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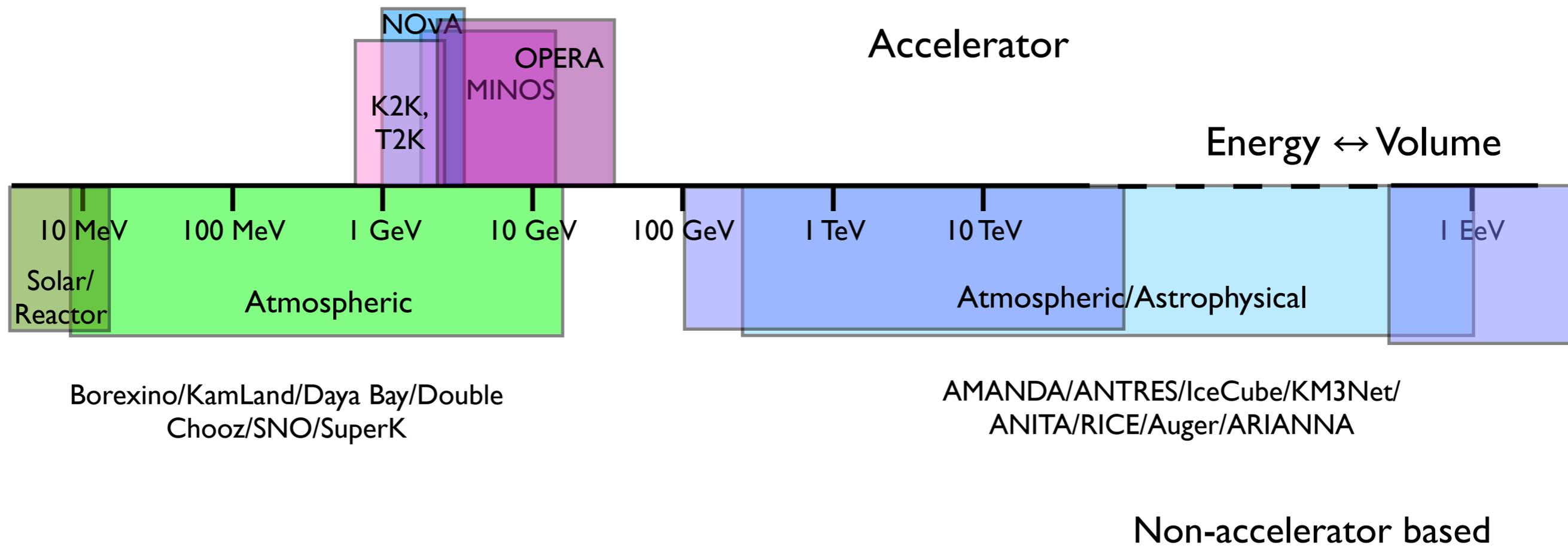
IceCube - DeepCore - PINGU

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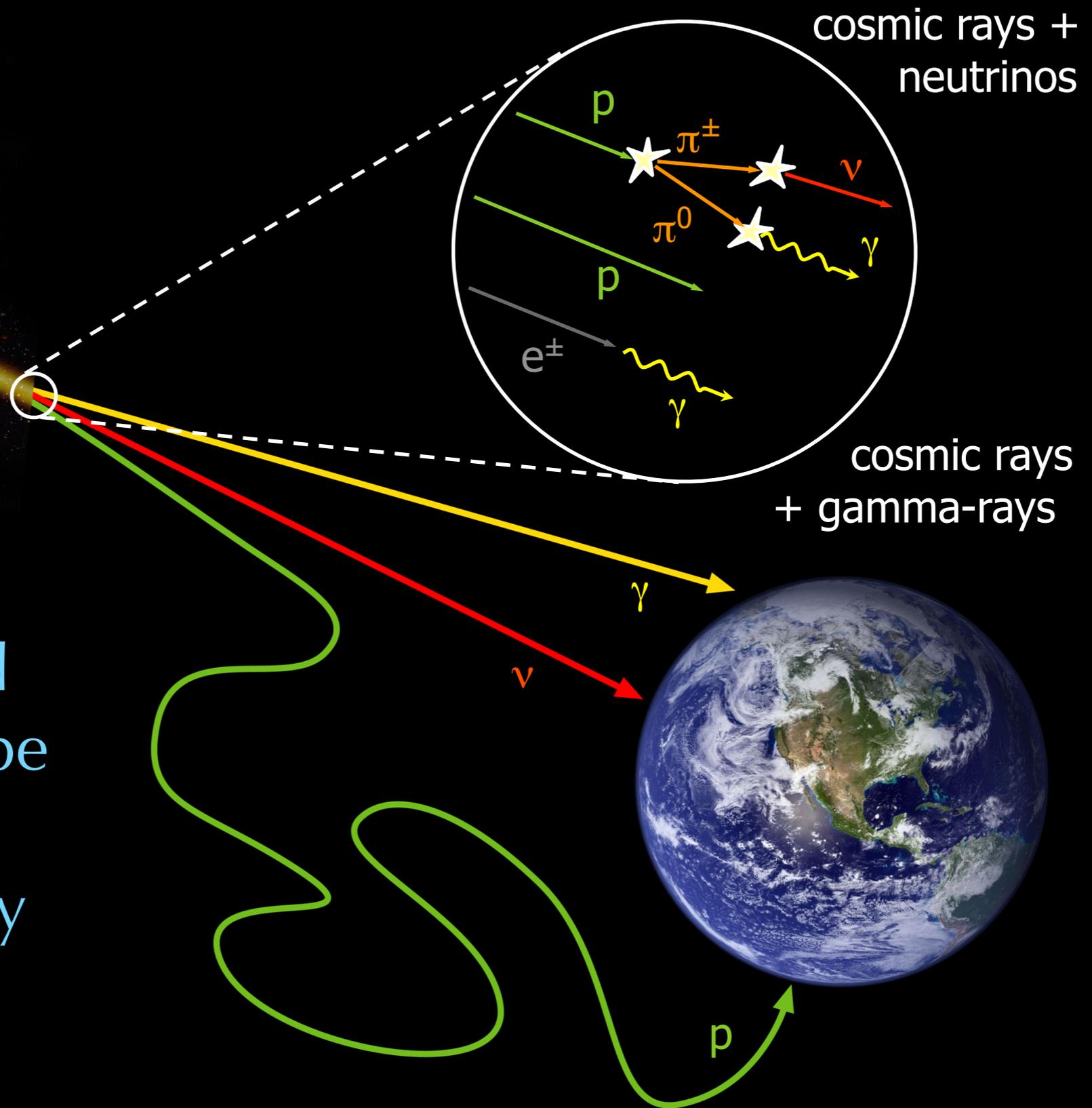


