

# Detector design and current status of JUNO experiment



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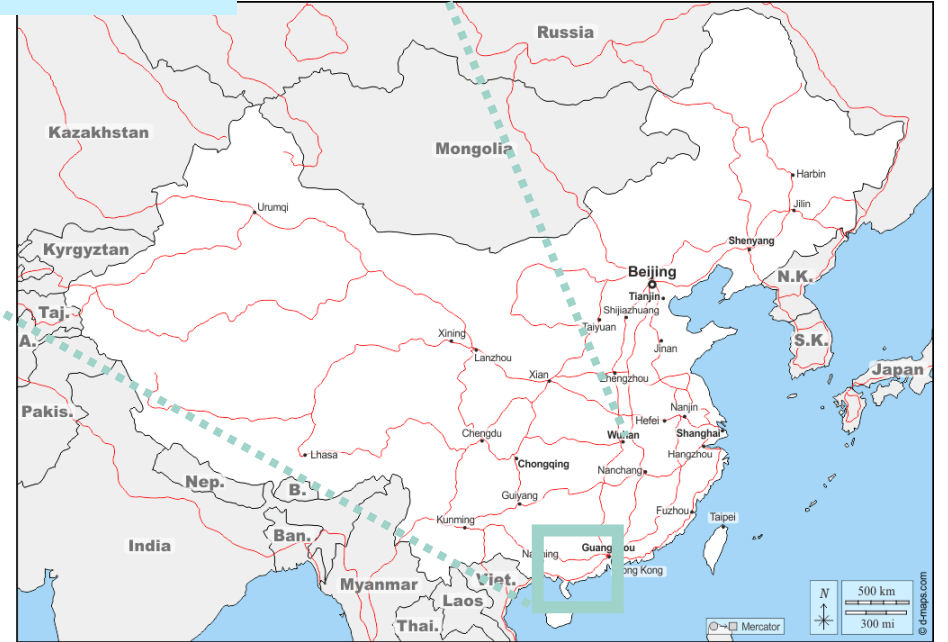
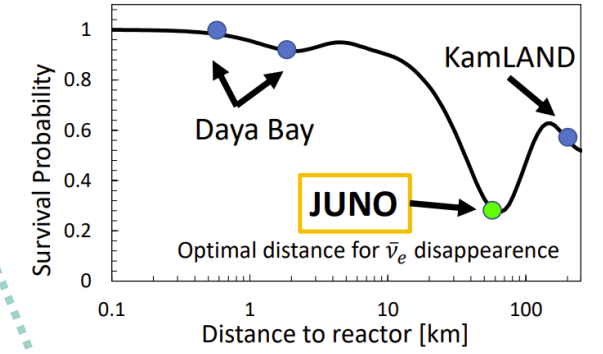
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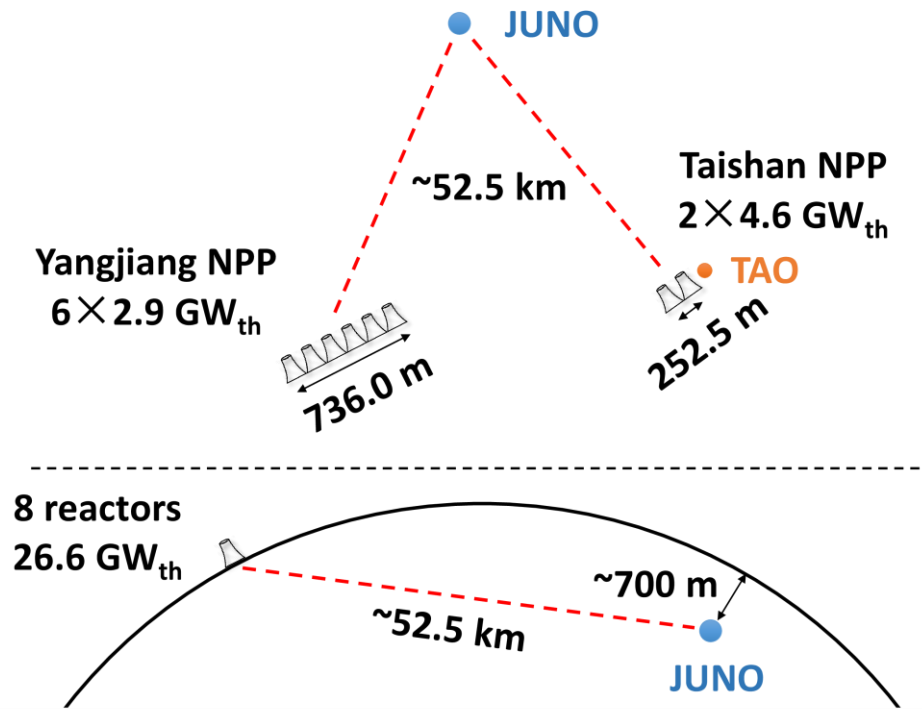


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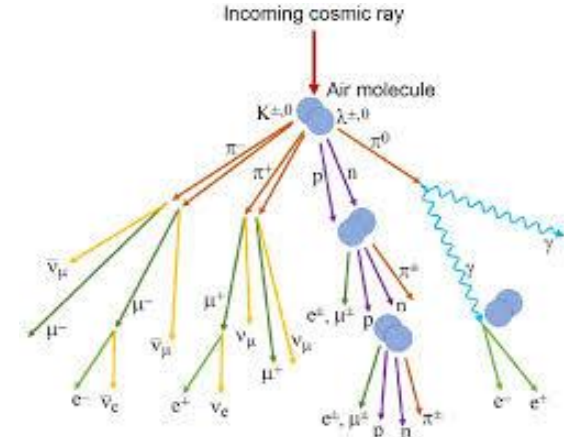
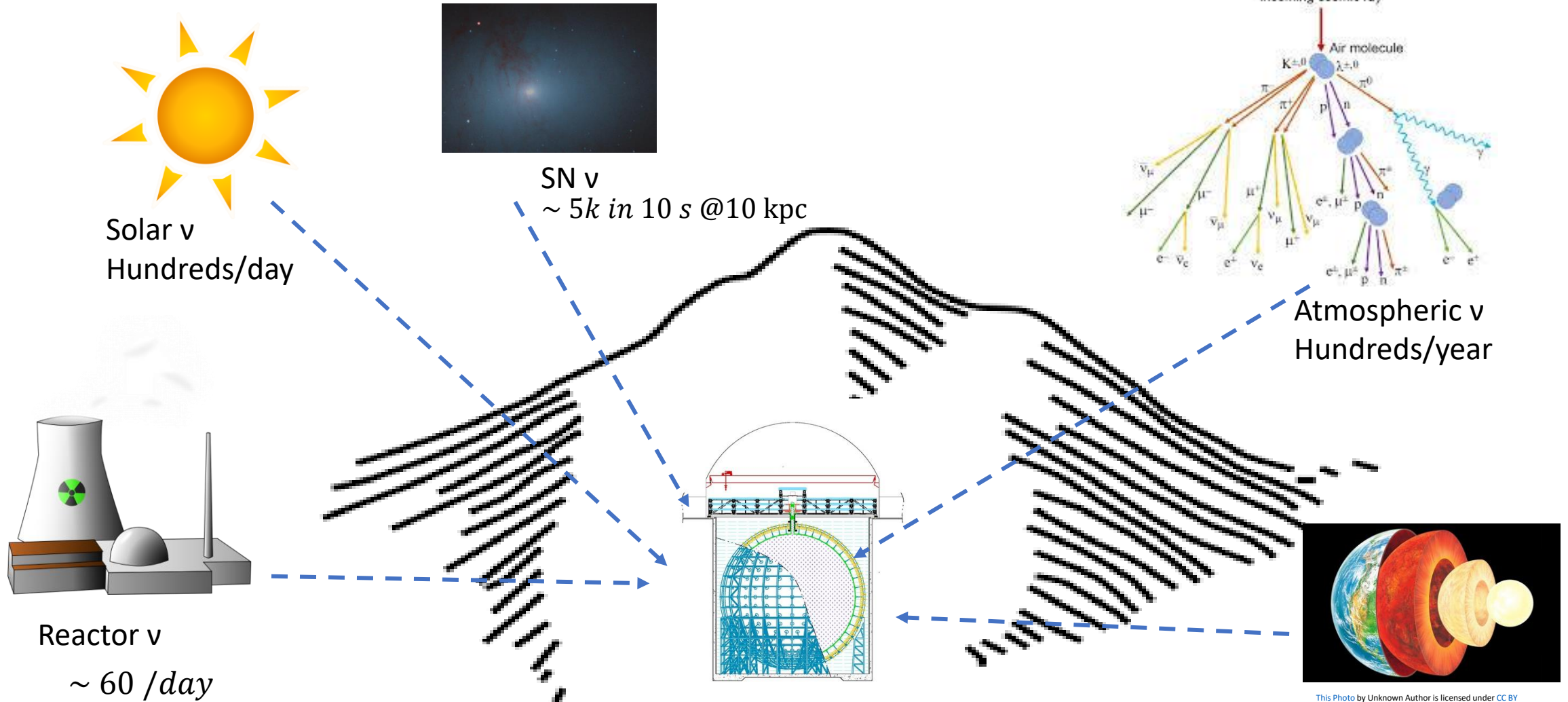




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# Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory

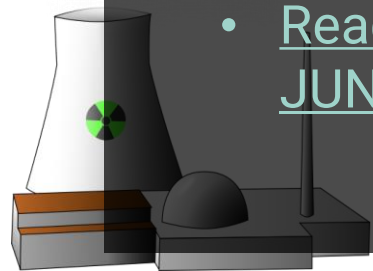




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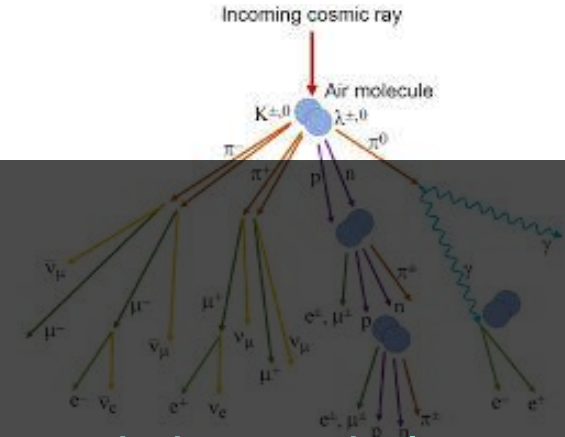
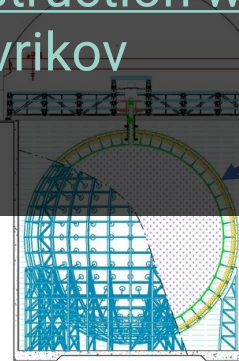
- Talk:
  - “JUNO’s Physics Potential” by Zhen Liu
- Solar  $\nu$  Poster:
  - Hundreds/day
  - JUNO’s sensitivity to  $7\text{Be}$ ,  $\text{pep}$  and  $\text{CNO}$  solar neutrinos by Apeksha Singhal
  - Prospects for atmospheric neutrino measurements in JUNO by Zhen Liu
  - Prospects for Oscillation Physics in the JUNO Experiment by Vanessa Cerrone
  - Reactor Neutrino Energy Reconstruction with Machine Learning Techniques for the JUNO Experiment by Arsenii Gavrikov



