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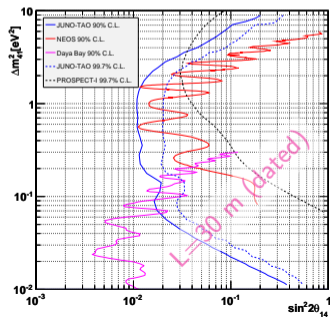
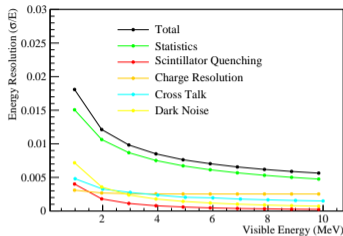


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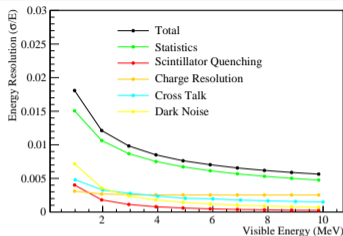
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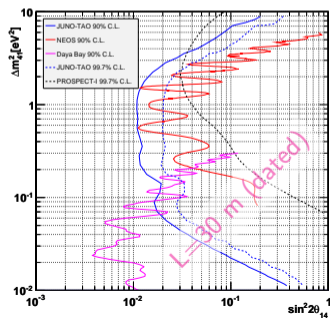


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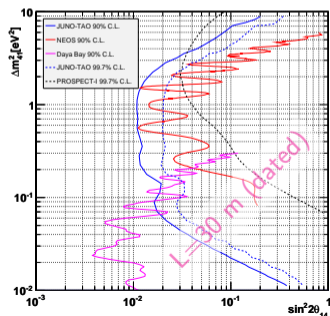
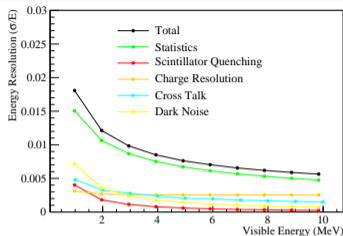
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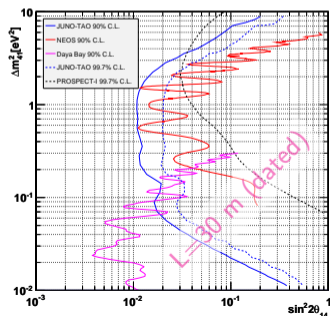
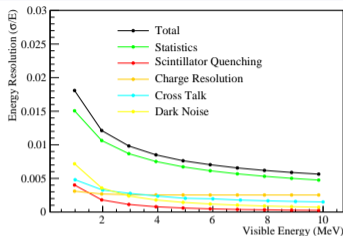
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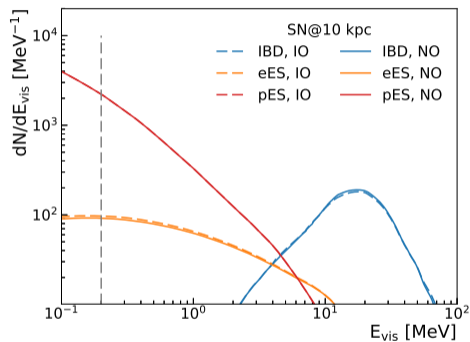
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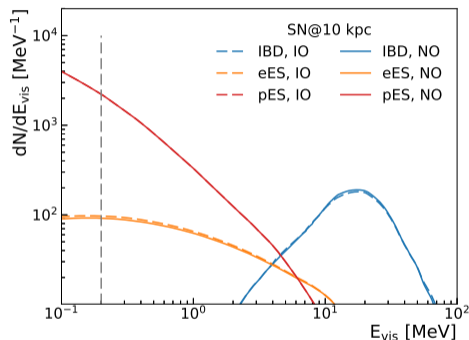


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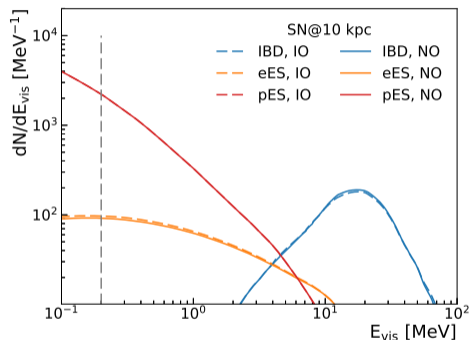
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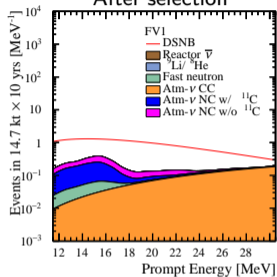
Goals

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- Constrain: $m_\nu < (0.83 \pm 0.24) \text{ eV} @90\% \text{ CL} @10 \text{ kpc}$ [1412.7418]
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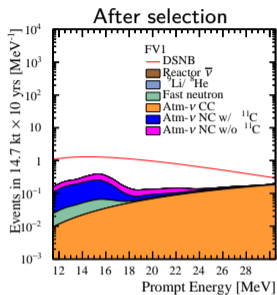
After selection



[2205.08830]



