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The 3-inch PMT system and its progress at JUNO

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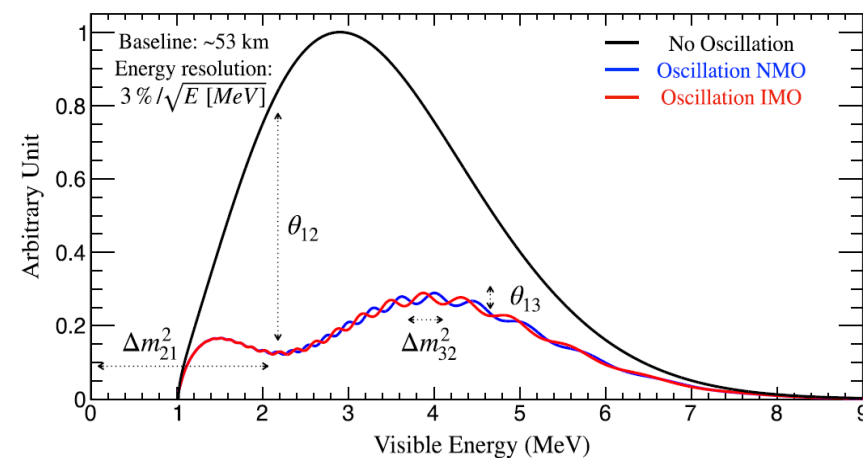
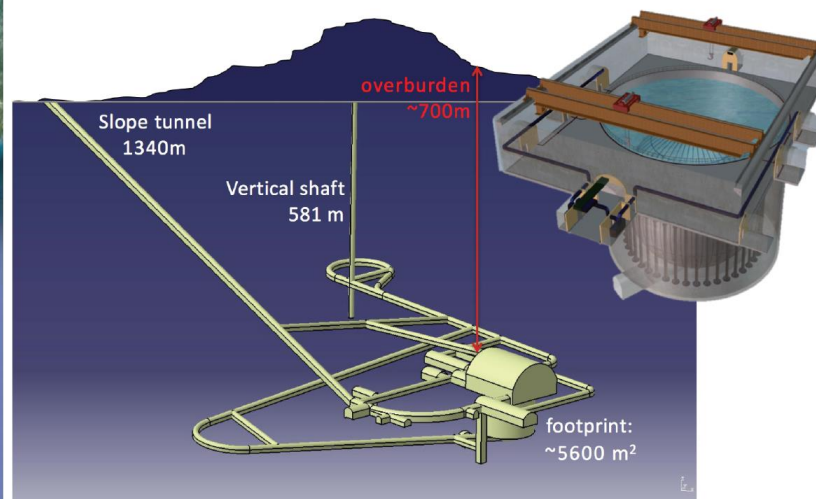
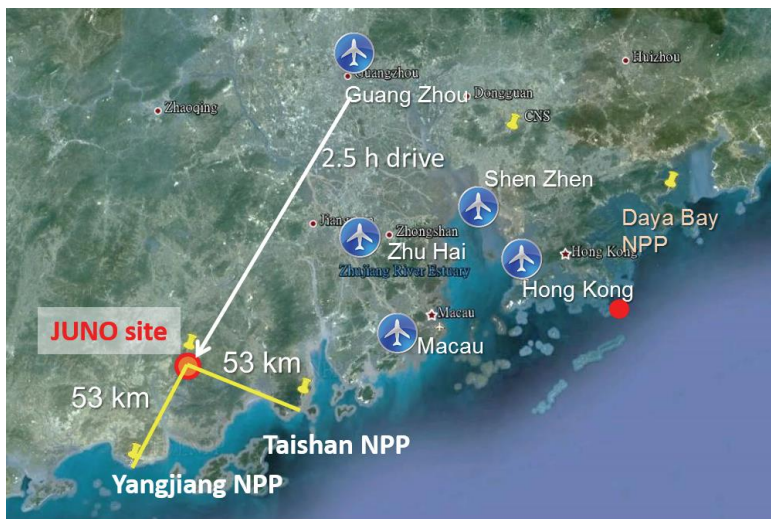
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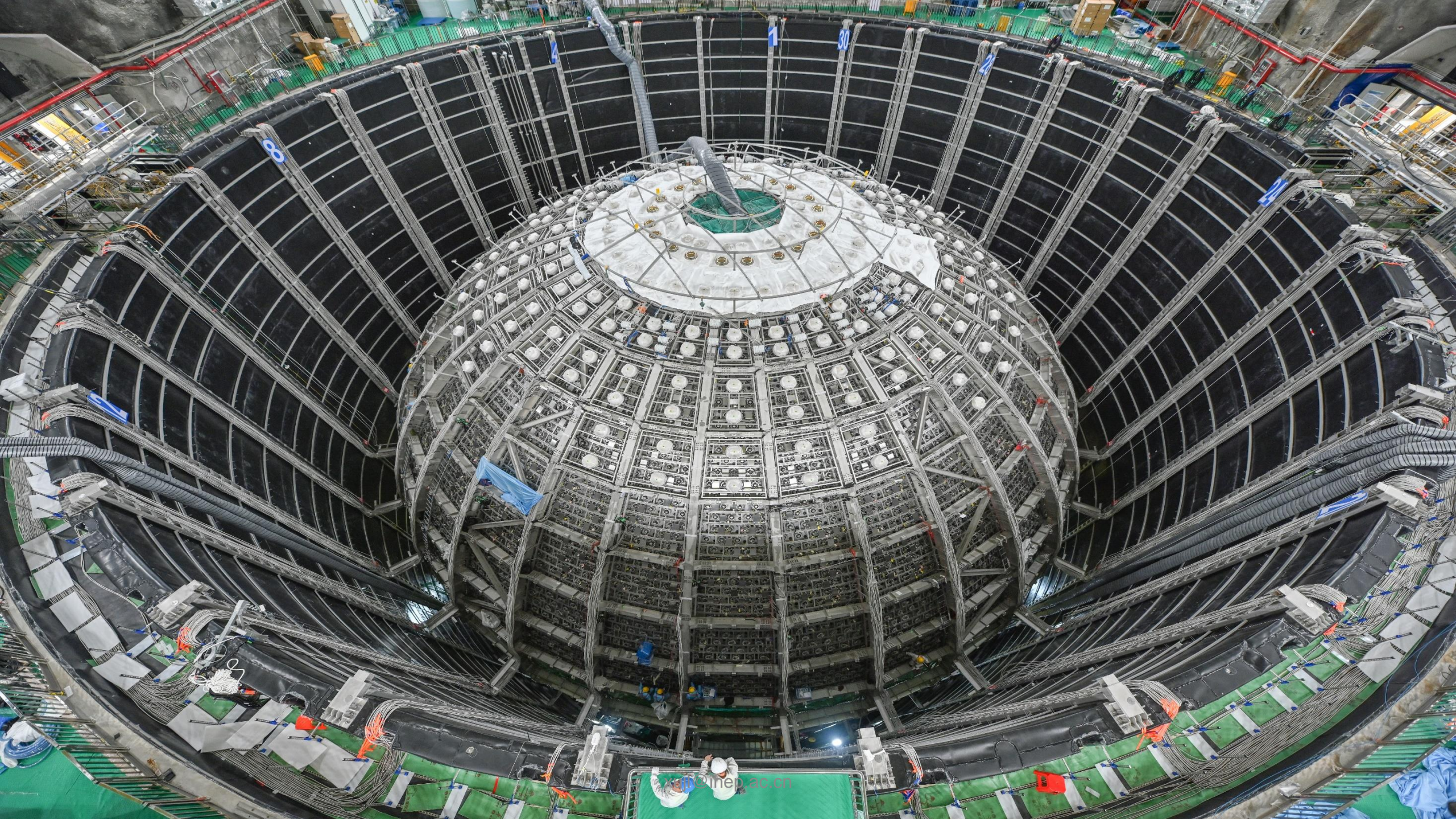
- **JUNO experiment introduction**
- **3-inch PMT (SPMT) system introduction**
- **Each part of SPMT system**
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 - **Instrumentation**
 - **Electronics**
 - **Installation**
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Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory