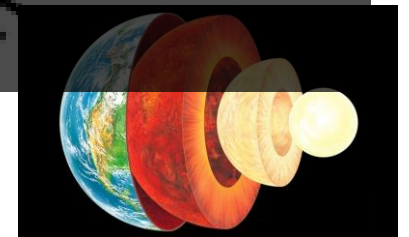
Reactor  $\nu$   
 ~ 60 /day



SN  $\nu$



Atmospheric  $\nu$   
 Hundreds/year



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geo  $\nu$   
 ~ 400/year





# JUNO DETECTOR

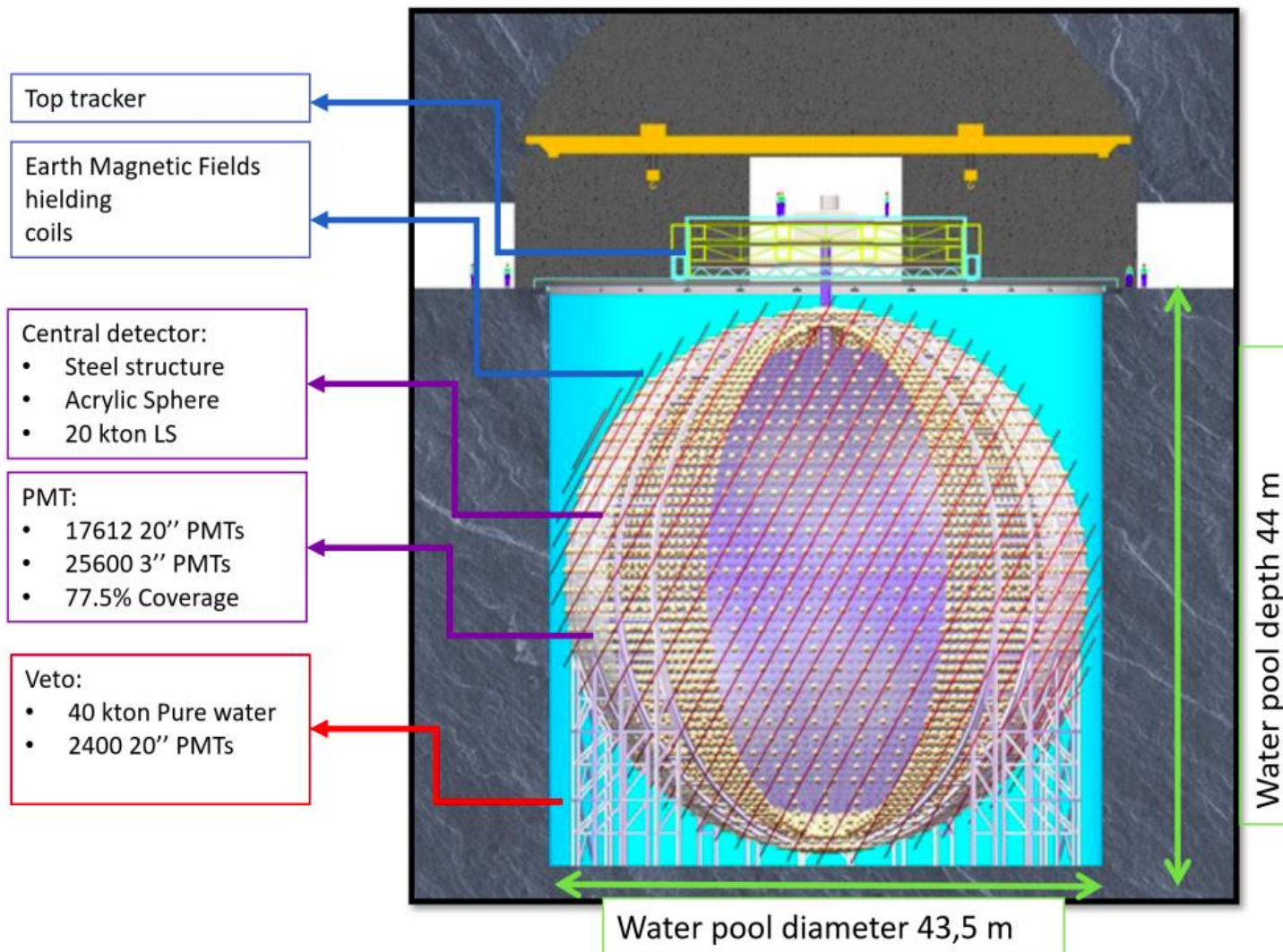


# JUNO: Detector

- **20 kt** of liquid scintillator based on LAB inside a 35.4 m acrylic vessel
- Surrounded by a water Cherenkov tank and a top muon tracker as veto
- **17612 20-inch PMTs + 25600 3-inch PMTs for dual calorimetry**
- Primary goals: precise measurement of reactor neutrino oscillation parameters and Neutrino Mass Ordering (NMO) determination

## Requirements:

- High statistics ( $\sim 10^5$  events in 6 yr)
- Energy resolution:  $\sim 3\%$  @ 1 MeV
- Energy scale uncertainty < 1%



arXiv:2104.02565

JUNO physics and detector, Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 123, 103927 (2022)

# JUNO: Detector

## Top Tracker (TT)

- Precise  $\mu$  tracker
- 3 layers of plastic scintillator
- $\sim 60\%$  of area above WCD

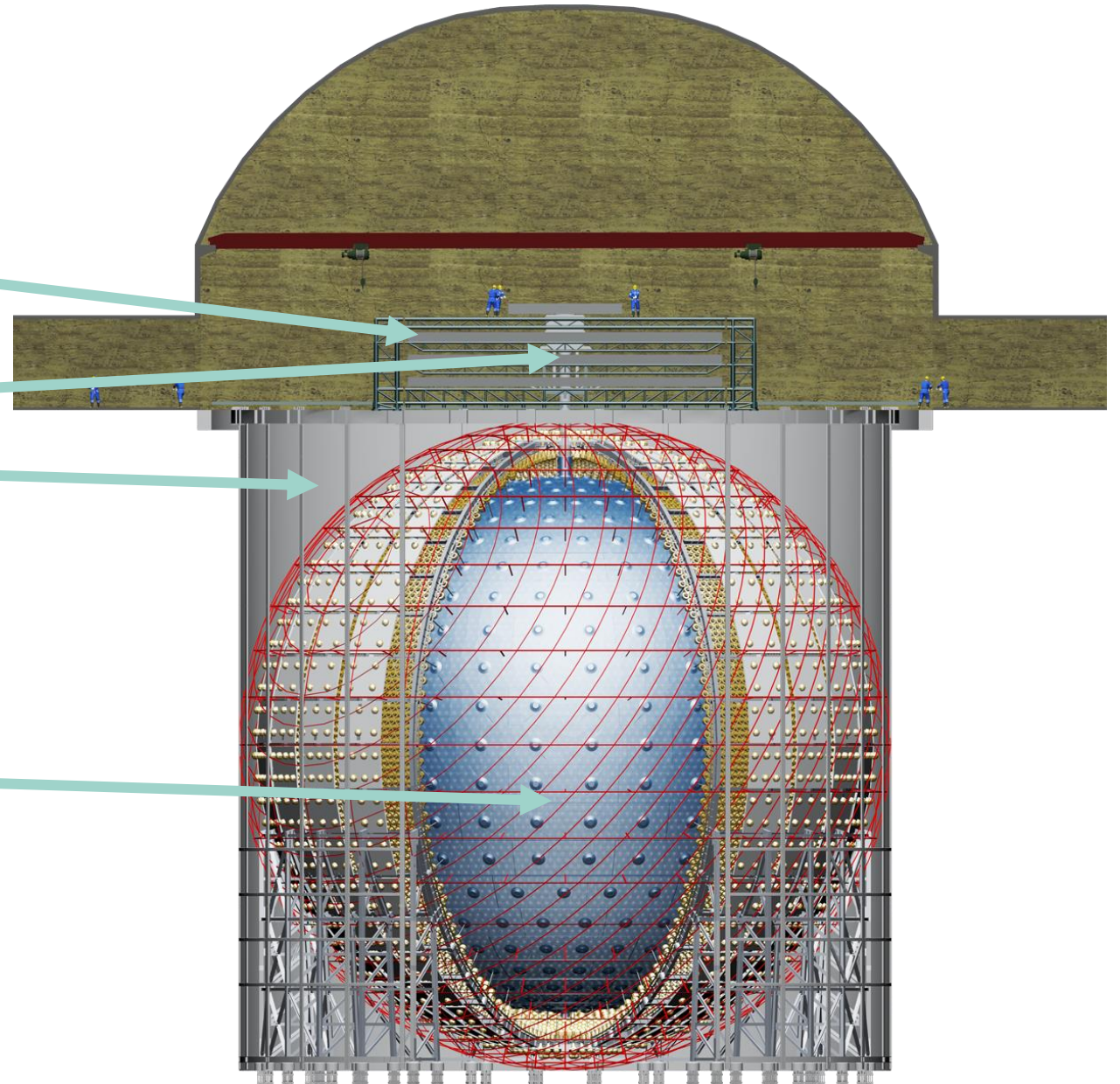
## Calibration House

## Water Cherenkov Detector

- 35 kton ultra-pure water
- 2.4k 20" PMTs
- High  $\mu$  detection efficiency
- Protects CD from external radioactivity & neutrons from cosmic-rays

## Central Detector

- Acrylic sphere with 20 kton liquid scint
- 17.6k 20" PMTs + 25.6k 3" PMTs
- 3% energy resolution @ 1 MeV



