



Design and Construction of the Central Detector of JUNO

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 - Acrylic + steel: optimization
- Construction
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 - Acrylic: special formula and bonding method
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Neutrino Oscillation





Known parameters: θ₂₃, θ₁₂, θ₁₃, |Δm²₃₂|, Δm²₂₁
 Unknown parameters: sign of Δm²₃₂, CP phase δ

1998 Atm. v osc. θ_{23} , $|\Delta m_{32}^2|$ **2002** Solar v osc. θ_{12} , Δm_{21}^2 **2012** reactor v osc. θ_{13}

Idea of the JUNO Experiment

Next step of the Daya Bay Exp.: continue using reactor neutrinos and liquid scintillator
 To determine the mass ordering (sign of Δm²₃₂) independent of the CP phase δ
 Equal baseline to two reactor power plants: Yangjiang and Taishan





Mass Ordering by Reactor Neutrinos







S. Petcov and Piai, Phys. Lett. B 553, 94-106(2002) J. Learned et al., PRD 78(2008)071302 L. Zhan, YFW et al., PRD 78(2008)111103



JUNO Project and the collaboration



Project firstly approved in China in 2013 and later in other countries. Construction started in 2015

• Collaboration established in 2014, now >700 collaborators from 74 institutions in 17 countries/regions





China	ChongQing University	China	NUDT	Pakistan	PINSTECH (PAEC)
China	CIAE	China	CUG-Beijing	Russia	INR Moscow
China	DGUT	China	ECUT-Nanchang City	Russia	JINR
China	Guangxi U.	China	CDUT-Chengdu	Russia	MSU
China	Harbin Institute of Technology	Czech	Charles U.	Slovakia	FMPICU
China	IHEP	Finland	University of Jyvaskyla	Taiwan-China	National Chiao-Tung U.
China	Jilin U.	France	IJCLab Orsay	Taiwan-China	National Taiwan U.
China	Jinan U.	France	LP2i Bordeaux	Taiwan-China	National United U.
China	Nanjing U.	France	CPPM Marseille	Thailand	NARIT
China	Nankai U.	France	IPHC Strasbourg	Thailand	PPRLCU
China	NCEPU	France	Subatech Nantes	Thailand	SUT
China	Pekin U.	Germany	RWTH Aachen U.	U.K.	U. Warwick
China	Shandong U.	Germany	TUM	USA	UMD-G
China	Shanghai JT U.	Germany	U. Hamburg	USA	UC Irvine
China	IGG-Beijing	Germany	FZJ-IKP		

A CERN Recognised Experiment (RE34)



Rich Physics Program with Huge and precise LS Detector





- 20 kton LS detector
- 3% energy resolution
- 700 m underground
- Rich physics possibilities
 - Reactor neutrino for Mass hierarchy
 - Precision measurement of oscillation parameters
 - Supernovae neutrino
 - Geoneutrino
 - Solar neutrino
 - Atmospheric neutrino
 - Exotic searches including proton decay, dark matter

Neutrino physics with JUNO, J. Phys. G 43, 030401 (2016) JNO CJUNO physics and detector, Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics, V 123, 103927 (2022)



Physics Requirements on Central Detector



- <u>Statistical error-->Target Mass: 20 ktons, biggest LS Detector</u>
- <u>Energy Resolution for LS Detector: 3%/VE</u>
 - PMT coverage: > 75%
 - Photon Detection Efficiency: > 27%, Quantum Efficiency and Collection Efficiency of PMT

Transparent LS

- Energy and Vertex reconstruction and correction:
 - spherical shape, also better for structure
- Energy range and linearity:
 - PMT response and electronics
- Background Radiation Rate, fiducial volume cut
 - Material, Clean consideration
- Life time: ~ 20-30 years
 - > Aging and stable, Creep effects, Earthquake



Central detector: 20 ktons LS with 3% energy resolution @1 MeV



	KamLAND	BOREXINO	Daya Bay	JUNO
Target Mass	1 kt	300 t	20 t x 8	20 kt
PE Collection (PE/MeV)	250	500	160	1200
Photocathode Coverage	34%	34%	12%	75%
Energy Resolution	6%/√E	5%/√E	7.5%/√E	3% /√E
Energy Calibration	2%	1%	1.5%	<1%