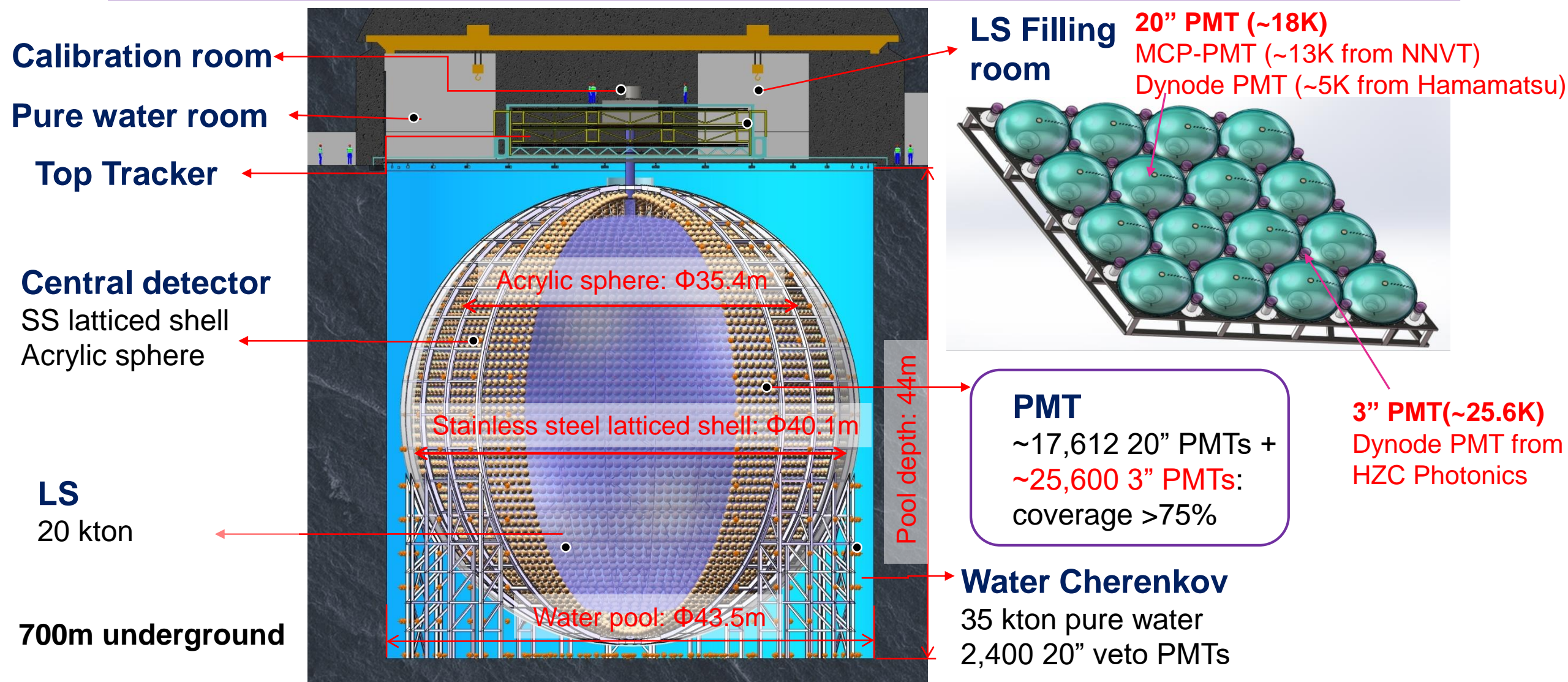


- Under construction in underground 700 m in southern of China,
- 20 kton liquid scintillator (LS), aimed to reach 3% @ 1 MeV energy resolution.
- Physics goals:
 - **Main:** Determine neutrino mass ordering by reactor antineutrino.
 - **Multipurpose:**
 - Measure solar neutrino oscillation with highest precision ($<1\%$).
 - Detect many neutrinos include Supernova neutrino, Geo-neutrino, solar neutrino,...
- Detector requirement: high transparency LS, high coverage of PMTs and low backgrounds.
- The most challenging design in the reactor neutrino experiments throughout the world.





JUNO detector



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China's new underground lab could answer long-standing neutrino mystery

Physicists hope to pin down relative neutrino mass and how they change "flavors" on the fly

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And industrial partners boosted the sensitivity of the 43,000 photomultiplier tubes arrayed around the sphere that detect the pulses. In a first, smaller tubes sit between larger tubes, enhancing the sensors.