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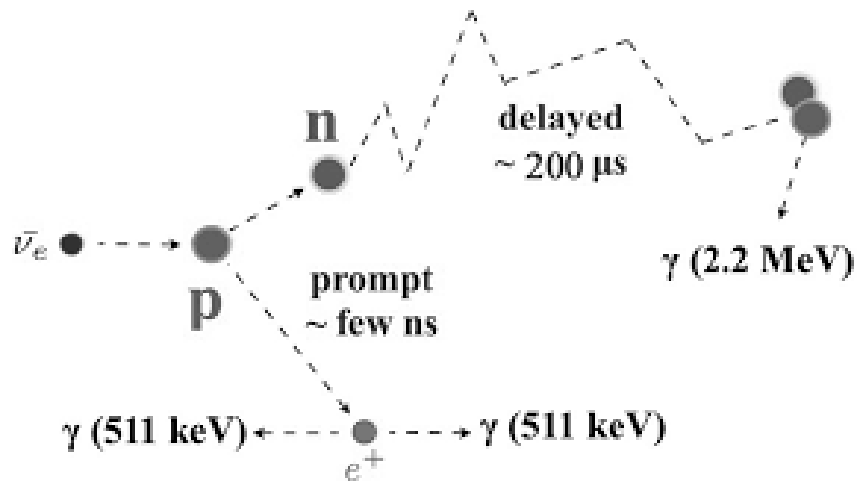
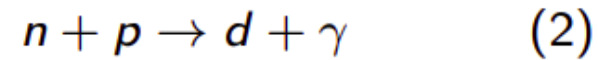
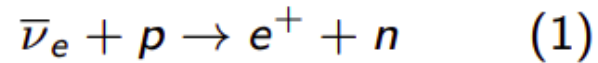
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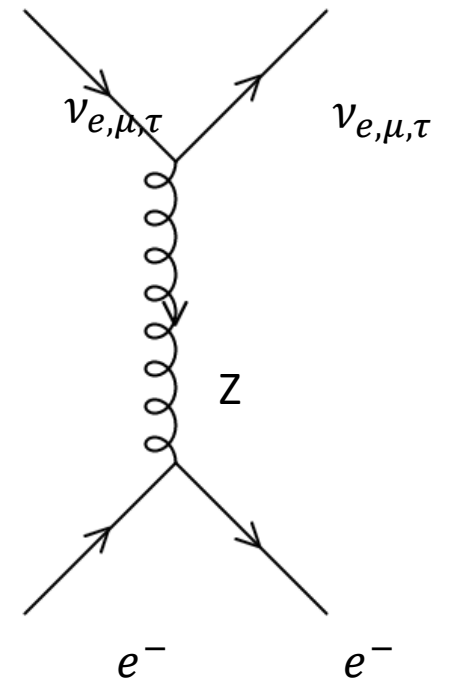
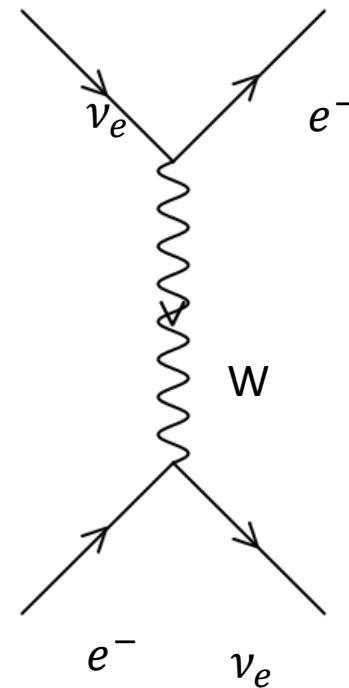
# JUNO: neutrino detection

(Anti-)neutrinos are observed mainly via:

- **Inverse Beta Decay (IBD)** via the positron signal (1) and the following neutron capture (2):



- **Elastic scattering (ES)** on  $e^-$ , CC and NC interactions:





# Acrylic Vessel

## LS container:

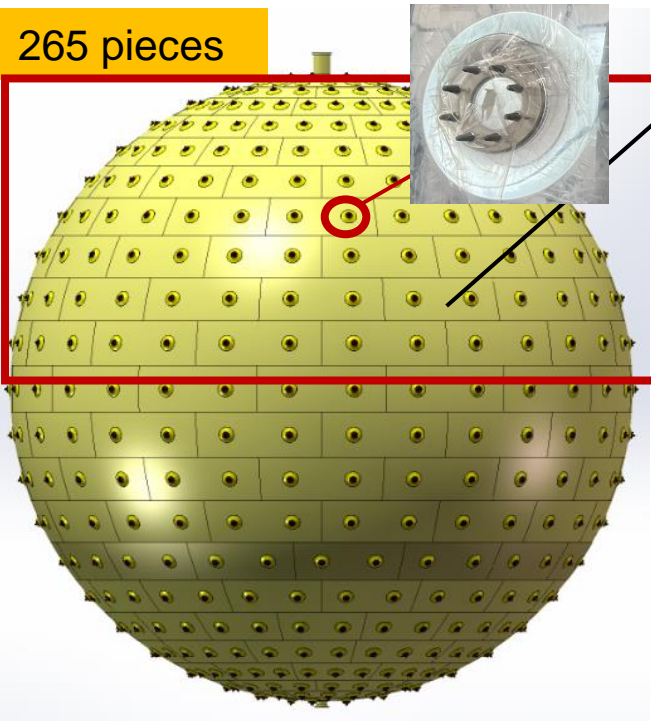
Inner diameter:  $35.40 \pm 0.04$  m

Thickness:  $124 \pm 4$  mm

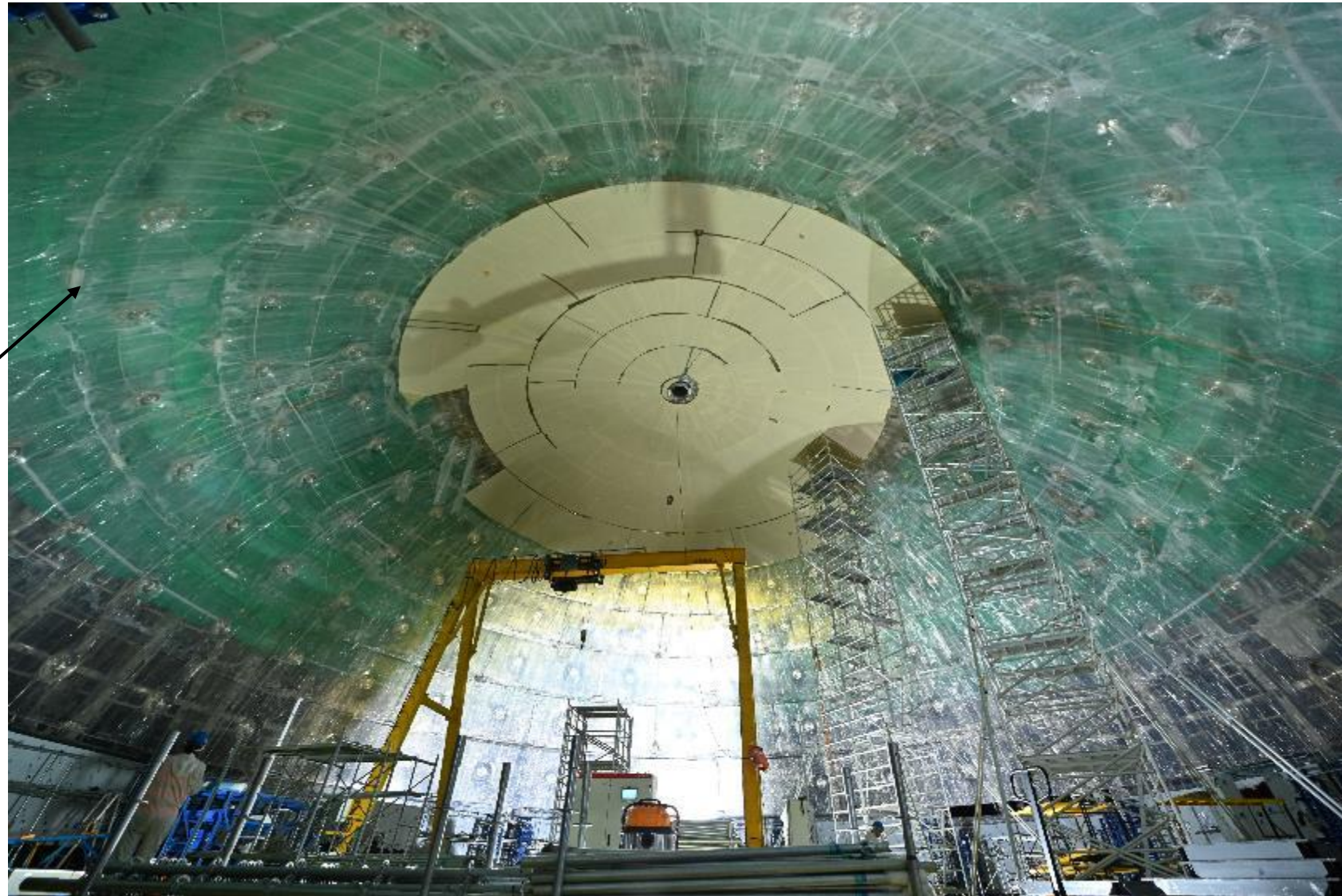
Light transparency  $> 96\%$  @ LS

Radiopurity: U/Th/K  $< 1$  ppt

265 pieces

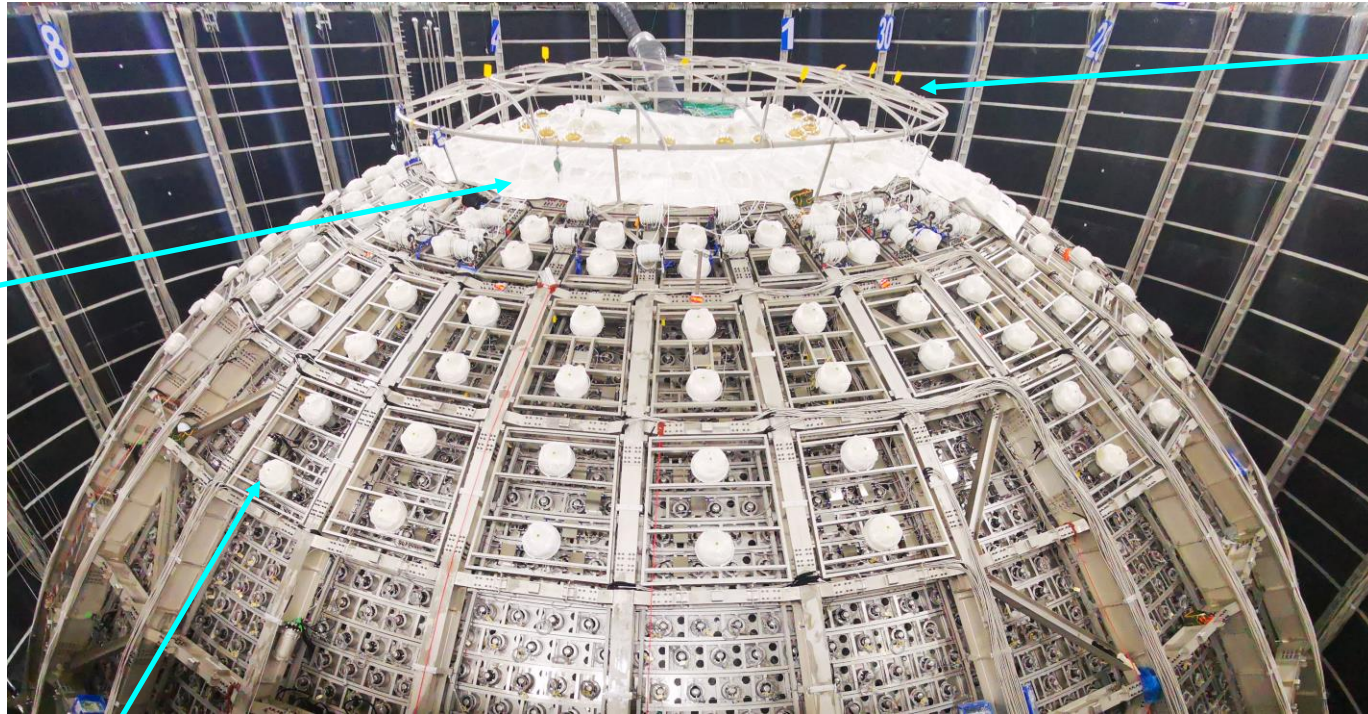


About half acrylic sphere was finished!