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DSNB

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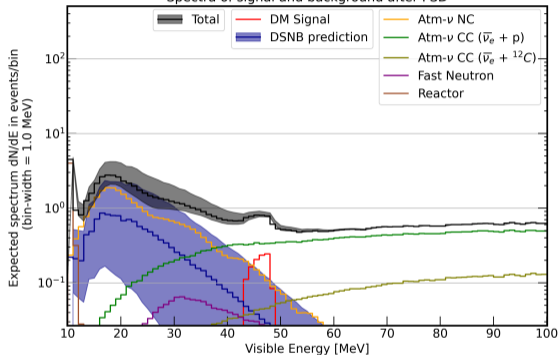
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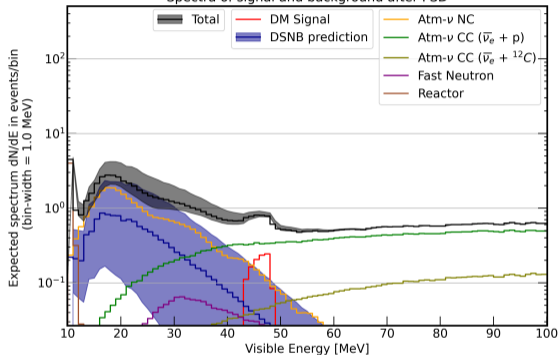
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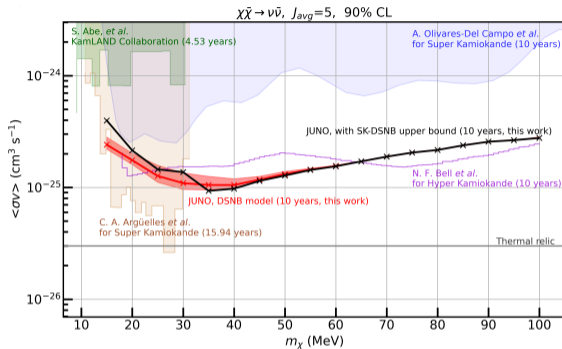
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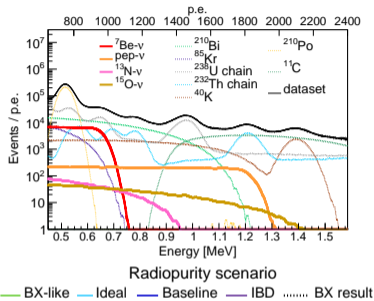
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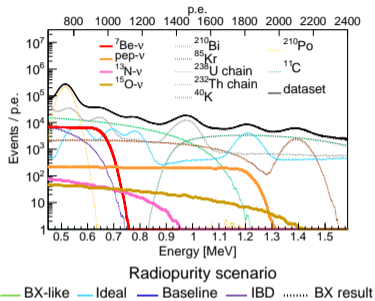
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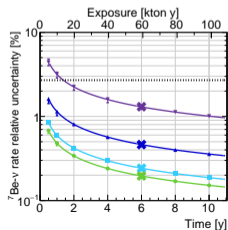


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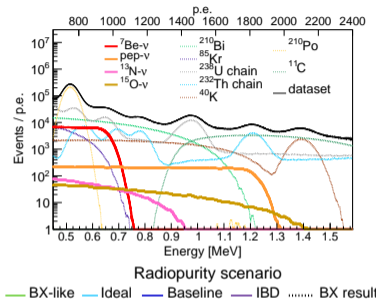
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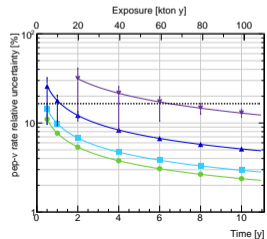
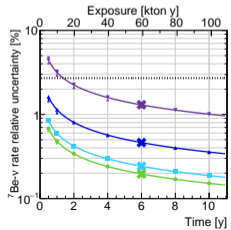


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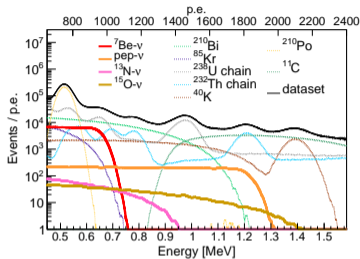
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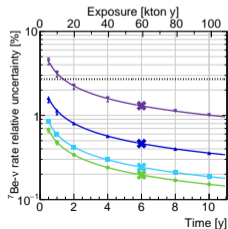
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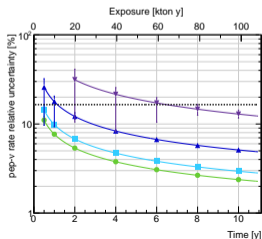
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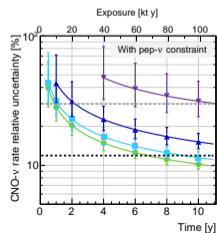
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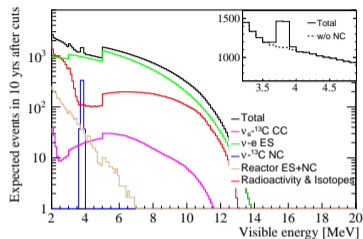


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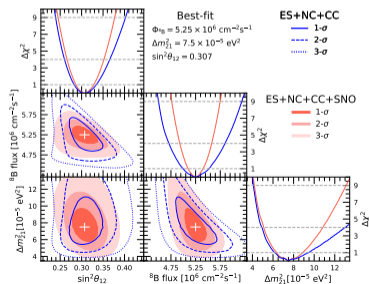


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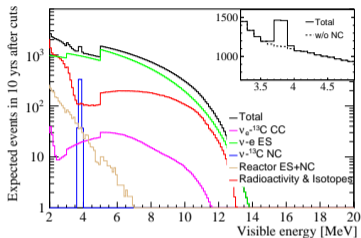
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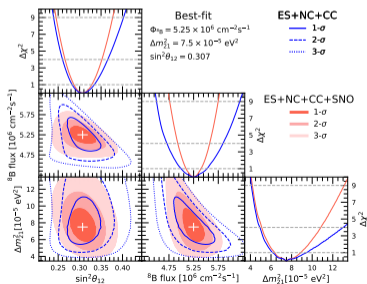


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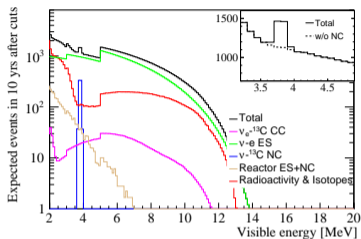
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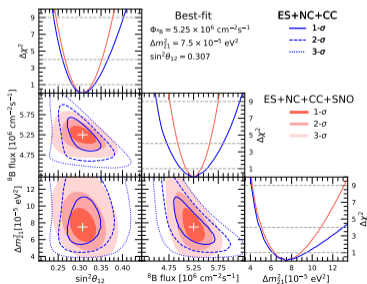


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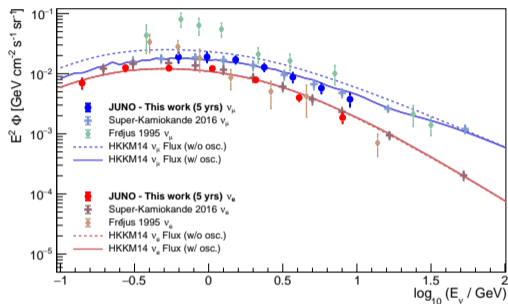


