

Testing methods for large 20-inch PMTs of the JUNO experiment

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The 20kt liquid scintillator JUNO (Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory) detector is being built by the International collaboration in China with the primary goal to answer the question of neutrino mass ordering (hierarchy). The main JUNO challenge is to achieve an extreme energy resolution ~3% at 1MeV, which is vital to perform mass hierarchy measurement. About 80% light detection coverage in JUNO detector is achieved by ~20'000 large 20" PMTs with high photon detection efficiency (PDE) and good uniformity parameters.









- P/V ratio > 2.5
- Dark rate < 50 kHz

About 5% of PMTs will be tested more precisely by 4 scanning stations. This instrument allows studying distribution of the PMT characteristics (PDE, Gain, P/V ratio, magnetic field sensitivity etc) along the photocathode.

Latest design of CD



PMT lab building



1. Light insulation 2. Red & white light 3. Electromagnetic shielding 4. Reduction of the Earth magnetic field (>10 times) 5. HV-off system 6. Climate system



Scanning system

1. Rotating frame scanning whole azimuth with precision < 1 deg. 2. Support rotation allows to perform measurements in different Earth and residual magnetic fields directions 3. Base rotation 360 deg.

All of 20 000 PMTs will be tested by 4 containers. Each container allows checking 36 PMTs simultaneously.





Each drawer provides reproducible plane-uniform light field. Allows easy to replace the PMT.







MAGNETIC SHIELDING

- Multi-layer soft Si-iron, aluminum
- Installation completed in August 2016
- Shielding factor better than 10 (one box needed additional shielding)



MAGNETIC FIELD SENSITIVITY



Conclusions

To ensure proper characteristics of 20 000 large (20"-diameter) PMTs for JUNO neutrino detector, special test equipment was designed and constructed:

- 36-PMT Test container which allows measuring all necessary integral characteristics of PMTs
- Single PMT Scanning system for measuring differential parameters along photocathode