# Water Cherenkov Detector



Tyvek reflective film installation started

Earth magnetic shielding coils installation: 6 coils installed (32 coils in total)



Water system almost ready for commissioning

200 veto PMTs installed (~10% of PMT)

**35 kton of ultrapure water serving as passive shield and water Cherenkov detector.**

- 2400 20-inch MCP PMTs, detection efficiency of cosmic muons larger than 99.5%
- Keep the temperature uniformity  $21^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Quality:  $^{222}\text{Rn} < 10 \text{ mBq/m}^3$ , attenuation length 30~40 m

650 m rock overburden (1800 m.w.e.)  $\rightarrow R_{\mu} = 4 \text{ Hz in LS}$ ,  $\langle E_{\mu} \rangle = 207 \text{ GeV}$



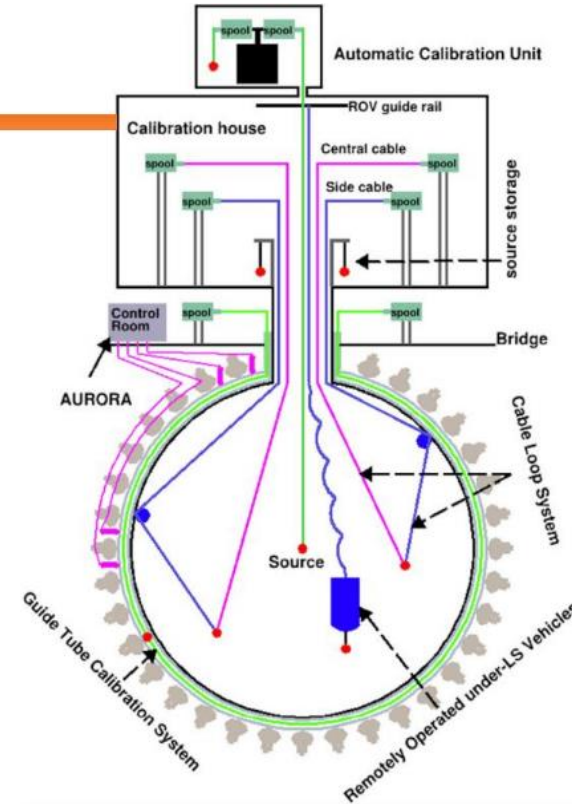
# JUNO: Calibration system

**Crucial** to understand detector response non-uniformity and achieve:  $<1\%$  energy scale uncertainty +  $3\%$  at 1MeV energy resolution

Four complementary sub-systems: 1D, 2D and 3D scan with multiple calibration sources



Cable system finished prototype test

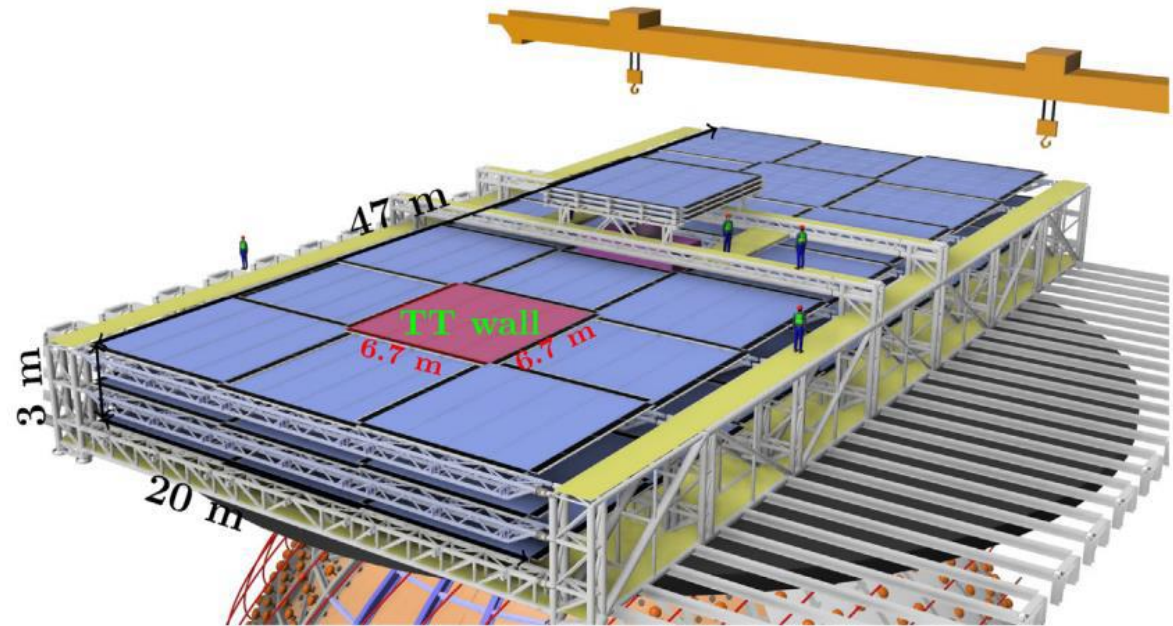


Angel, Abusleme, et al. "Calibration strategy of the JUNO experiment." *Journal of High Energy Physics* 2021.3 (2021).

# JUNO: Top tracker

## Plastic scintillator from the OPERA experiment

- About 60% coverage on the top, **three layers** to reduce accidental coincidence
- All scintillator panels arrived on site in 2019
- Provide control muon samples to validate the track reconstruction and study cosmogenic backgrounds
- The Top Tracker support bridge is ready for production.



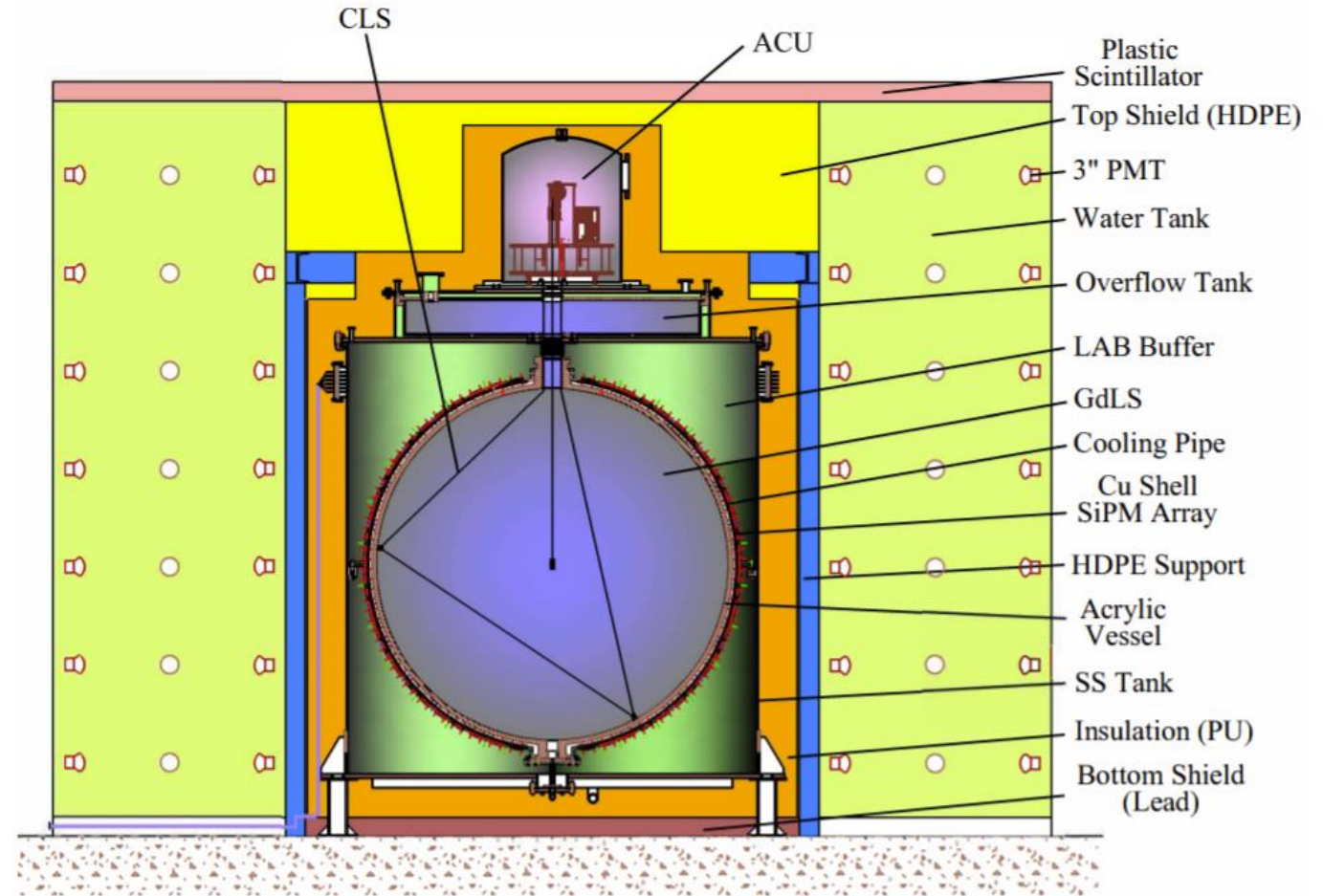
More info on the poster: [The Top Tracker of the JUNO Experiment](#) by Deshan Sandanayak

arXiv:2303.05172



# JUNO: Taishan Antineutrino Observatory

- 2.8 ton of Liquid Scintillator doped with Gadolinium (GdLS) in a spherical vessel with 1.8 m diameter
- Expected 4000 IBD/Day (2000 with 1-ton fiducial volume)
- $\sim 10 \text{ m}^2$  of SiPMs (more than 4000 4 x 8 SiPMs arrays)
- Operate at  $-50 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to reduce SiPM dark noise
- From the center to the outside: GdLS  $\rightarrow$  Acrylic vessel  $\rightarrow$  SiPMs and support  $\rightarrow$  LAB Buffer  $\rightarrow$  Cryogenic system  $\rightarrow$  water and HDPE shield  $\rightarrow$  muon veto
- High energy resolution :  $\sim 1.5\% @ 1\text{MeV}$
- Prototype under construction in China
- More info on the poster: [JUNO-TAO design, prototype and its impact for JUNO physics by Claudio Lombardo \(me\)](#)