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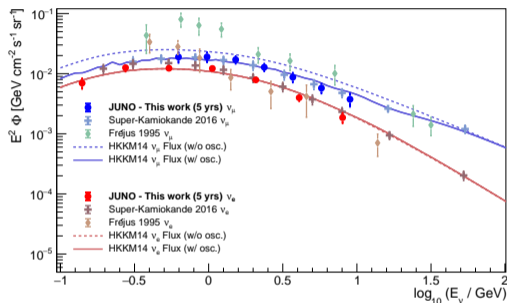
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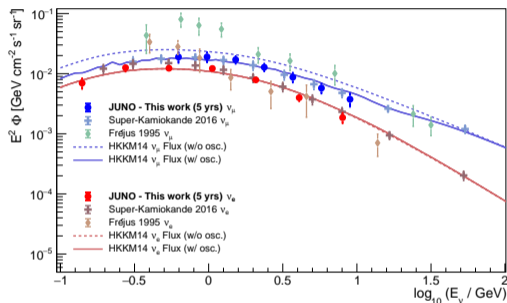
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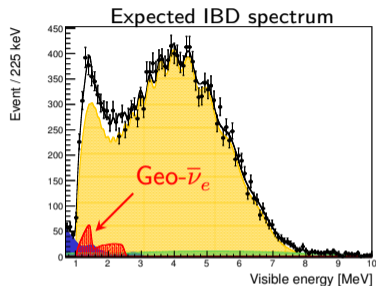
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- Potential: combination with reactor analysis



GEO-NEUTRINOS



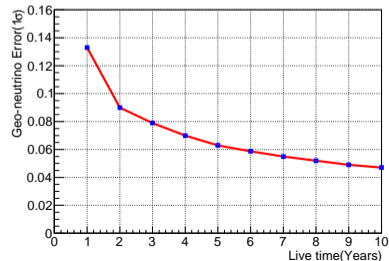
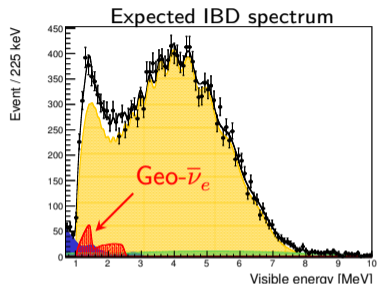
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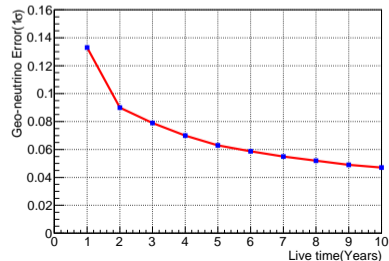
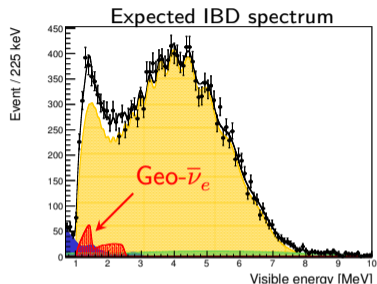
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- Measure: Th/U mass ratio
- Study: radiogenic heat production

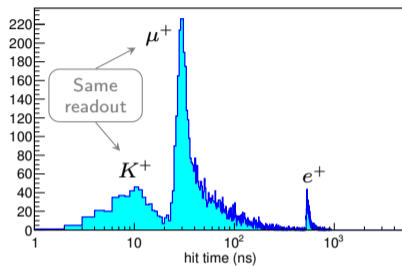
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Physics with no neutrino



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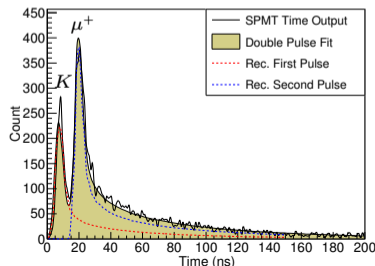
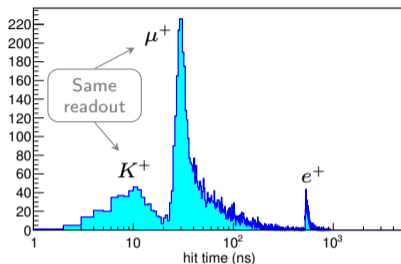
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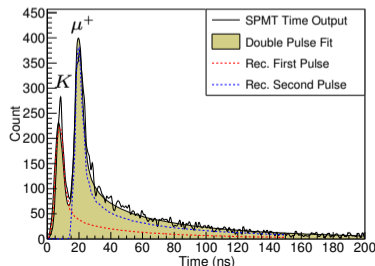
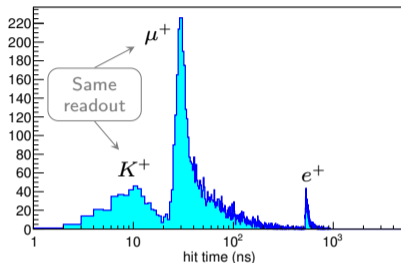
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- 8.34×10^{33} years 90% CL in 10 years

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INVISIBLE MODE OF NEUTRON DECAY

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Decay of 1 or 2 bound neutrons in ^{12}C :

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- $^{10}\text{C}^* \rightarrow n + ^9\text{C}$ B=6.2%
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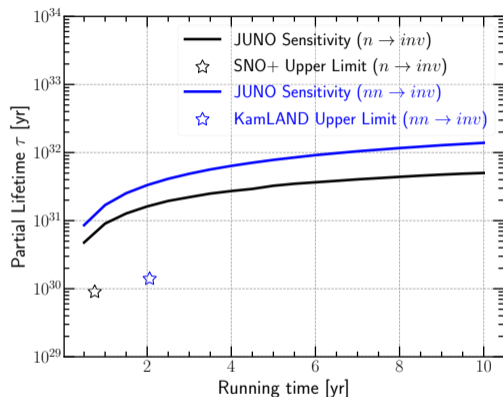
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Sensitivity @90%C.L.