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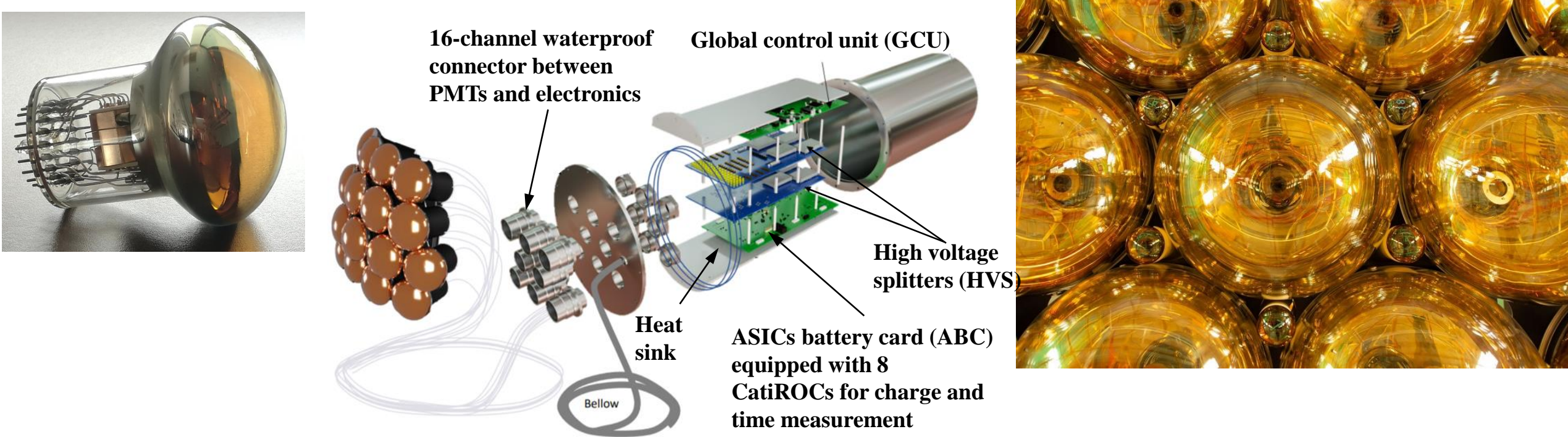


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KAIPING, CHINA—Some 700 meters beneath a hill here in the rural



SPMT system



- Calibrating charge non-linearity of LPMTs and their electronics.
- Aid for high-energy and high-rate events: muon, supernova neutrino.
- Semi-Independent measurement: $\theta_{12}, \Delta m_{21}^2$

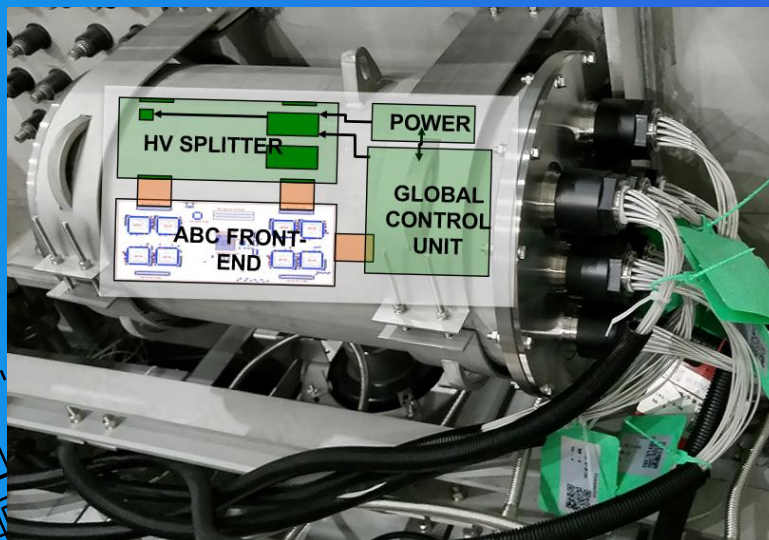
SPMT system

MAIN DAQ



SURFACE

Power Supply
Clock
Data



≈100m

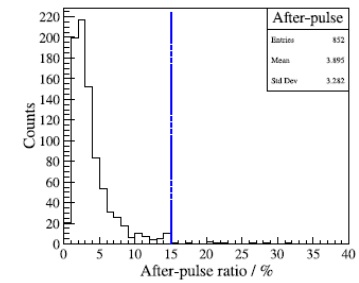
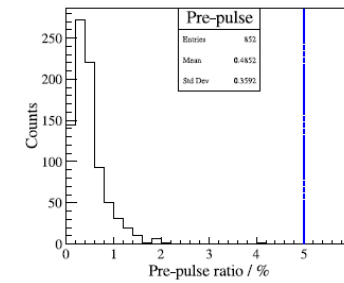
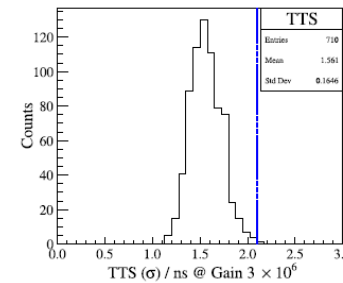
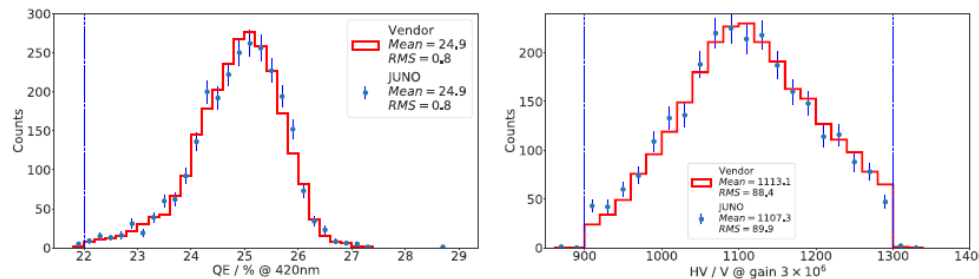
- **The whole system will be installed underwater at a maximum depth of ~40 m.**
- **Each group of 16 PMTs shares the same HV and threshold.**

SPMT Under Water Box

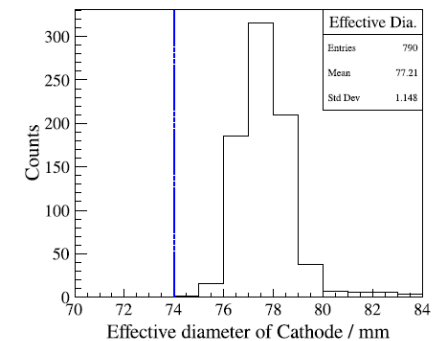
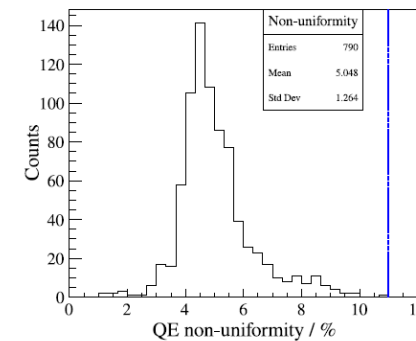
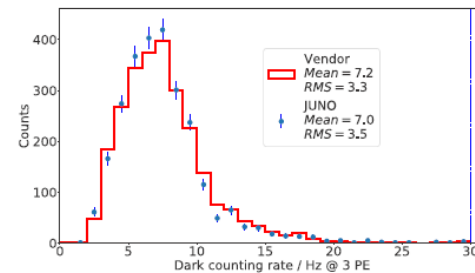
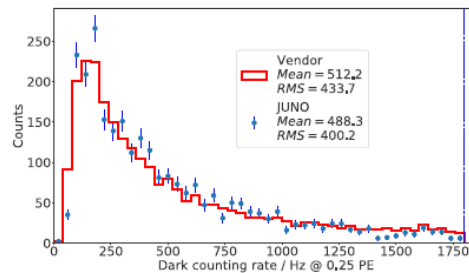
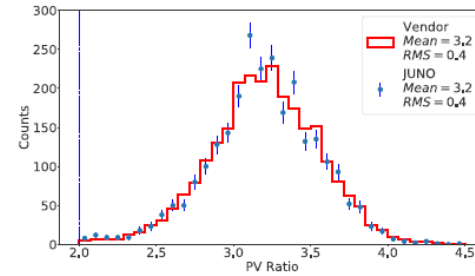
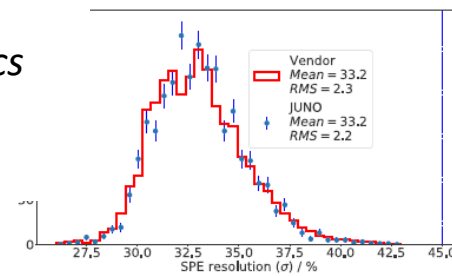
- 128 ch. PMTs,
- 8 connectors, 16PMTs/connector
- 8 High Voltage modules + 8 spares
- 2 High voltage splitter boards
- 1 Frond-End + digitalization Electronics (ABC)
- 1 Global Control Unit (GCU)