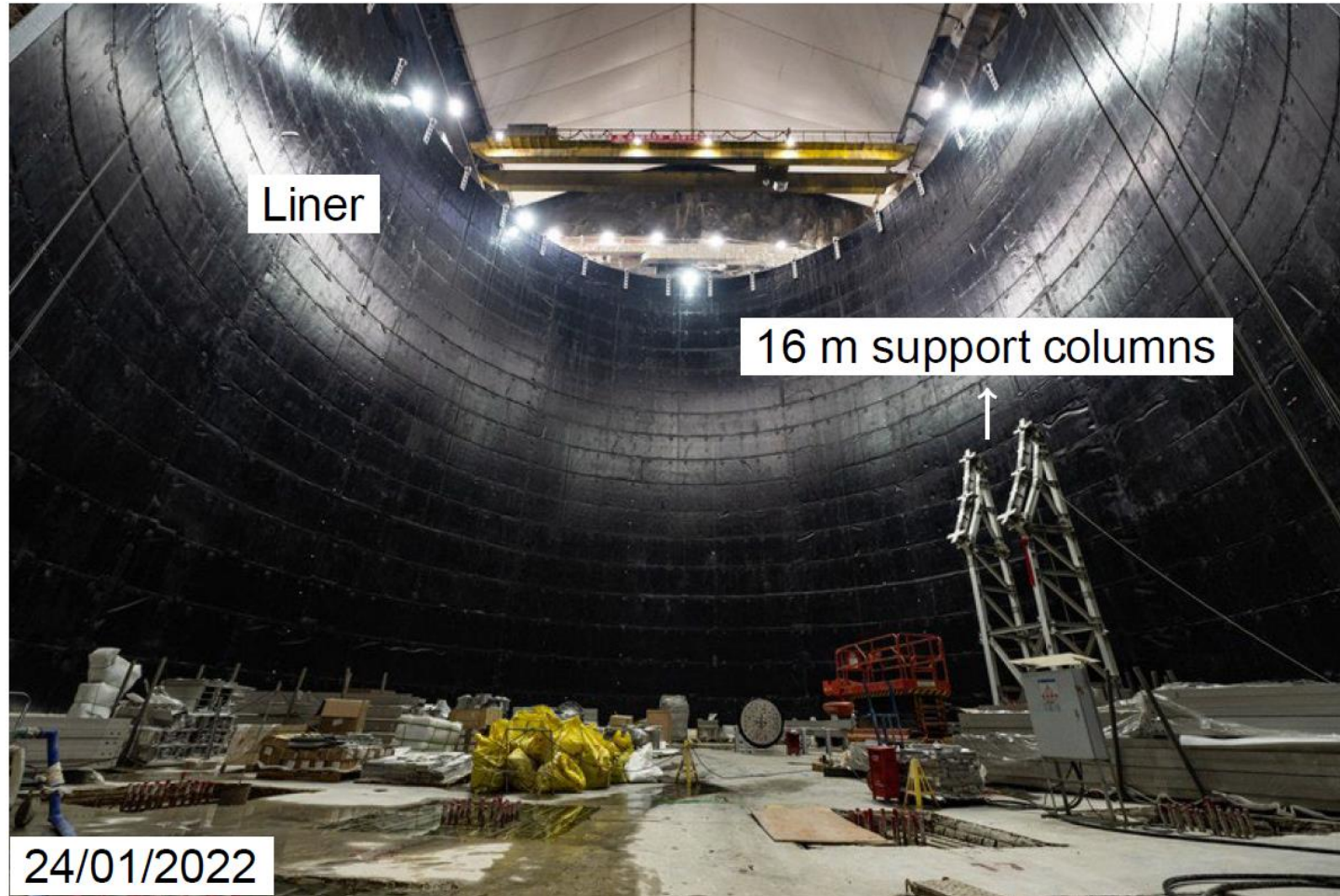


# Current Status





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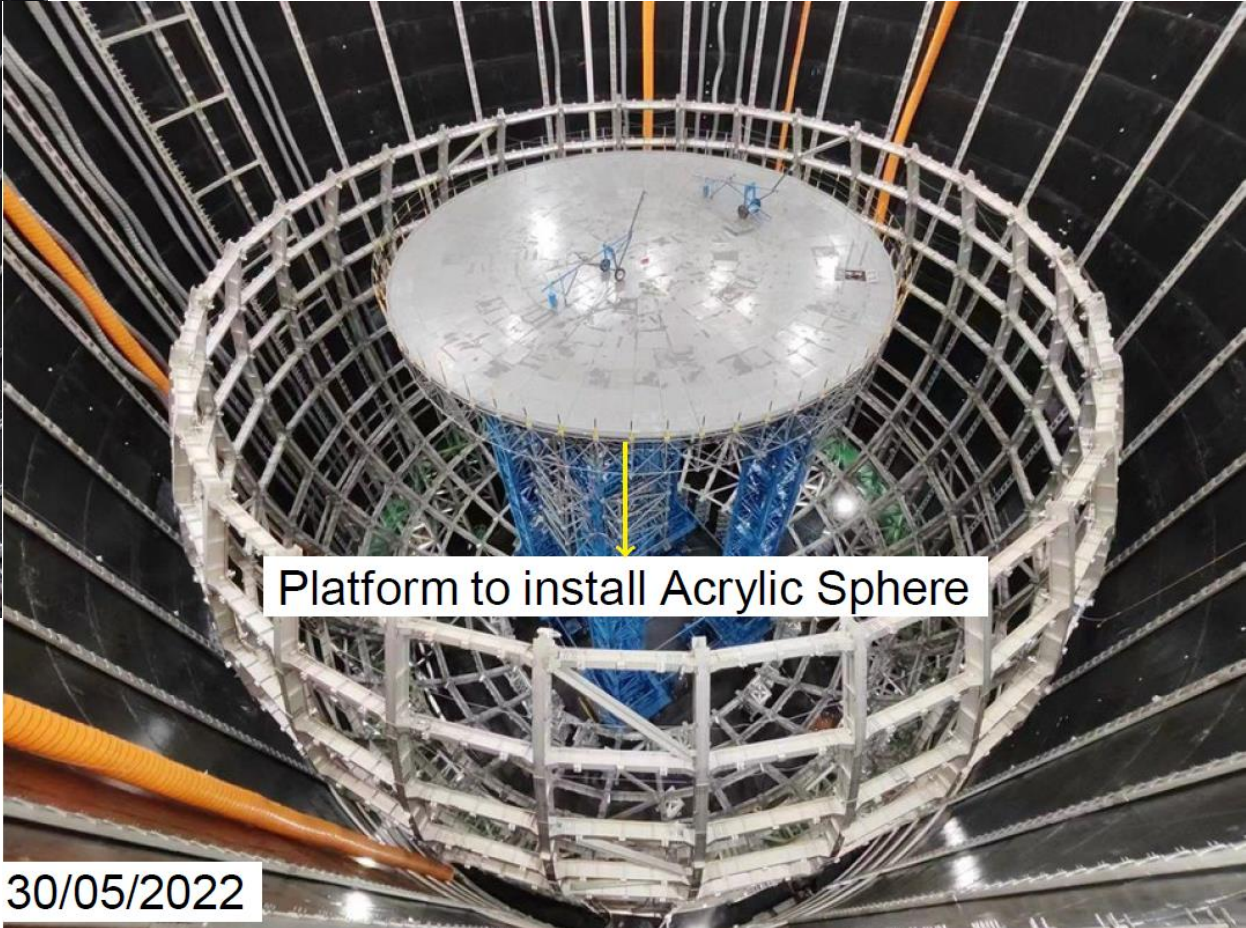
After the deployment of the liner on the wall of the experimental pool (radon stopping) the installation of the detector started in **January 2022**

# JUNO: Status





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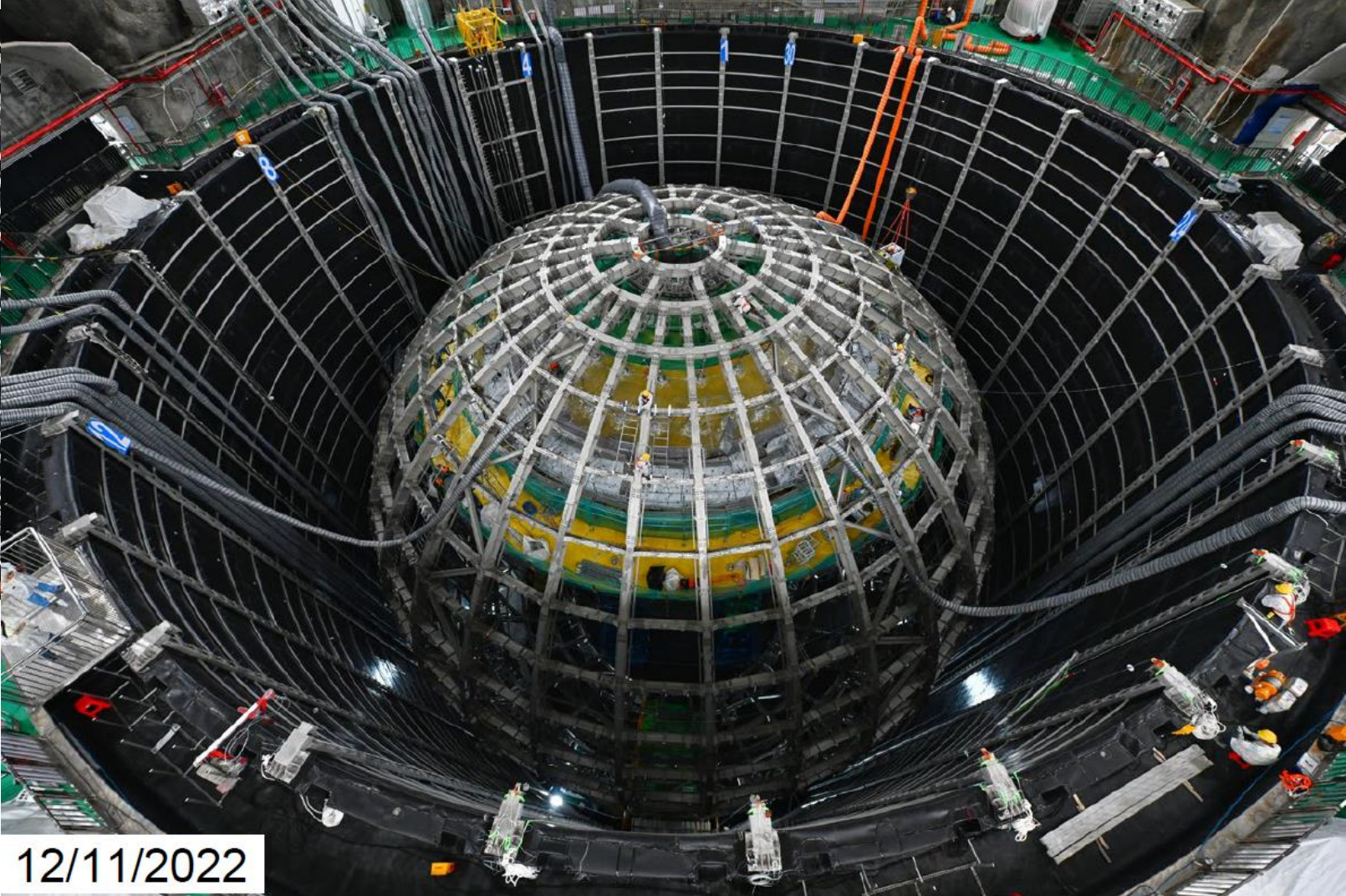