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- $\tau/B(nn \rightarrow inv) > 1.4 \times 10^{32}$ years.



NEUTRINOLESS DOUBLE BETA DECAY



Conclusions



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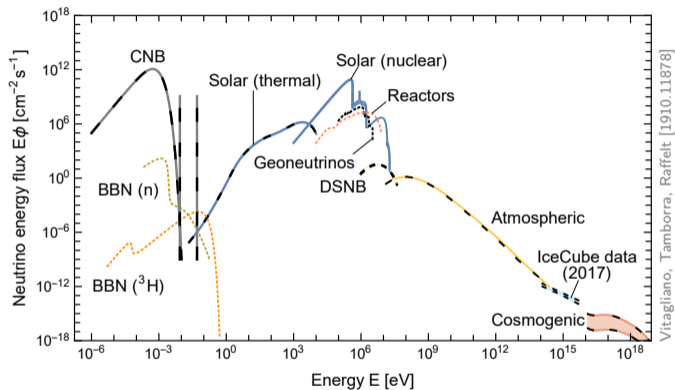
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Спасибо за внимание!

Spare slides:

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PHYSICS WITH JUNO: NEUTRINOS AND MORE...



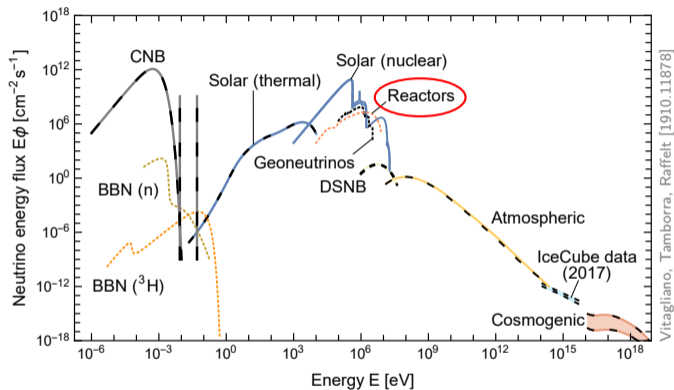
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Osc. [2204.13249], TAO [2005.08745]



Vitagliano, Tamborra, Raffelt [1910.11878]

Neutrino physics

- Reactor
 - ▶ Long baseline ~ 47 IBD/day
 - ▶ Short baseline @TAO ~ 2000 IBD/day

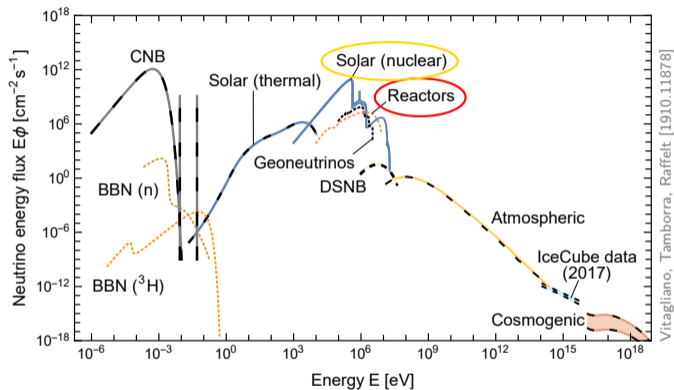
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⁸B [2006.11760], OSIRIS-Serappis [2109.10782], JUNO [2104.02565]

Neutrino physics

- Reactor ~47 IBD/day
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 - ▶ ⁷Be ~130 ES/day
 - ▶ pep ~17 ES/day
 - ▶ CNO ~16 ES/day
 - ▶ ⁸B (high E) ~16 ES/day
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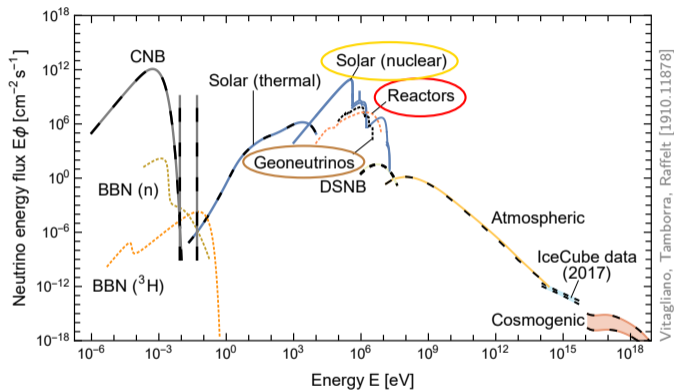
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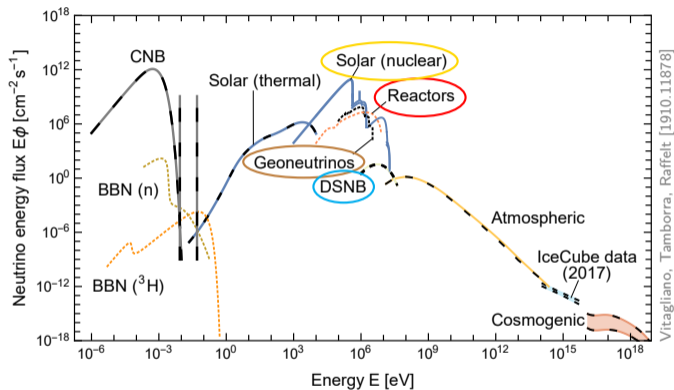
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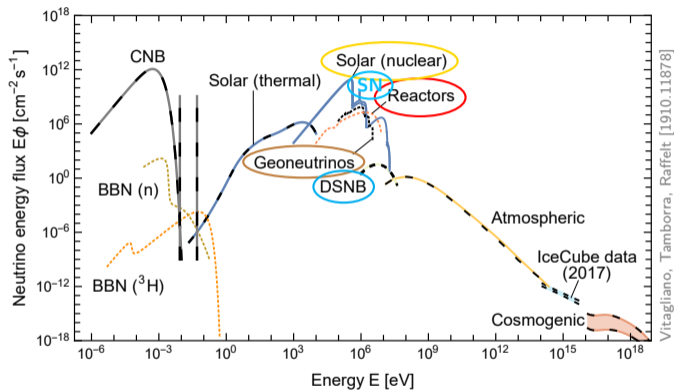
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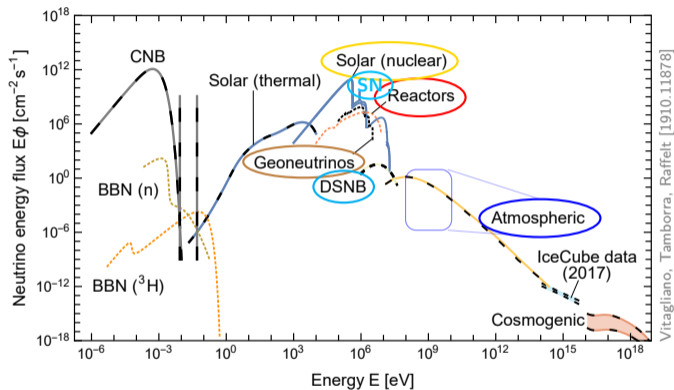
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Atmospheric [2103.09908], JUNO [2104.02565]