3-inch PMT production

- Mass production and water-proof potting finished
 - Hainan Zhanchuang Photonics Technology Co. (HZC)
- ~1-10% sampling test to confirm the parameters meet JUNO requirements.



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PMT instrumentation



Cable and
plug
production
(Axon)



Cable
sealing
(Pan Asia &
Dongguan)



PMT
soldering
(HZC)



PMT
potting
(HZC)



PMT
testing
(GXU)



JUNO
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- Had inspection at each step to have a good quality control.
 - visual check
 - HV test, water-proofing test, signal test.
 - Finished production and testing.

Cable and Connector

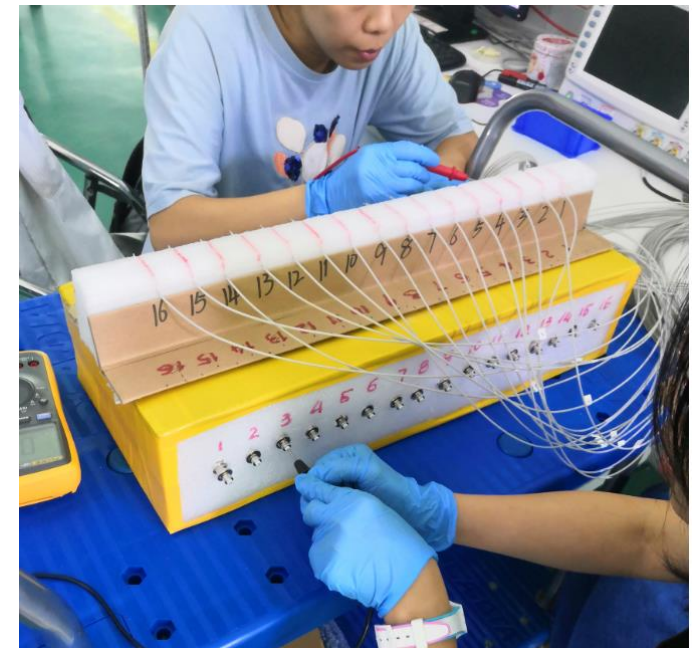
- Custom-made for JUNO by AXON
- Everything goes well:
 - Electrical performance, water proofing, Long term stability, radiopurity,...
- Finished mass production