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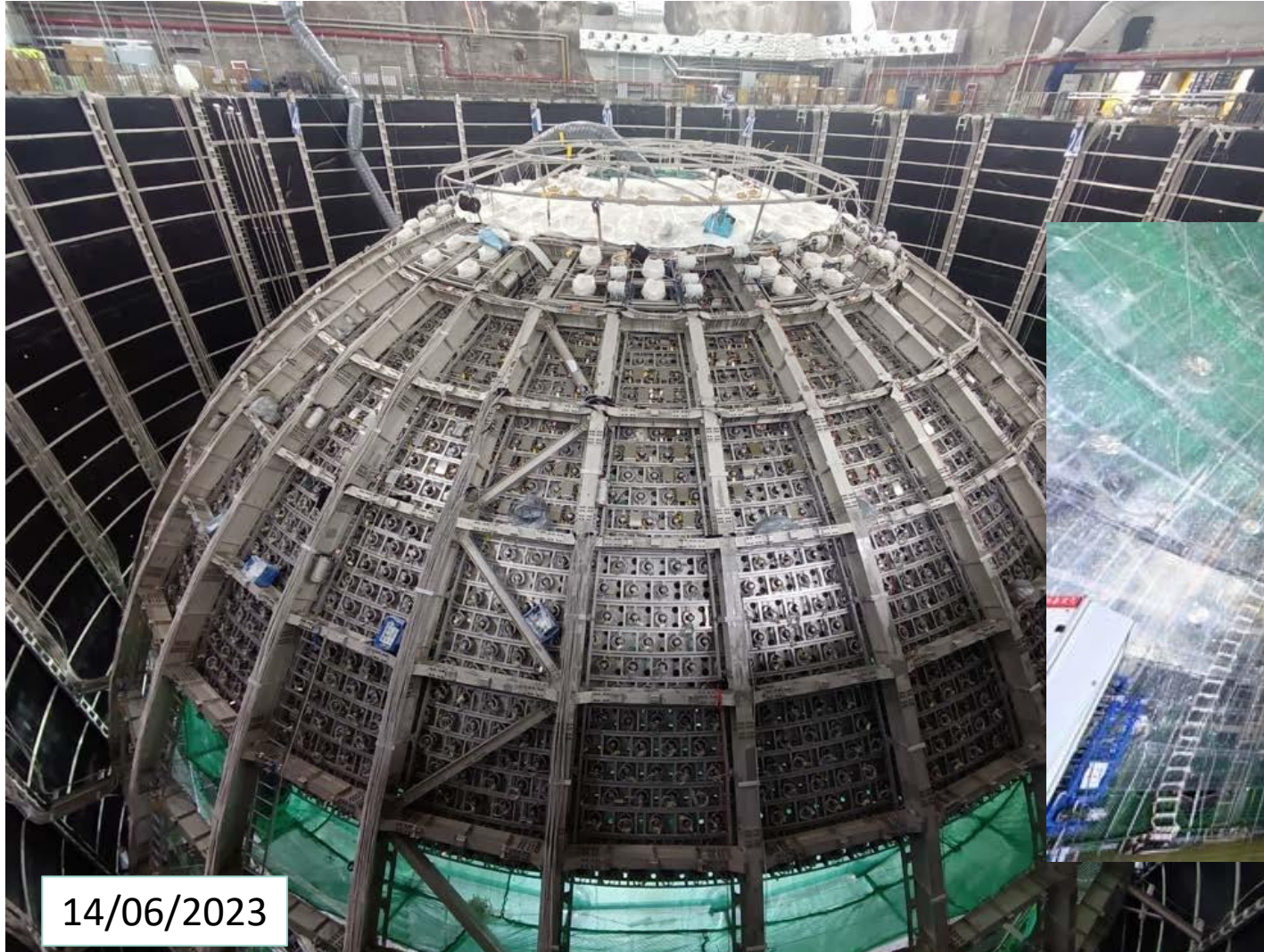
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Acrylic vessel installation → on going  
PMT installation → started  
Electronics installation → started



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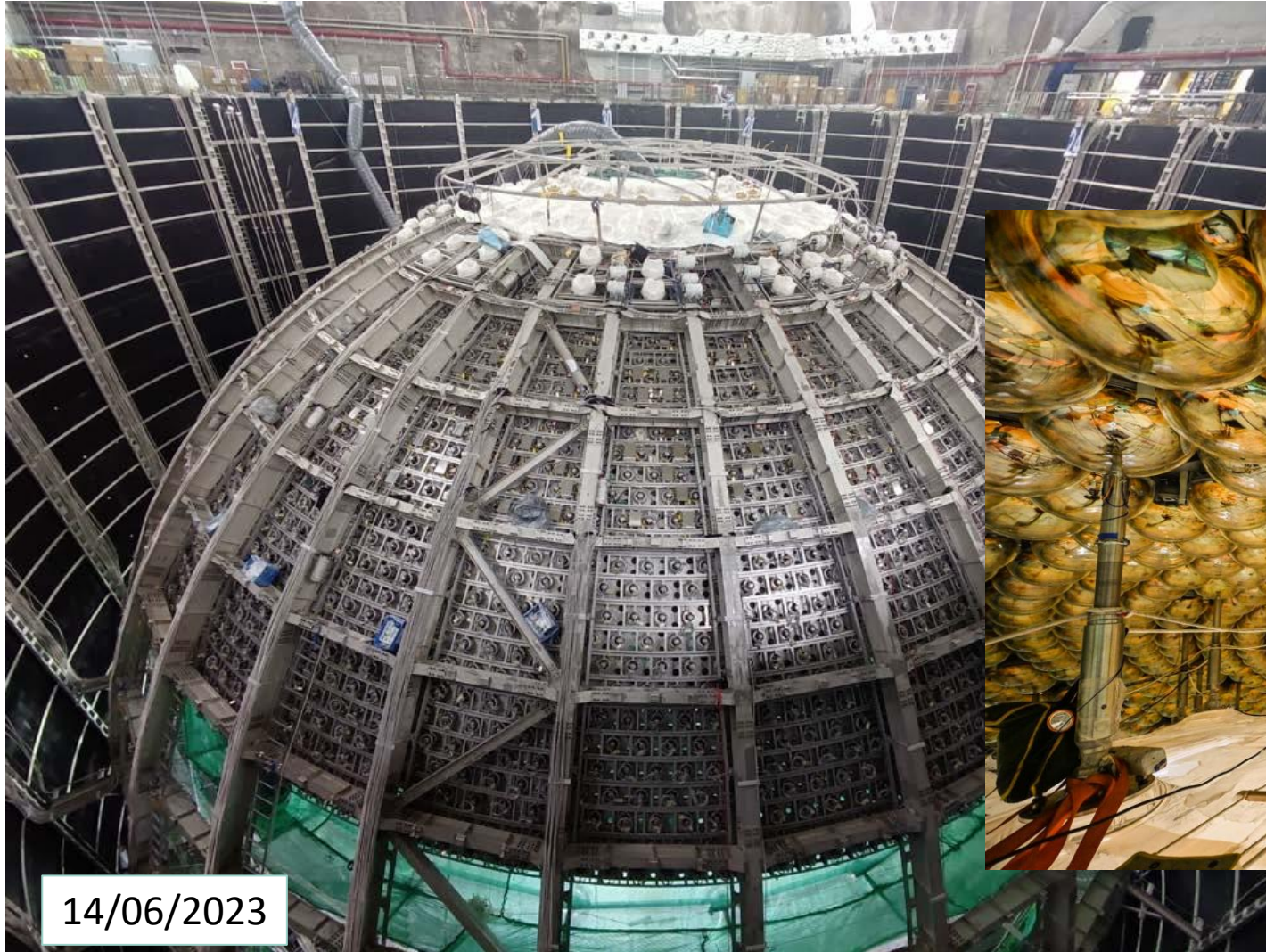
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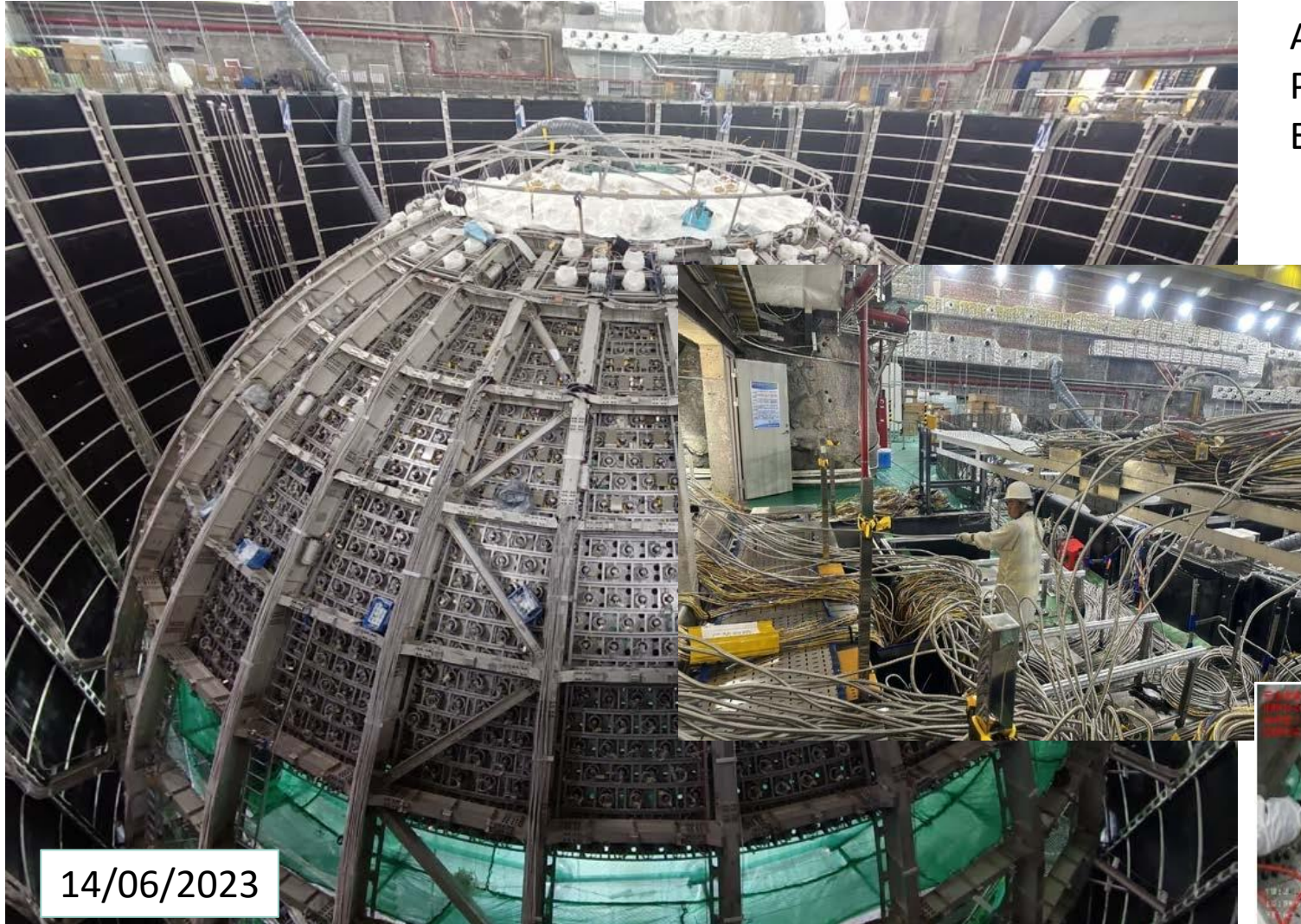