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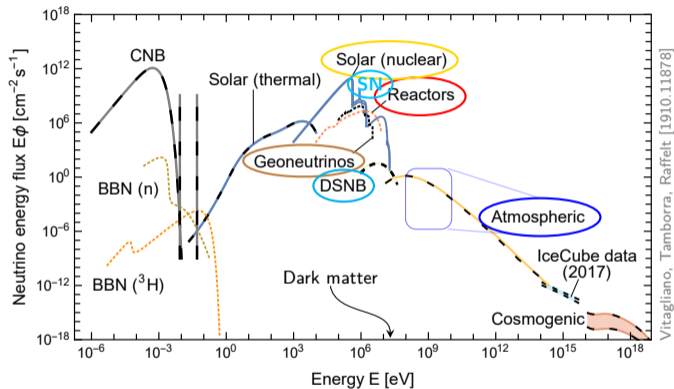
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DM JCAP 09 [2306.09567], JUNO [2104.02565]



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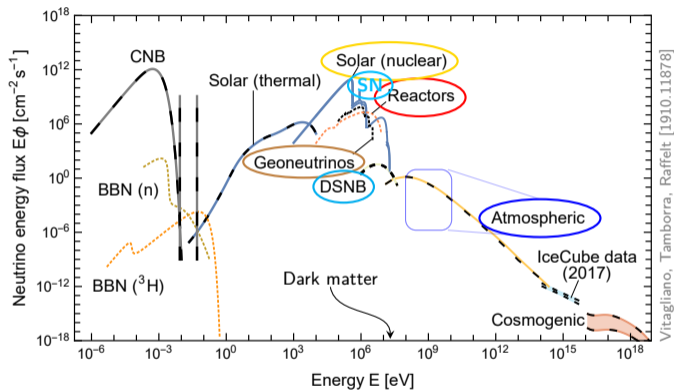
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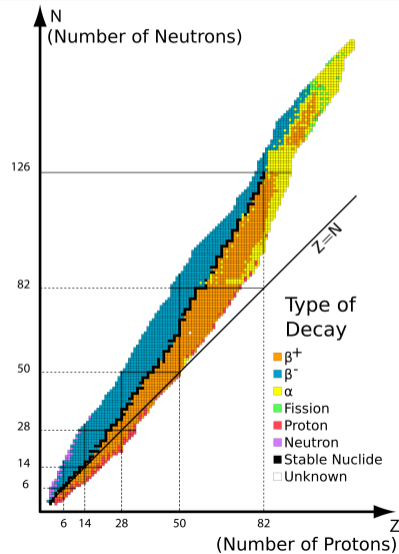
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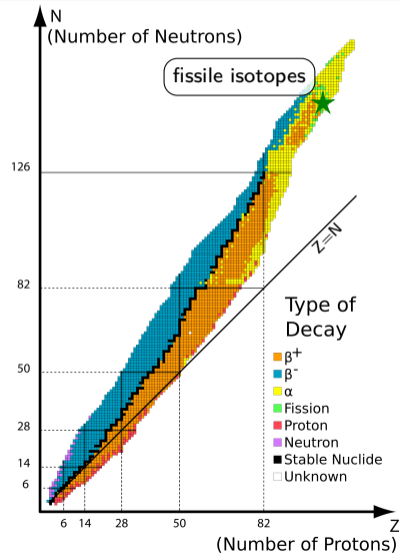
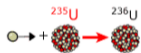
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REACTOR $\bar{\nu}_e$ PRODUCTION AND DETECTION



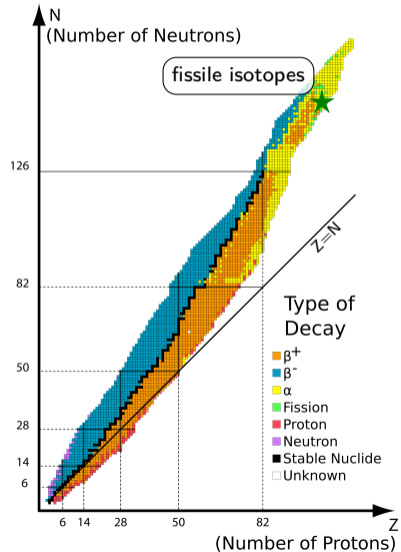
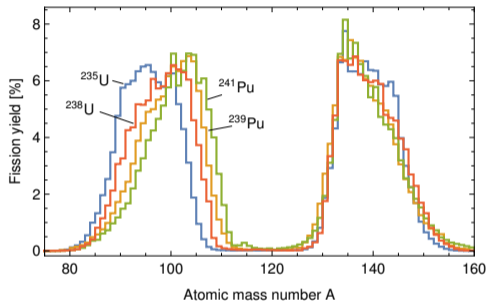
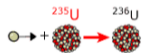