Cable production

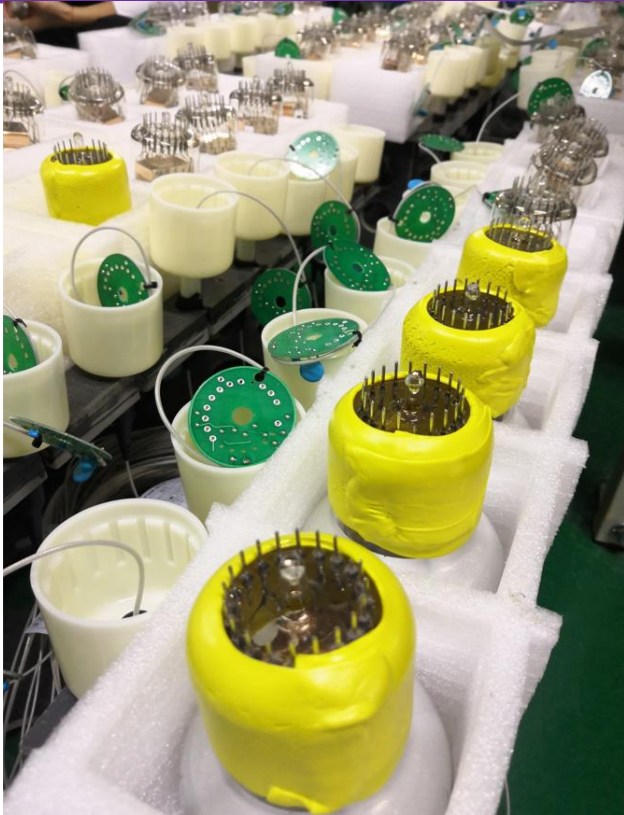


Cable and connector pressure



Cable electrical test

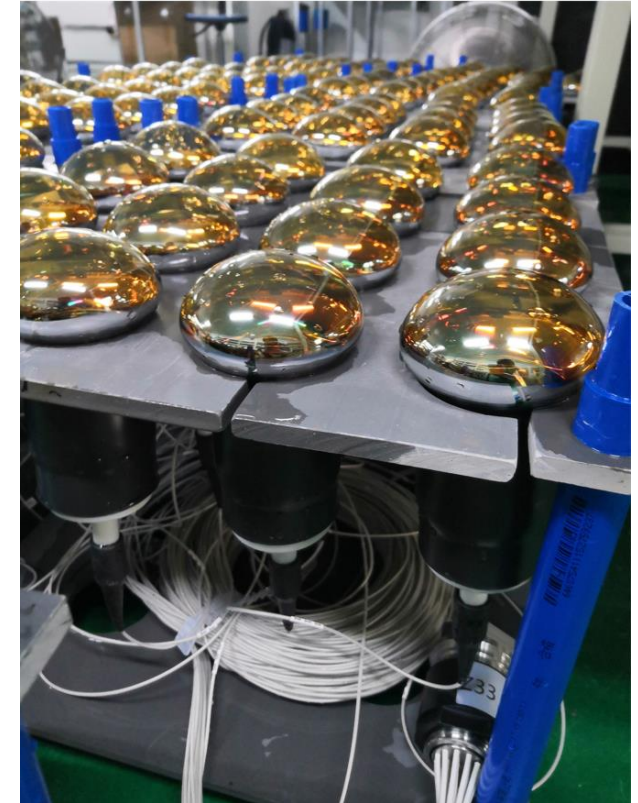
PMT potting and water pressure test



Bare pmt potting



Water pressure test in tank

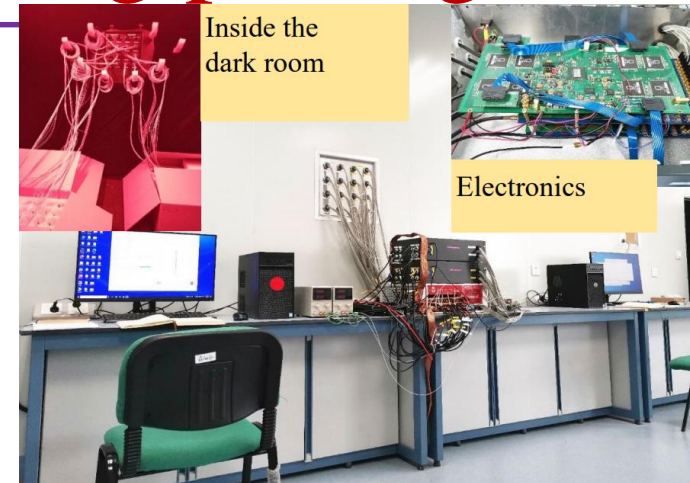


Drying after pressure

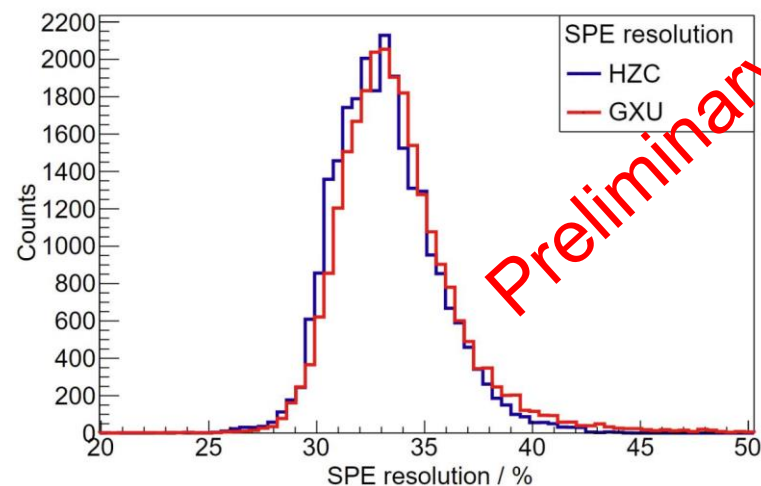
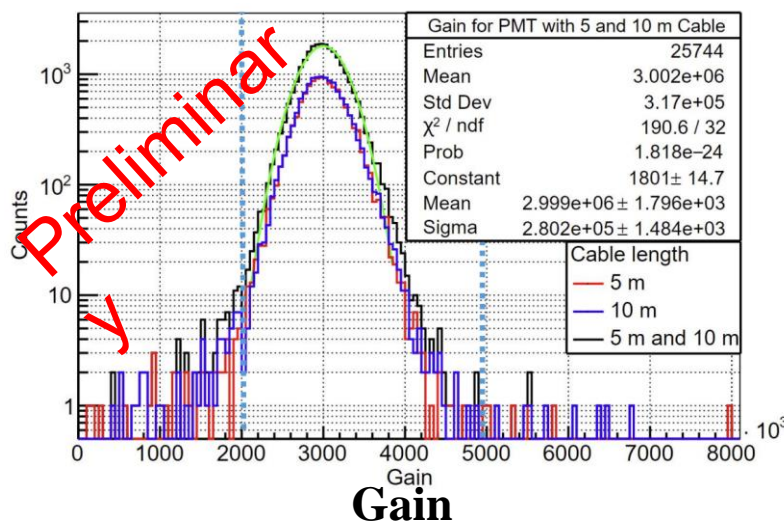
- 10% PMTs was selected to do water tank pressure test.

Acceptance tests after water-proofing potting

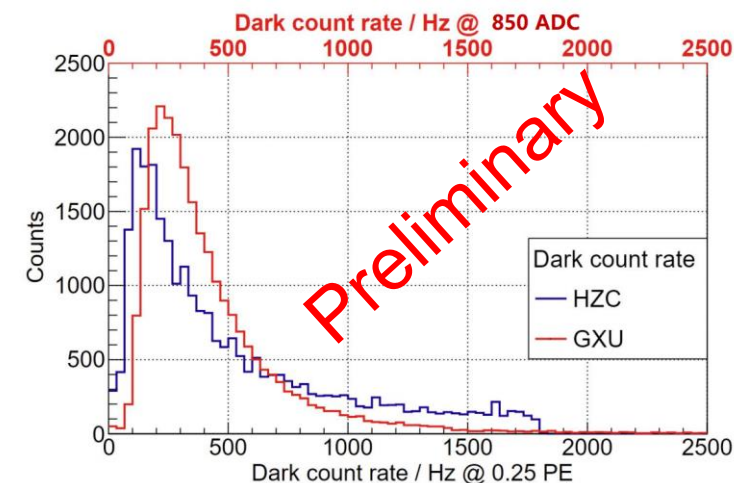
- Acceptance test finished in Guangxi University (GXU).
- Unqualified ratio < 0.7%
- Gain spread ~ 10%, mean SPE resolution ~33%, mean dark rate ~400 Hz



Test station at GXU

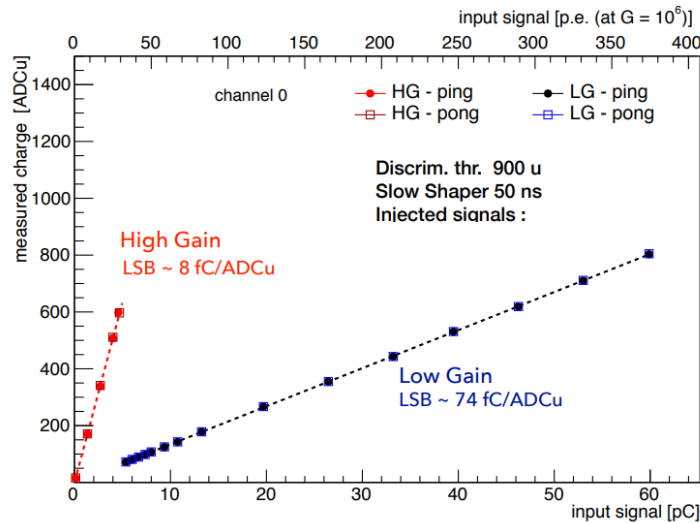


Single photon electron (SPE) resolution



Dark count rate

CATIROC and ABC



Range of operation :

