### Preliminary study of the JUNO signal using Digital Signal Processing Techniques

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### Introduction

Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory (JUNO) is a reactor anti-neutrino experiment under construction in Jiangmen City, Guangdong Province, China.
 Approved in Feb 2013 in China



### Juno Detector Design

JUNO central detector is a 20 kton liquid scintillator (LS) detector with a total overburden of 1850 meter water equivalent.

Key Features

- PMTs
  - Photo-multiplier tube (PMT) coverage ~75%
  - PMTs with high quantum efficiency ~35%
- High performance liquid scintillator
  - high photon yield with >14,000 photons /MeV
  - optical attenuation length order of 30 m
- The spherical central detector will be placed inside an instrumented water pool to identify cosmic muons and provide shielding from radioactive backgrounds.
- A muon tracker on top of the detector will further enhance the muon identification.



### Juno Collaboration



### JUNO: A Multi-purpose Neutrino Observatory

- Neutrino Mass Hierarchy determination (primary goal).
- Precision measurement of mass-squared splittings and mixing angle.
- Underground science including supernova burst neutrinos, geo-neutrinos, solar neutrinos and proton-decay.



# anti-Neutrino Energy Spectrum (at 50 km baseline)



from Marco Grassi talk in Ferrara "The JUNO Experiment Entering the Era of Precision Neutrino Physics"

Standard Resolution Function in Calorimetry

$$\frac{\sigma(E)}{E} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{E} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{E}} + C\right)}$$

A 3% resolution at 1MeV is pivotal

Term b (stochastic) is mainly driven by the number of detected photons (aka photo-coverage, aka number of pmts)

Constant term (c) is sensitive to all the "experimental issues" (Spatial Uniformity, Energy Linearity, Quantum Efficiency Fluctuations...)

 $c \leq 1\%$  is an ambitious but unavoidable

# Experimental Challenges

- Keep Constant Resolution Term Below 1% (Energy Calibration)
  - Energy Non-linearity due to Liquid Scintillator Response and Readout of the Electronics
  - Non-uniformity
- <u>Reduce Natural Radioactivity (Purification) Reduce Cosmogenic Backgrounds</u>
  <u>(MuonTracking) Maximize Light Collection (PMTS)</u>

# Scintillator Non Linearity

#### Quenching

- If the concentration of excited molecules in the LS is high they can interact and quench the total light output
- Particles with low initial energy have a large dE/dx so the total light output is quenched.
- More energetic particles have most of their energy lost with small dE/dx.
- Ionization quenching leads to a nonlinear relation between the energy of the ionizing particle and the light produced by the scintillator

#### Cherenkov

- Charged particles in LS have speed greater than phase velocity of light
- Cherenkov light emission (mostly UV)
- LS is opaque to UV light Cherenkov light is re-absorbed by LS Sometimes it is re-emitted as scint. light Re-emission prob is poorly known

### **Overall Scintillator Non-Linearity**

Ionization quenching reduces light at low particle energy Cherenkov light mildly enhances LS light yield at higher particle energy

Overall non-linear energy dependence of the light output needs to be carefully evaluated



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# **Electronics Non-Linearity**

Light yield increases towards the edge of the detector:

a) Energy deposition in the center: all the photons are attenuated

b) Energy deposition at the edge: some pmts see many photons



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# Electronics Non-Linearity



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# **Electronics Non-Linearity**



Experience (i.e. previous experiments) tells us that charge extraction from complex waveforms tends to be biased

Such bias is both energy and position dependent (it is a function of the number of p.e. collected at the PMT anode)

Ad hoc correction might be implemented on single-channel basis

Study this Non-Linearity with Digital Signal Processing (DSP) Techniques to reconstruct the # of Hits and the total charge

### Simulated Signal 1/2



#### 2 main inputs to configure simulation via PmtService

- Single p.e. response encapsulates correlated response from PMT+electronics
- Noise spectrum encapsulates uncorrelated response from PMT+electronics
- Both templates can be configured to allow for testing of different PMT prototypes and electronics setups

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### Simulated Signal 2/2



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### Fourier Transform of the Signal

 $10^{3}$   $10^{2}$   $10^{4}$  $10^{$ 

Magnitude of the 1st transform

Noise

Single Photo Electron Signal

Multiple Photo Electron Signal

### Gaussian Signal





Use of Gaussian Signal to investigate the effectiveness of DSP techniques

#### Data Sets Features

- 1. # of Hits
- 2. height of Hits
- 3. Width of hits
- 4. Overshoot

# Preliminary Filtered Signal









Filtering Signals in Frequency Domain

- Subtract the noise frequencies from the signal frequencies
- Cut all the frequencies grater than a threshold

### Wiener Deconvolution



### Fixed Threshold vs Variable Threshold



### Number of hit recognized vs Threshold

Probability to Recognize the right # of hit vs Threshold

### Preliminary Charge Reconstruction



#### Real Charge vs Reconstructed Charge

### What Next?

- New Filters to increase the Signal to Noise Ratio
- Increase the effectiveness of the Deconvolution
- Explore new ways to Reconstruct the Peaks and the Charge
- How to integrate informations on # of peaks and Charge?
- Study Border Effect