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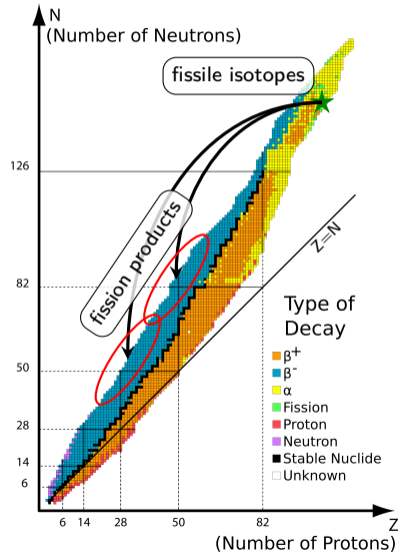
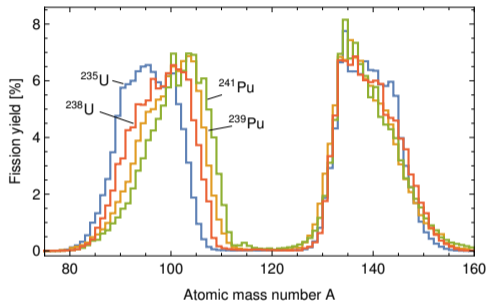
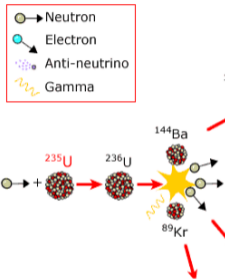


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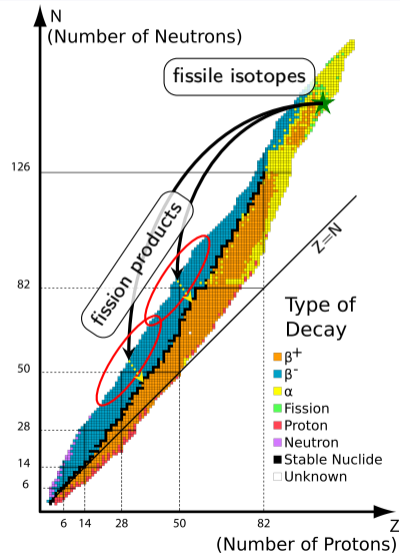
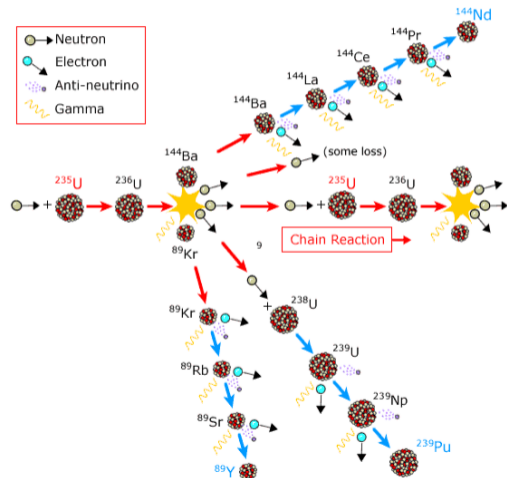


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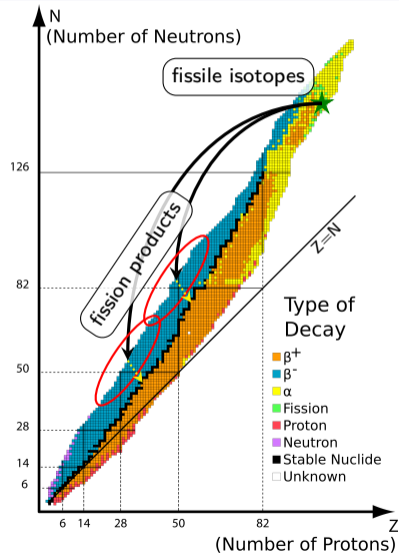


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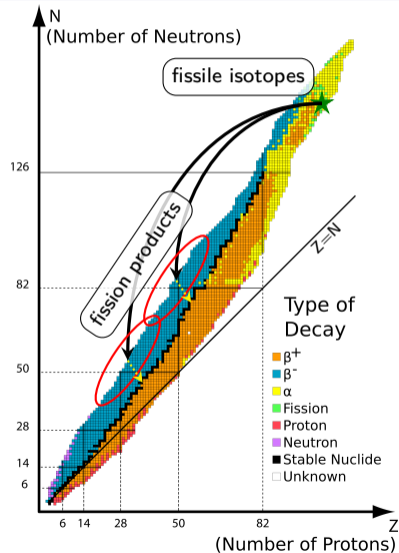
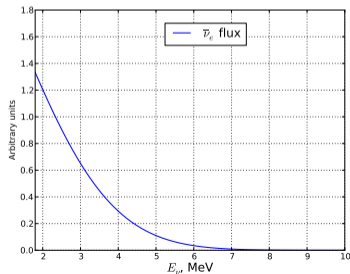
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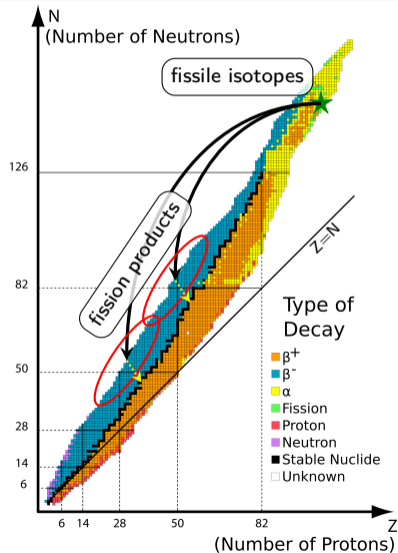
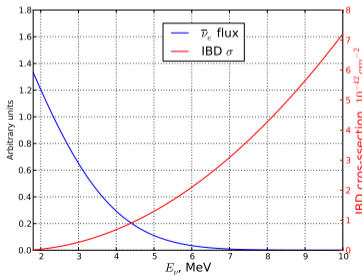
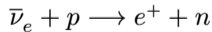
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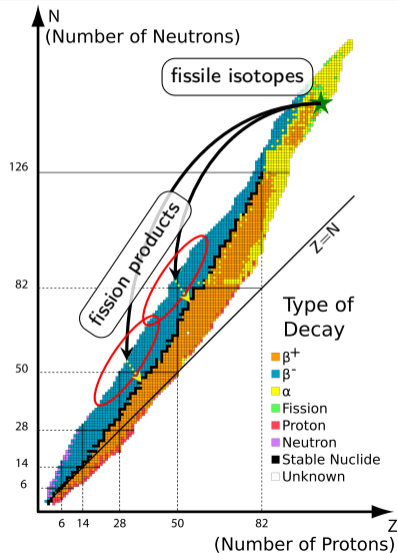
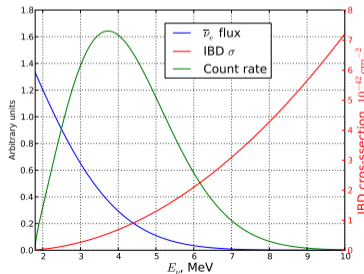
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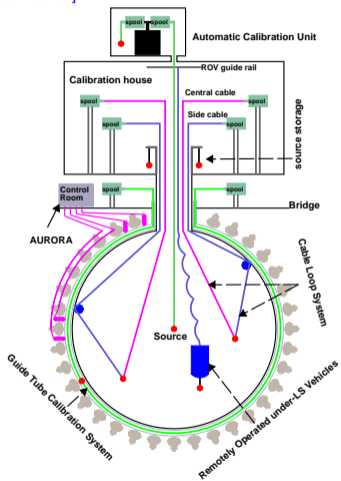
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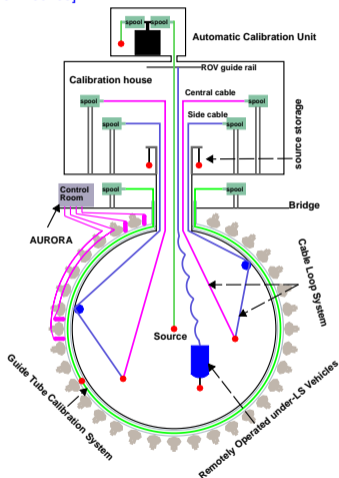
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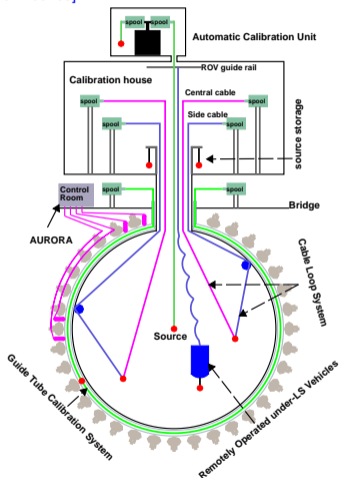
Methods