160 fC - 70 pC
(1 - 400 p.e. @ $G = 10^6$)

Saturation:

~ 7 pC (HG), ~70 (LG)

Calibration for each channel,
ping/pong and HG/LG separately:

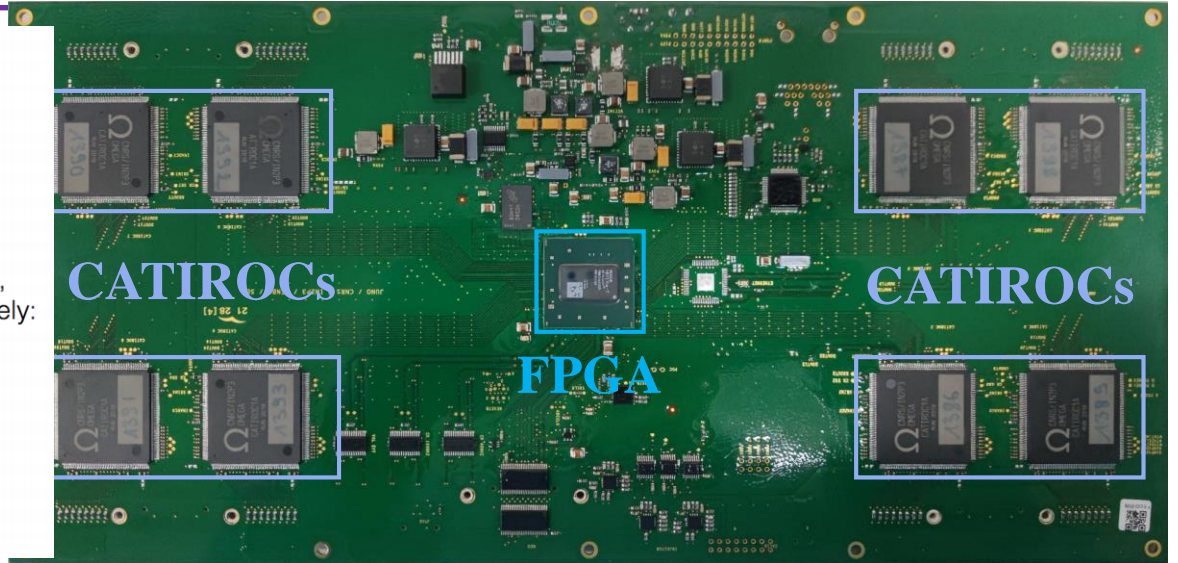
HG: ~ 8 fC/ADCu

LG: ~ 70 fC/ADCu

Charge resolution:

2 ADCu (HG) ~ 0.1 p.e.

1 ADCu (LG) ~ 1 p.e.



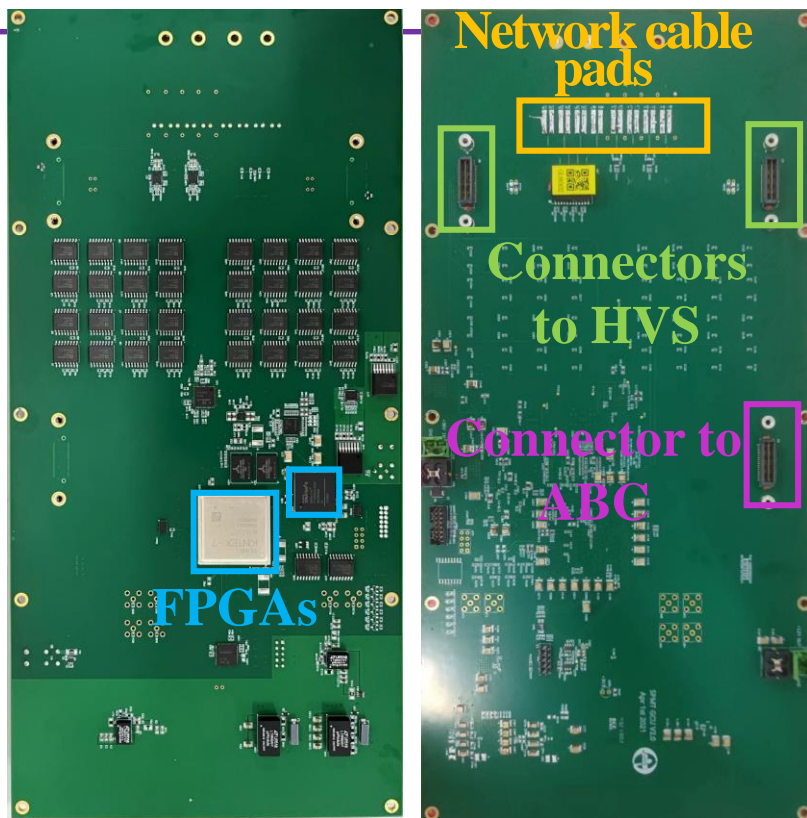
Charge measurement method of CATIROC

ABC board

Conforti S , Settimo M,et al., 2021 JINST 16 P05010.

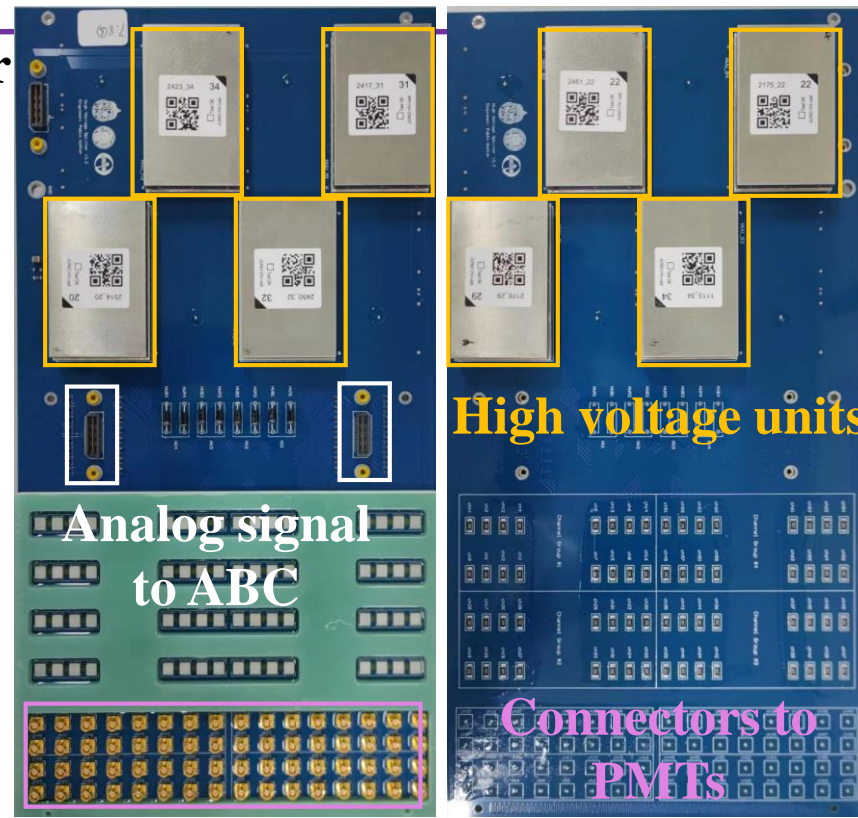
- 8 CATIROCs on one ASICs Battery Card (ABC) for 8 groups of PMTs
- CATIROC is an ASIC to analyze signals from PMTs and output time and charge data.
- The dynamic range using both the low and high gain regimes is from 0 to ~120 PE.
- Noise of high gain is about 2 ADCu, which correspond to 0.015 pC and 0.03 p.e. for a gain of 3×10^6