- Increasing statistics of photoelectrons:
 - Photocathode coverage: > 75%,
 - PMT photon detection eff.: > 27%
 - LS attenuation length: >20 m
 - → abs. 60 m + Rayl. scatt. 30m
- Reduce the systematic error: good calibration



4 Basic Questions for Design



- Physics performances
- Engineering feasibility and reliability
 - Mechanics Analysis, Proving the Reliability
 - Long term stability

- Acrylic stress < 3.5 Mpa
- Earthquake: 0.1g (seismic intensity: 7 level)
- Temperature Changing: $(21\pm1^{\circ} C)$
- Low radiation background
- Compatible with Liquids
- FOC(Filling/Overflow/Circulation)
- System interfaces: LS/PMT/Calibration/VETO/Civil
- Time for construction
- Price

- 1. How good in physics?
- Can it be made and can it work stably and reliably in long term? Risks under control?
- 3. How long to make it?
- 4. Cost?



Option 1: Acrylic sphere + Steel structure

- No more interference
- "Easy" for PMT holding
- Water buffer → cheap
- PMT: place on steel with inner and outer direction for CD/Veto respectively
- Difficulties:
 - Total buoyancy ~ 3000 tons
 - Larger pressure difference:









Concerns

Option 2: Acrylic box + steel tank







Option 3: Balloon + steel tank



- "Easy" for construction & quick for installation
- Experience from Borexino (0.5kt) & KamLAND (1kt)
- Concerns: cleanness, leak checking, deployment, backup plan if fails





Option 4: Acrylic tank + steel tank



- Main idea: Two tanks
 - Acrylic load is small
 - Mineral oil or LAB as shielding material
- Concerns
 - How to assembly the second tank after any first tank is made.
 - Cost much



Acrylic sphere and node





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Option selection route











JUNO Detectors & Pisa Tower





Researches on Acrylic sphere + steel structure





CD final structure design



Finished In 2017









Acrylic sphere's stress contour





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SS structure: foundation



60 sets of embedded anchor under WP bottom

- Installed in the end, 2021
- Second pouring of cement: March, 2022
- Precision: 2 mm VS 40 m, 0.005%
 - By a whole fixing structure
- Loads:
 - Weights: ss structure 10 MN + supporting 12 MN
 - Buoyancy: 30 MN
- Strength for earthquake:
 - Seismic analysis: Near-field seismic response / fluid-solid coupling / earthquake wave
 - Reaction force: 1.66 MN / set, totally 100 MN



1	ε	Exceeding probability in the future 50 years	recurrence interval (year)	Peak acceleration (cm/s ²)	Result (<u>kN</u>)	Result∗0.77 (<u>kN</u>)	Result*0.85 (<u>kN</u>)
338 × 347 × 936m	Frequent earthquak	e 63.20%	50	25	1221	940	1040
C THEFT IN A		32.5%	127	39.3	1718	1323	1464
3D viscoelastic artificial boundary diagram	·	24.8 %	175	46.5	1948	1500	1659
	1	17.5%	259	53.6	2160	1663	1841
	Moderate earthqual	ke 10%	474	68	2551	1964	2173
Near-field seistric Petponse analysis model	Rare earthquake	2%	2474	115	3439	2648	2930

SS structure: installation



Removal tool

Installation tool

Assembled by 120 k high strength bolts with precision of mm in 40 m range



- Jan. 21st , first leg was erected
 March 8th , all 30 legs and 3 circular rings were installed
- June 28th, finished
- Several rounds of cleaning were done
- Bottom four-layer structure will be installed after acrylic vessel is finished.





SS structure: connection with acrylic



- Acrylic node: ss plate embedded, 1000 kN, strict bg requ.
- S.S. node
 - Angle adjusting: \pm 5 $^\circ$
 - 370 half fixing nodes
 - 220 disc-spring nodes: to adjust the axial stiffness and control the internal force
 - Reduce the max pulling stress in the acrylic
 - Strong spring: Small displacement (1~2mm) VS Big load (8 tons)
- Connection bars
 - Two kinds: D 85 mm and D 60 mm
 - Length adjusting: -60 ~ 100 mm
- Force monitor in connection bar
 - 4 fiber grating (FBG) sensors and 1 temperature in each bar
 - FBG precision: ~ 5 pm/ μξ,
 1.2 kN for D 85, 0.6 kN for D 60
- Force analysis
 - Initial loading by adjusting the length according to design
 - Max axial forces:
 - 40 kN during Installation
 - 90 kN pulling and 140 kN pushing during operation