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- Guide Tube, GT 1d
- Remotely Operated under-LS Vehicle, ROV 3d



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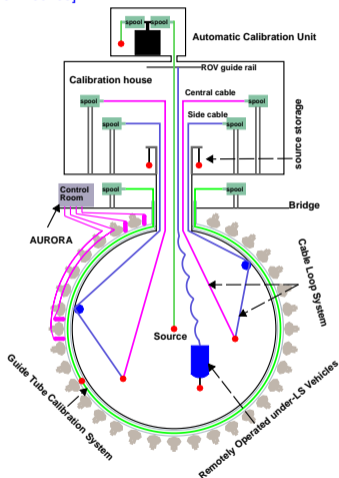
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CALIBRATION

[2011.06405]



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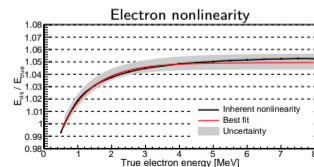
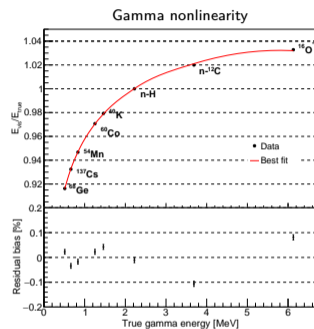
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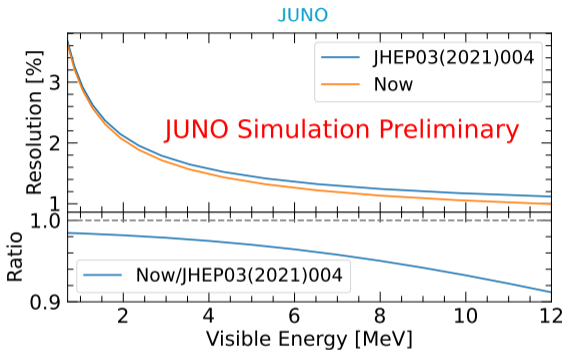
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 - ▶ Scintillation quenching
 - ▶ Contribution of Cherenkov light
 - ▶ Non-uniformity and reconstruction
- Parameter c :
 - ▶ γ s related to annihilation
 - ▶ PMT Dark Noise





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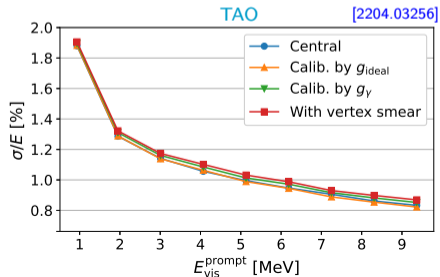
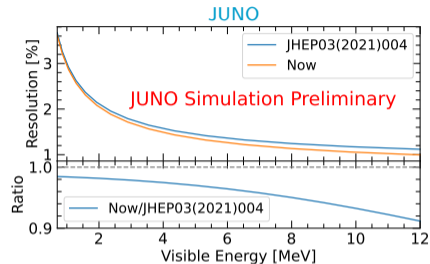
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Estimation

- JUNO resolution: 2.9% at 1 MeV
- TAO: 1.9% at 1 MeV
- Goal: combined analysis of JUNO+TAO data





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[2007.00314]



5000 m³ LAB tank



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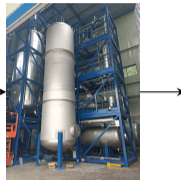
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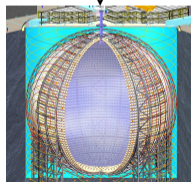
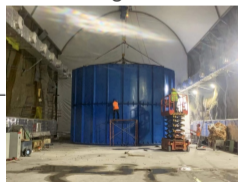
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JUNO:
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LS qualification