HVS and GCU



GCU board

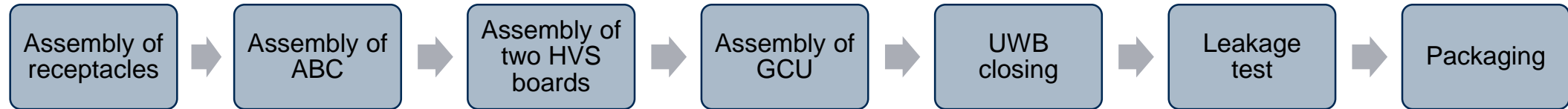
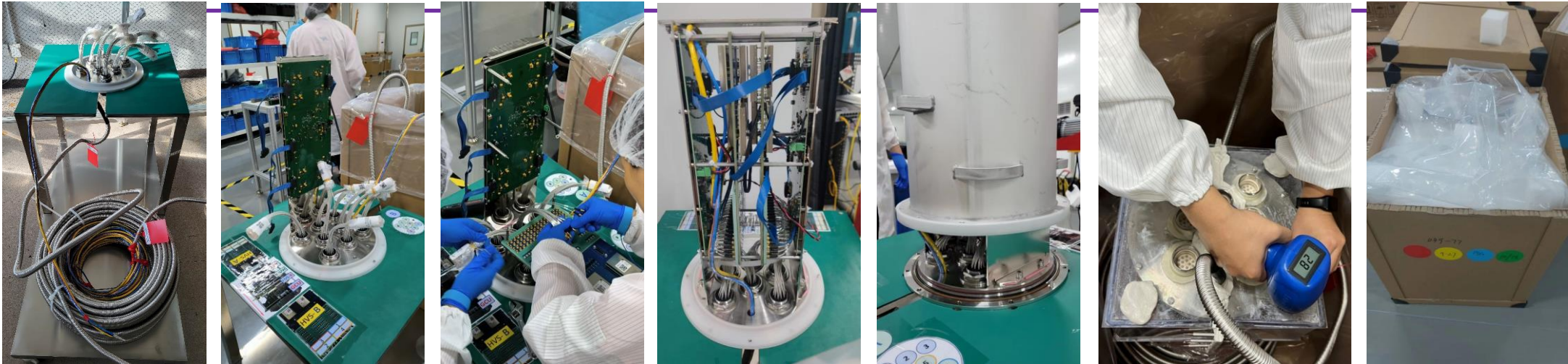
Connector
to GCU



HVS board

- High Voltage splitter (HVS): supply high voltage and split signal
- Global Control Unit (GCU): control and transfer data to DAQ

Electronics integration



SPMT electronics integration procedure

- **200+4 spare sets of electronics have been integrated in clean room at JUNO site.**
- **Mass integration finished (2022.9-2023.4)**
- **Visual inspect and Electrical test at each step, finally SF6 pressure for leakage test and total signal function test by PMT dark noise.**

PMT installation



Install support



Install PMT



Install Light Barrier

Module

MID:
GJ-N57-06(3/6)
PID:
N-057-020.5-U
CID: 12



QR code on installation
position

SPMT

MID:
GJ-N57-06(3/6)
PID:
N-57-020.5-U
CID: 12 Type: L



QR code on PMT

- Starts in Nov. 2022
- 60-80 PMTs/day were installed by one group of 3 workers.
- **9280/25600 (~36%)** PMTs were installed
- QR codes to make sure correct installation position.

Electronics installation



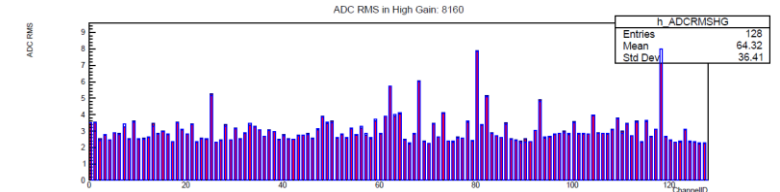
Hoist UWB+arrange bellows



Install UWB



Connect SPMTs to UWB



Pedestal test after installation



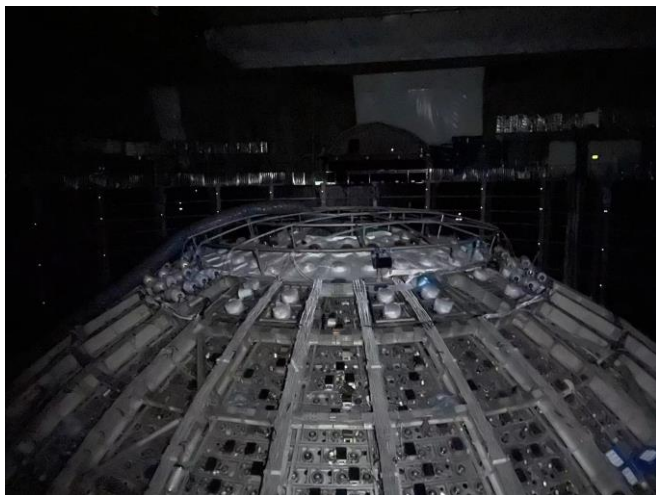
Air negative pressure test

- Starts in March 2023.
- Installation speed is ~25-30 UWBs/day by 9 workers.
- Currently **56/200 (~28%)** UWBs were installed.
- After installation, all the UWBs were passed the pedestal and air pressure tests.