Connecting structure btw acrylic and ss structure



tructure residue magnetic induction



Connection process: sensor installation and test \rightarrow connected with SS \rightarrow with acrylic \rightarrow preloading \rightarrow unloading the fixtures, transfer acrylic weight to the bars \rightarrow monitoring load







Acrylic: trans. and long term performance



- Transmittance: >96% @420nm, 120 mm thickness
 - No anti-UV and No plasticizer
 - Thermoforming for spherical panels: easy to be yellow → find a suitable curve
- Long term performance
 - Creep w/o plasticizer is better, but crisper
 - Creep test: at stress of 30~12 Mpa soaking in water and LS with 20 °C → <u>Result of creaking time: 104 years at 3.5</u> <u>MPa stress</u>
 - Aging test: at 5.5 MPa soaking in water and LS with temperature: 30~50°C → <u>Result: 50 years for tensile</u> <u>strength decreasing 30%</u>









performance with bonding line

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Acrylic: production



- Why special production line ?
 - Formula no anti-UV and plasticizer
 - Spherical panels
 - Low radioactive bg.
 - U238: < 0.3 ppt
 - Th232: 0.4 \pm 0.02 ppt
- Progress
 - All spherical panels and nodes' manufactures are finished





Pool for panel polymerization







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Special pipeline for MMA

Machining



Grinding and polishing







Filming



Acrylic: polymerization



• Special polymerization

- One time polymerization for the vertical and circular lines while no spacing adjusting as usually
- Easy and more precise positioning, fewer times of glue injection, shorter construction time
- E.g., the equator bonding lines' length , for one time:
 110 m + 2.8 m X 15 = 152 m (total bonding length: 2 km)
- Challenges and technologies:
 - − Glue volume decreases during polymerization \rightarrow glue shortage in the bonding line \rightarrow make a dam that can hold more MMA
 - Avoid cracking during annealing \rightarrow change the annealing method



Locate and fix the whole circle panels and polymerize for vertical and circular lines at the same time.



gure 16.11 te joint spacing between vertical acrylic panels during bonding procedure is main ined by standoffs consisting of threaded steel turnbuckles fastened at both ends to cuum actuated suction cups. During polymerization of the cement, the spacing i justed to accommodate shrinkage of the bond. Dr. Davis Earle of Sudbury Neutrin servatory monitors here the progress of cement polymerization.

Picture from "Handbook of Acrylics" by Stachiw Panels are needed moving nearer during polymerization due to the shrinkage in most other projects.





- Avoid the edge bonding area be heated and reduce the heating stress
- Work height is compromise.

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Bonding experiment of horizontal and vertical bonding line

Acrylic: installation steps

Installing connecting bars

- 23 layer, 263 panels + 2 chimneys
 - Totally 21 times cyclic operations, each time needs about 20 to 30 days.

(4)

- We have installed about 80% since July 2022
- It will be finished in the second half year 2024.
 - (1) Transporting, lifting



(2) Locating, positioning



3 Bonding, annealing





(5) unloading, sanding, polishing, cleaning, filming













Installation of Large PMT and small PMT



Synergetic 20-inch and 3-inch PMT systems to ensure energy resolution and charge linearity



Clearance between PMTs: 3 mm → Assembly precision: < 1 mm

w/ protection cover (JINST18(2023) 02, P02013



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PMT Statistics





All PMTs produced, tested, and instrumented with waterproof potting

12.6k NNVT PMTs with highest PDE are selected for light collection from LS

and the rest are used in the Water Cherenkov detector.

		LPMT (20-inch)		SPMT (3-inch)
		Hamamatsu	NNVT	HZC
Quantity	y	5000	15012	25600
Charge Collection		Dynode	MCP	Dynode
Photon Detection	Efficiency	28.5%	30.1%	25%
Mean Dark Count	Bare	15.3	49.3	0.5
Rate [kHz]	Potted	17.0	31.2	0.5
Transit Time Spread (σ) [ns]		1.3	7.0	1.6
Dynamic range for [0-10] MeV		[0, 100] PEs		[0, 2] PEs
Coverage		75%		3%
Reference		arXiv: 2205.08629		NIM.A 1005 (2021) 165347

Failure rate requirement: <0.5% in 6 vrs. while same for underwater Elec.