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# JUNO: Status



Acrylic vessel installation → on going  
PMT installation → started  
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Underwater  
box  
containing the  
PMT  
electronics

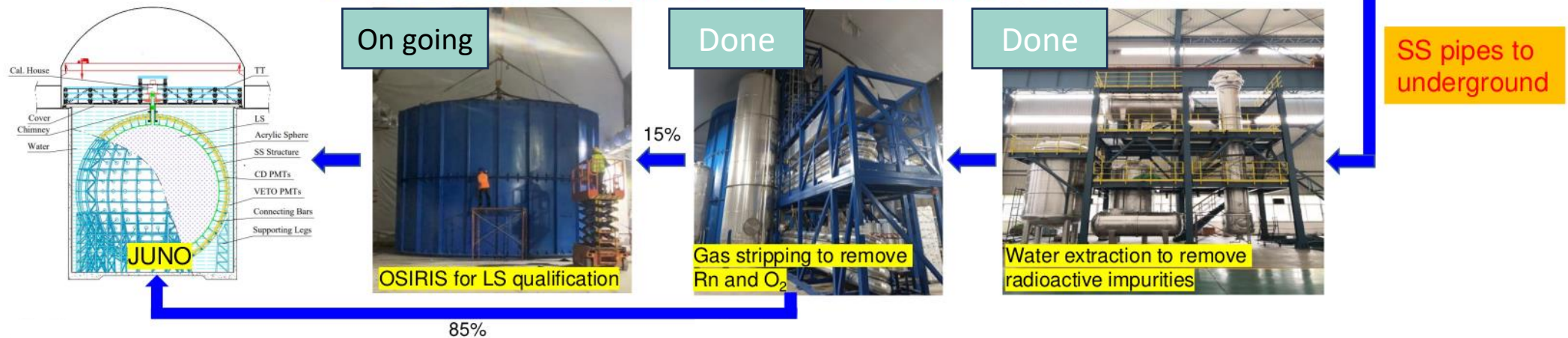


# JUNO: Status (OSIRIS)

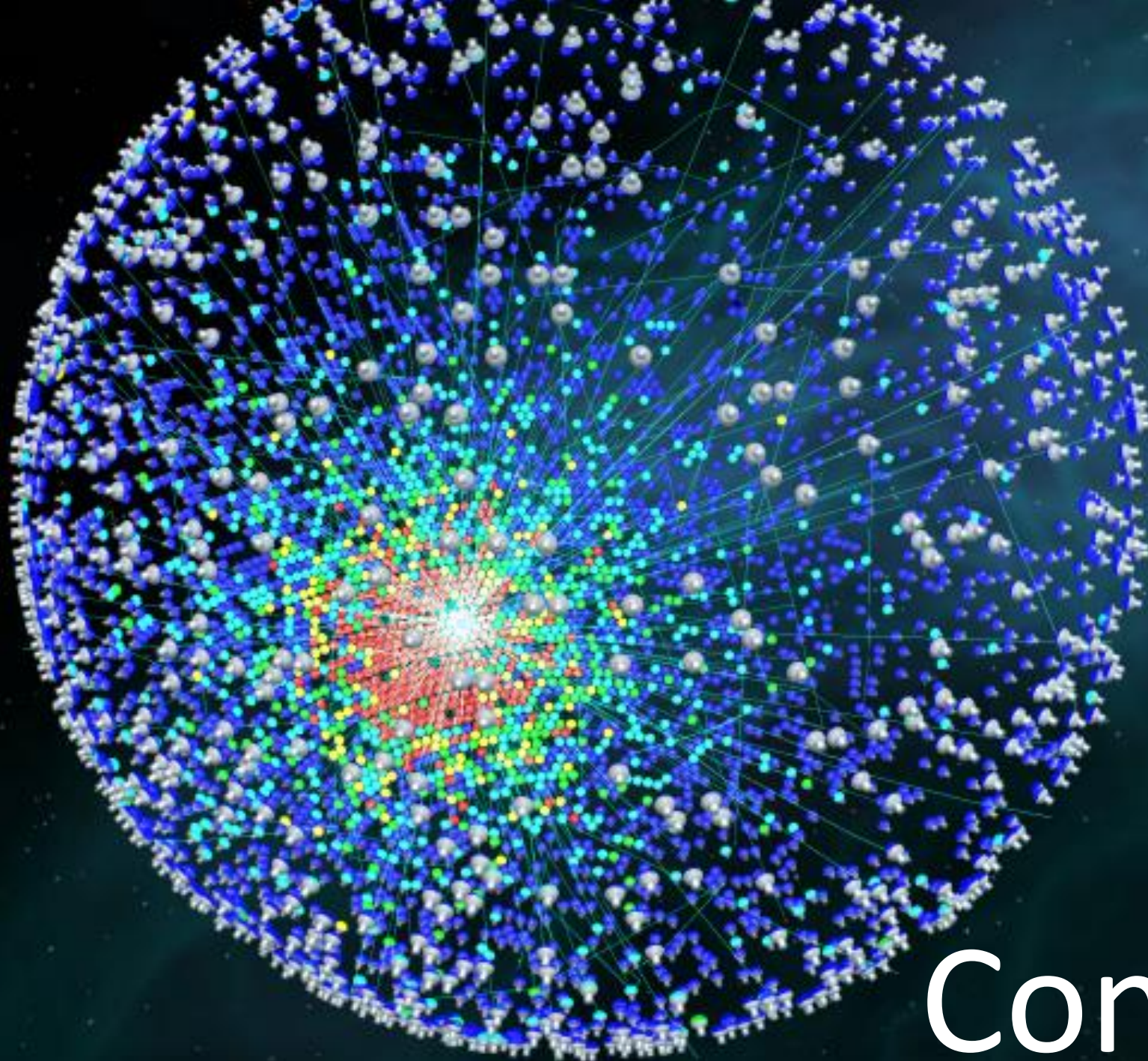
Four purification plants to achieve target radio-purity  $10^{-17}$  g/g U/Th and 20 m attenuation length at 430 nm.



All LS plants ready to produce the first test batch of scintillator for OSIRIS







Conclusion



# Conclusion

JUNO will have unique properties: large target mass & good energy resolution

- Very large photo-coverage & high LS light yield and transparency
- JUNO-TAO for reference reactor spectrum
- Multipronged strategy towards 3% energy resolution including calibration
- Huge effort for challenging radiopurity targets



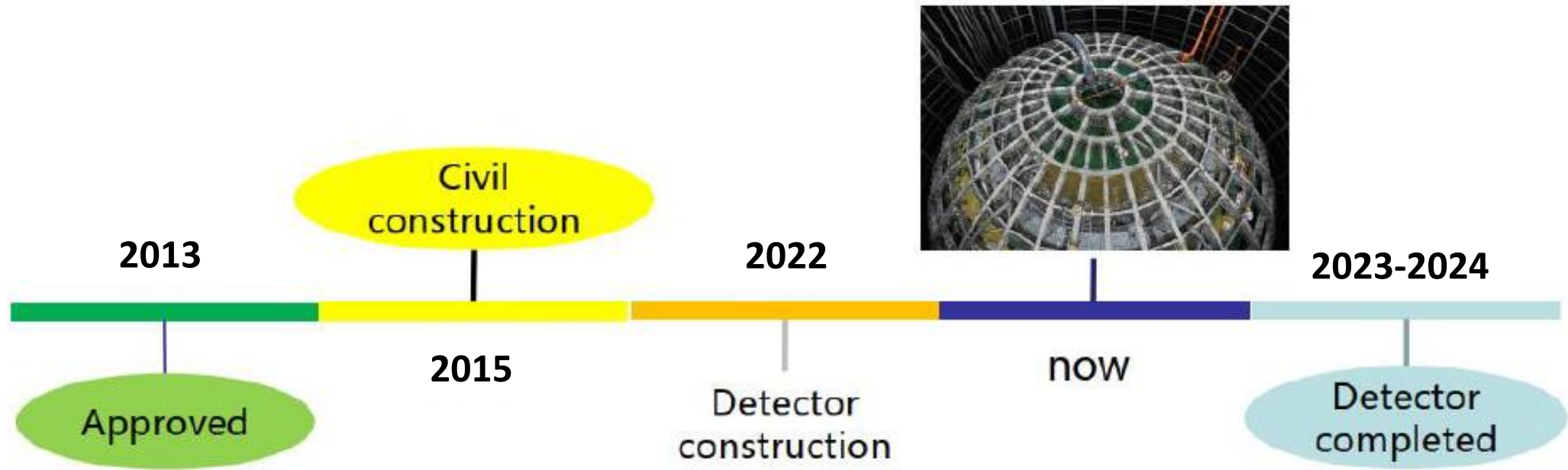
# Conclusion

Installation of the different parts of JUNO is ongoing

- Civil construction (cave, lab, civil buildings) finished
- Water pool finished
- Stainless structure finished
- Acrylic sphere ongoing
- PMTs and electronics ongoing
- Liquid Scintillator production plants and OSIRIS almost finished
- TAO prototype under construction at IHEP(Beijing)