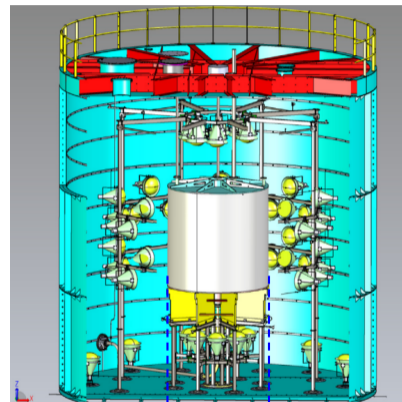
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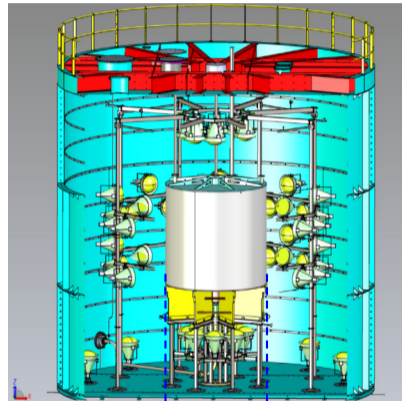
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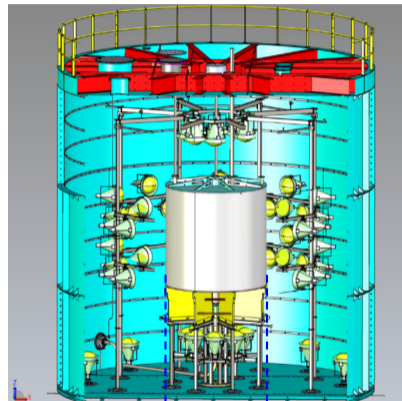
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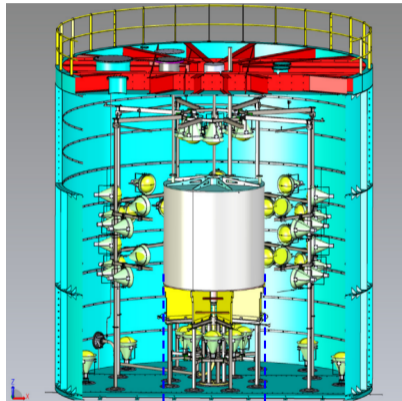
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- Possible upgrade to Serappis:
measurement of solar pp neutrinos with 3.5% precision in 5 years

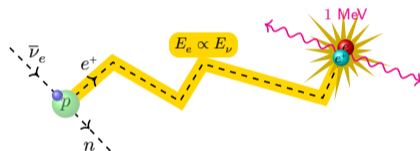


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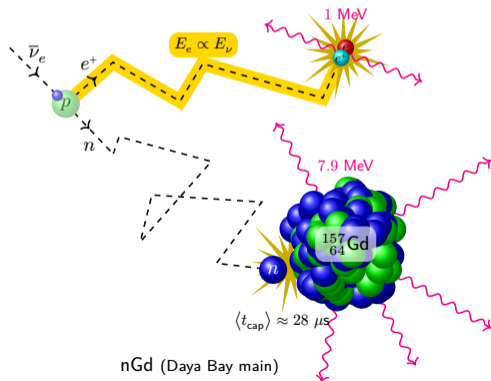


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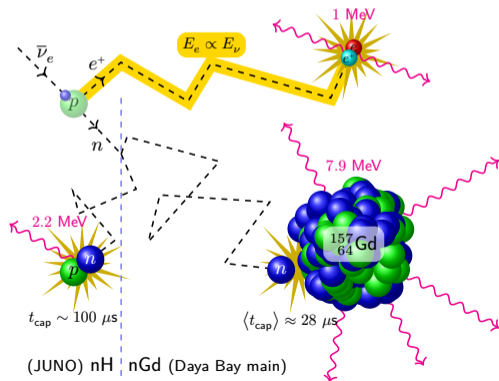


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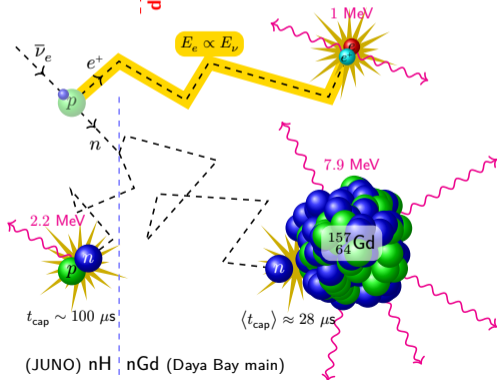
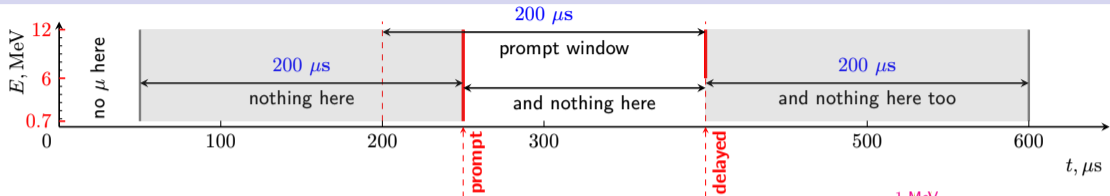


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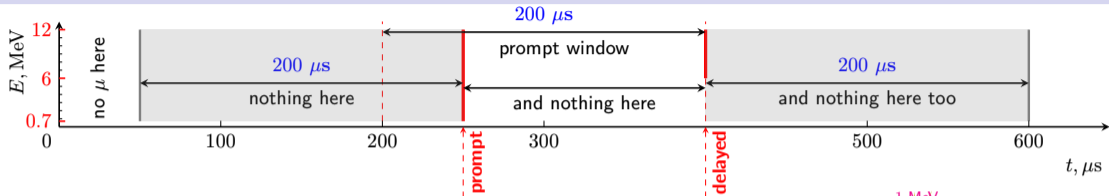
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(JUNO) nH | nGd (Daya Bay main)



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Tagged antineutrino signal

- Great background suppression
- Control over tag cross section and energy
- More complicated event selection procedure