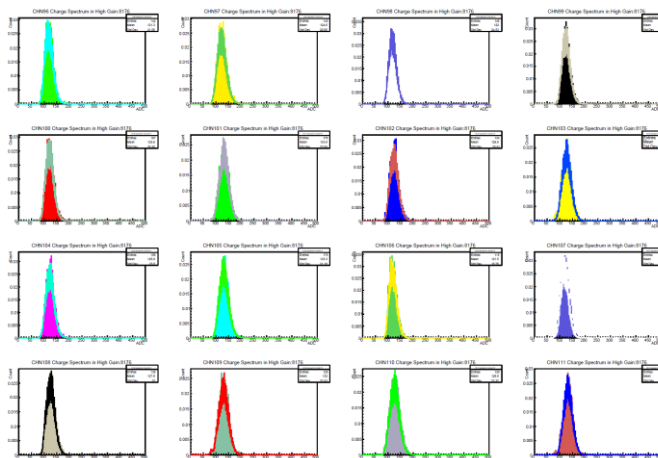
Lights-off tests



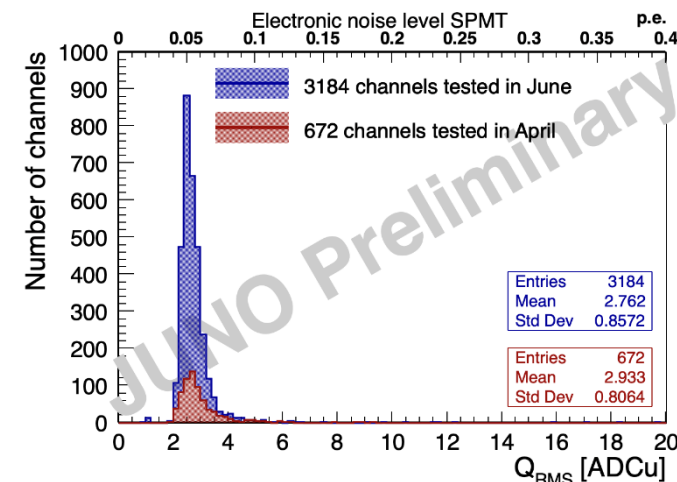
Operate in electronics room



JUNO detector with lights off



Charge spectra of one group of 16 SPMTs



Noise on detector

- Turn off all lights in experimental hall, to test check pmt status and the whole chain.
- 30 UWBs with 3184 PMTs were tested during three dedicated lights-off tests.
- Electronics noise of SPMT is **2.8 ADC** counts, **~5% of SPE**
→ Much lower than the trigger threshold of 1/3 p.e.
- Problematic cables (~1/1000) were identified and repaired.

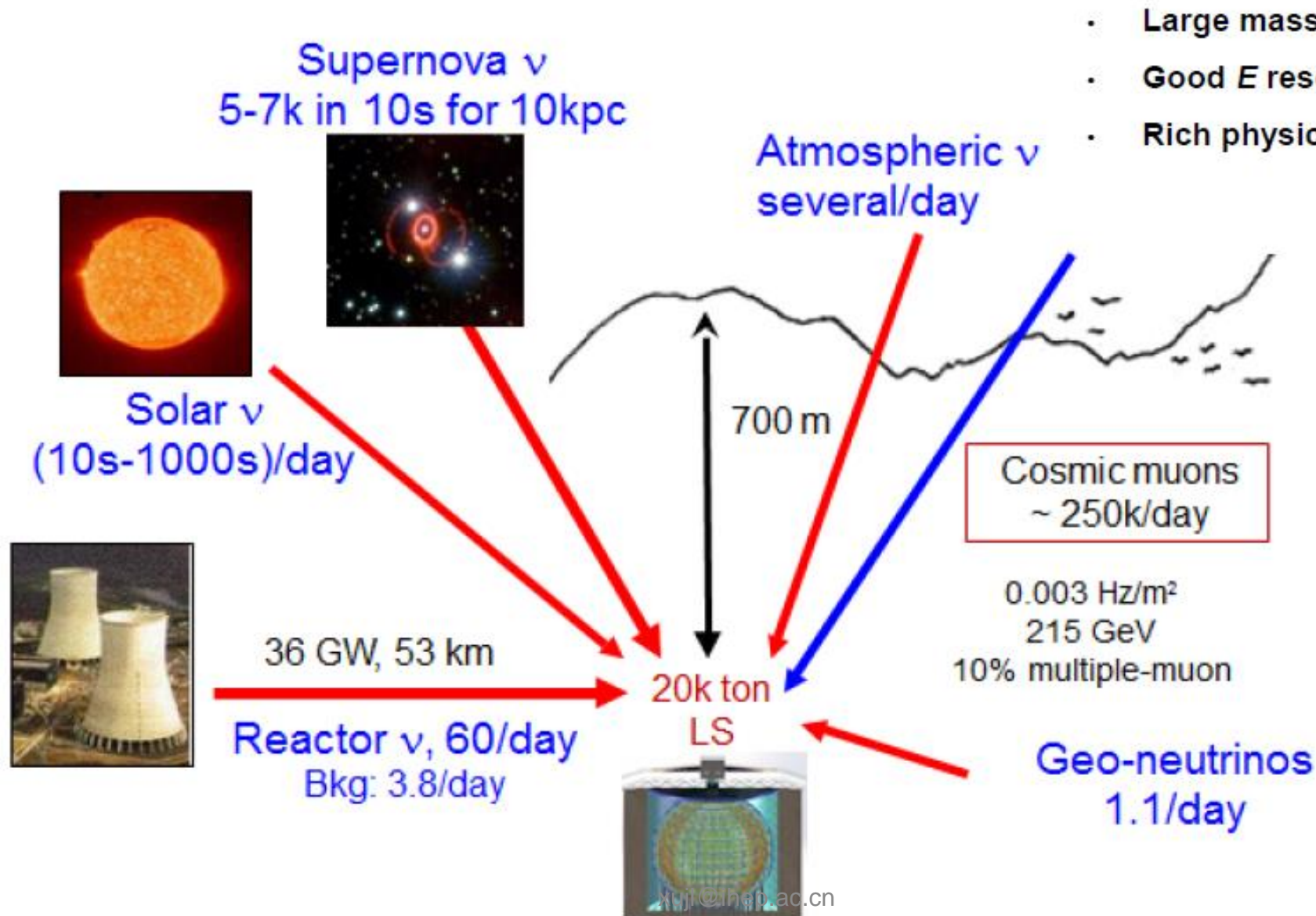
Summary

- **~26k channels of 3-inch PMTs and electronics were produced and integrated.**
- **Currently ~1/3 PMTs and ~1/4 electronics have been installed.**
- **Three times lights-off tests have been conducted with ~0.1% problematic channels identified and repaired.**
- **Installation of PMTs and electronics to be completed by early 2024.**



•Thanks!

Back up



- Large mass (20 kt)
- Good E resolution (3%)
- Rich physics potentials

SPMT system

- 3" PMT
- High Voltage divider
- Potting
- Cable
- Connector
- Under Water Box
- ABC board
- Splitter board