# Conclusion





Thanks for  
your attention



Back up



# Huge effort for radiopurity control

## Radiopurity of materials

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

The Kr value takes into account the release from acrylic and the analysis approach to cope with it for solar <sup>7</sup>Be

## LS for solar neutrinos:

U/Th < 10<sup>-17</sup> g/g, <sup>40</sup>K < 10<sup>-18</sup> g/g,  
<sup>85</sup>Kr < 50 μBq/m<sup>3</sup>,  
<sup>226</sup>Ra < 5 × 10<sup>-24</sup> g/g (0.1 μBq/m<sup>3</sup>),  
<sup>210</sup>Pb < 10<sup>-24</sup> g/g (<sup>222</sup>Rn < 5 mBq/m<sup>3</sup>)

Crucial the initial purification recirculation much more difficult than Borexino, KamLAND, SNO+, ...

## Radiopurity control of raw material:

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

Better than spec. by 15%

Good enough for MH from reactor ν's



10<sup>-15</sup> g/g for U and Th already demonstrated by the Daya Bay test

## Radiopurity control for LS:

- Leak check (single component < 10<sup>-6</sup> mbar·L/s) of all joints to reduce <sup>222</sup>Rn and <sup>85</sup>Kr
- Cleaning of all pipes, vessels to remove dust (check water cleanness)
- Clean room environment during installation
- Surface treatment of the acrylic vessel (Rn daughters)
- LS filling strategy

# Photomultiplier Tubes

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



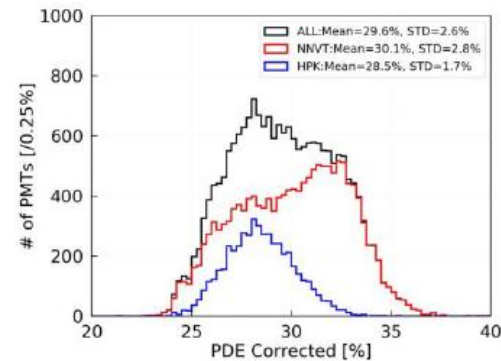
17612 (CD) + 2400 (Veto) 20-inch PMTs



25600 3-inch PMTs



Photon Detection Efficiency



Clearance between PMTs: 3 mm → **Assembly**

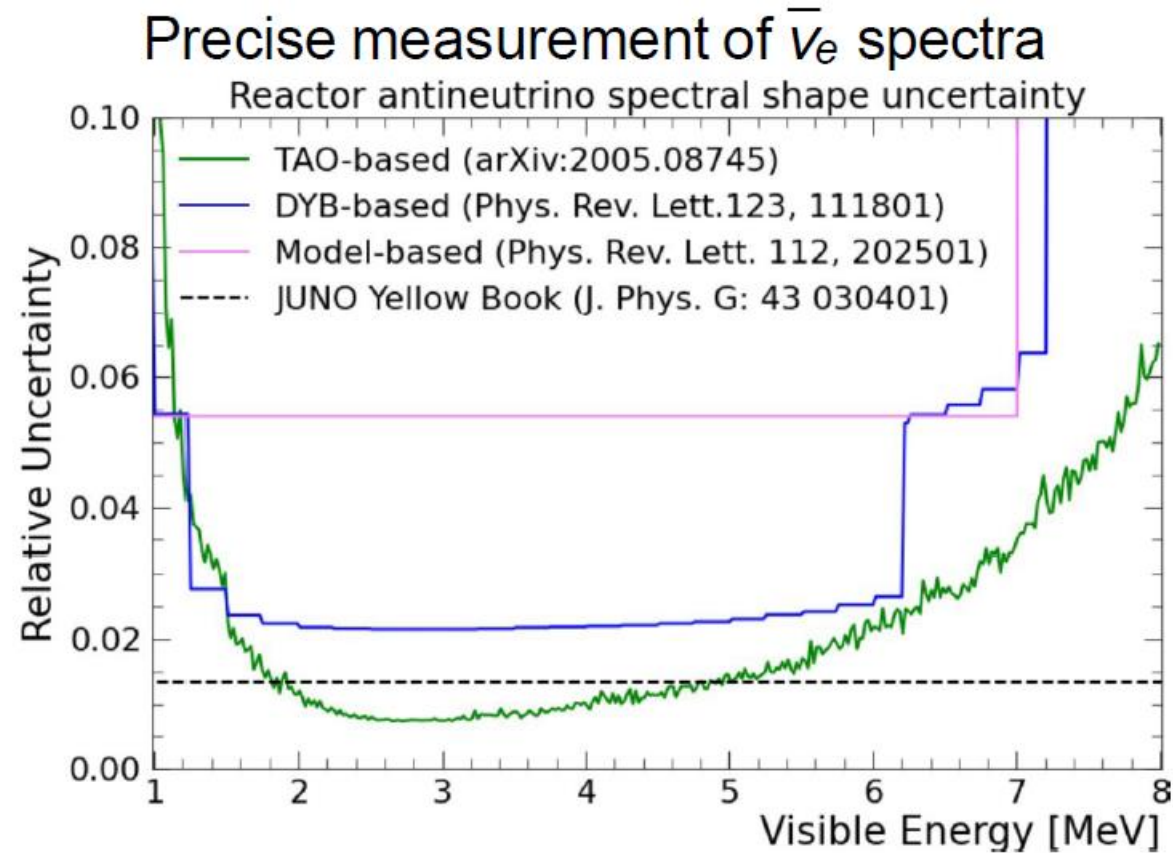
**precision: < 1 mm**



**PMT installed in detector**

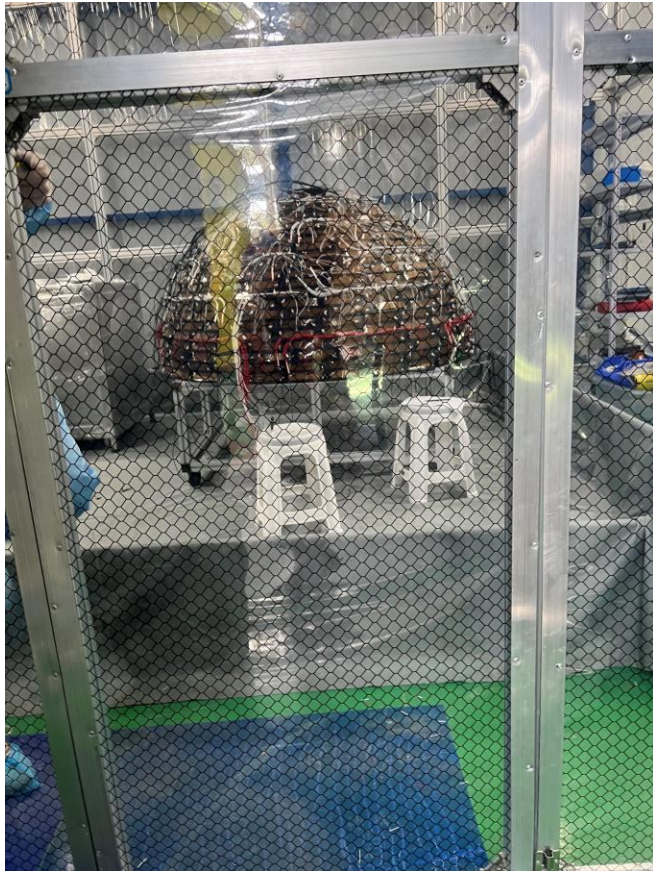


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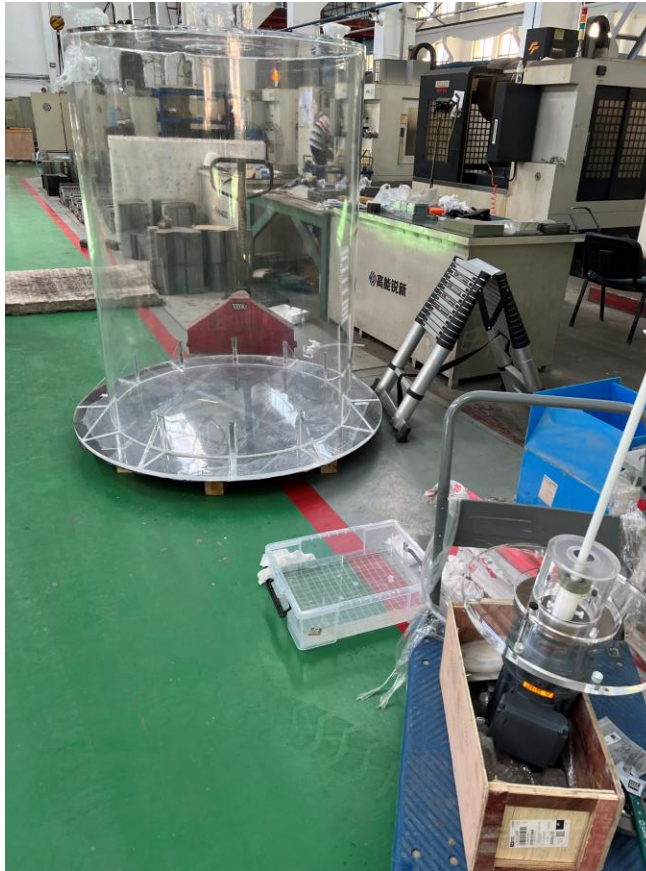


TAO energy resolution <2% @ 1 MeV

# JUNO: Status TAO



North hemisphere inside the clean room, picture taken during SiPMs installation



(part of the)Tools to produce GdLS for the prototype

Electronics **produced** → to be shipped to China

SiPMs **under testing**

Prototype ready this **autumn**

Pictures taken in July