Electronics



Underwater electronics to improve signal-to-noise ratio for better energy resolution 1 GHz waveform digitization, expected loss rate < 0.5% in 6 years



3 20-inch PMTs connected to one underwater box





128 3-inch PMTs connected to one underwater box

- 6862 boards produced and tested before installation
- Ongoing test campaign during installation
- Careful design & excellent grounding: noise level: 4% at 1 photoelectron better than specs: 10% at 1 p.e.

Liquid Scintillator

Recipe: Based on Daya Bay experience

- ⇒ LAB for transparency and safety
- ⇒ R&D for highest light yield:
 - ✓ A Daya Bay module for test (*NIMA 988 (2021) 164823*)
 - ✓ extrapolation to the JUNO size using a new LS optical model (*NIMA 967 (2020)* 163860)
- ⇒ Final result: LAB + 2.5g/L PPO + 3 mg/L bis-MSB

Production:

- ⇒ ~50t PPO delivered, U/Th < 0.1 ppt; 20kt LAB to be delivered, U/Th ~ 1 ppq
- ⇒ LAB attenuation length > 24m, LS attenuation length > 20m



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Liquid Scintillator Production and Purification



Four purification plants + LS Mixing + QA/QC + high purity N₂ and water production plant to guarantee radio-purity and transparency



5000 m³ LAB storage tank



1) Al₂O₃ for optical transparency



2) Distillation for radiopurity



Mixing LAB with PPO and bis-MSB



quality



3) Water extraction to remove radioactive impurities

1800 m SS pipes to underground

All plants are individually tested, and all requirements are satisfied

remove Rn and O_2

Final Cleaning Plan and Liquid Scintillator Filling Scheme



Reduce dust to class 1000, reduce Rn one order



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Calibration



1D,2D,3D scan systems with multiple calibration sources to control the energy scale,

detector response non-uniformity, and < 1% energy non-linearity





Cable system prototype



Shadowing effect uncertainty from Teflon capsule of radioactive sources: < 0.15%





Summary



- Design
 - Two-layer structure for simplicity and cost: stainless steel frame + Acrylic tank
 - Water as VETO and Buffer, radiopurity control of water
 - PMT: more coverage with higher photon detection efficiency
 - LS: higher transparency and radiopurity
- Construction:
 - SS structure with 120 k screws
 - Huge acrylic spherical vessel ~ installation spending about 2 years
 - PMT Installation
 - LS purification and filling

Civil construction finished in Dec, 2021

Challenges...

50 m x 70 m Exp. Hall

35.4 m acrylic sphere, vs. 13 m@ SNO

20 kton

Liquid scintillator, Borexino X40, KamLAND X20 λ>20 m, U/Th<10⁻¹⁷ g/g

20,000 20-in PMT, ε~30%

Best Light yield Borexino X2, Kaml AND X5







Thanks!

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Backups



Milestones of CD



- 2008, Physics idea paper published.
- 2012, The concept of the acrylic spherical vessel + water + ss structure was proposed.
- 2015, The collaboration determined the design.
- 2017, The detailed engineering design was finished.
- 2018/19, The manufacturers of acrylic, ss structure and FOC through bidding was determined.
- 2021. end, Foundation of ss structure was finished and began detector installation.
- 2022. middle, The ss shell was almost finished and acrylic vessel began to assembly.
- 2024. end, Acrylic vessel to be finished and liquid to be filled

Key points of the safety





Seismic analysis



Contours of acrylic sphere's

deformation: 62mm

Contours of acrylic sphere's stress: 4.51MPa

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TIME 19,72





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Stainless steel structure's deformation: 59mm

Water's displacement along Z axial: 52cm

• According to Chinese codes, the seismic precautionary intensity is 7 degree. The peak acceleration of rare earthquake on ground : 220 gal. • The project is located in 700m underground. According to the literature, peak acceleration of 700m underground is less than 0.3 times of the peak acceleration on ground.

● In the analysis, peak acceleration of 700m underground is 220*0.3=66 gal.

• The liquid-solid coupling / near field analysis / earthquake wave are calculated.



Stability factor (times of standard load) (times of standard load) (times of standard load)

Stability analysis