The Neutrino Detector Spectrum



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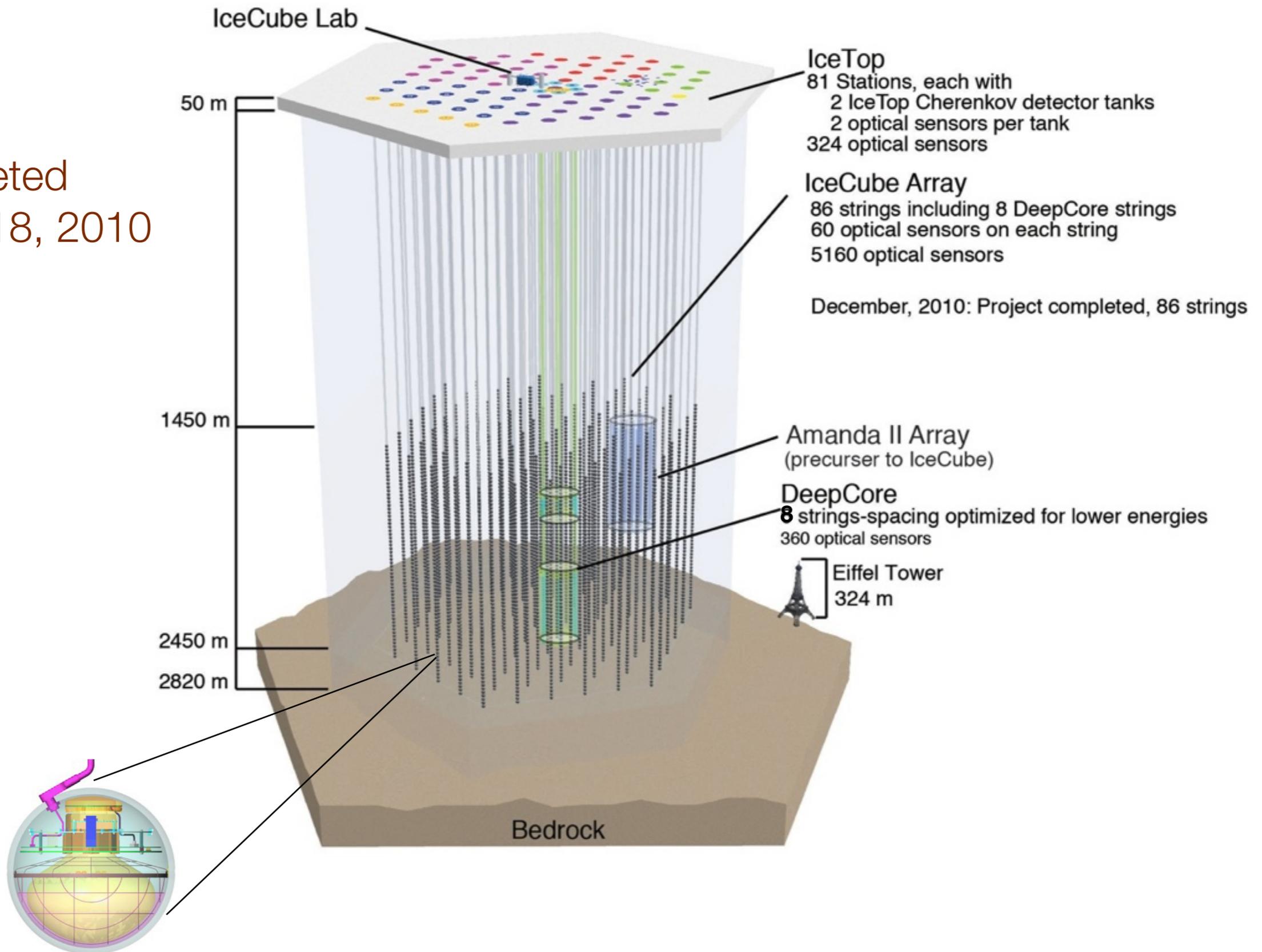
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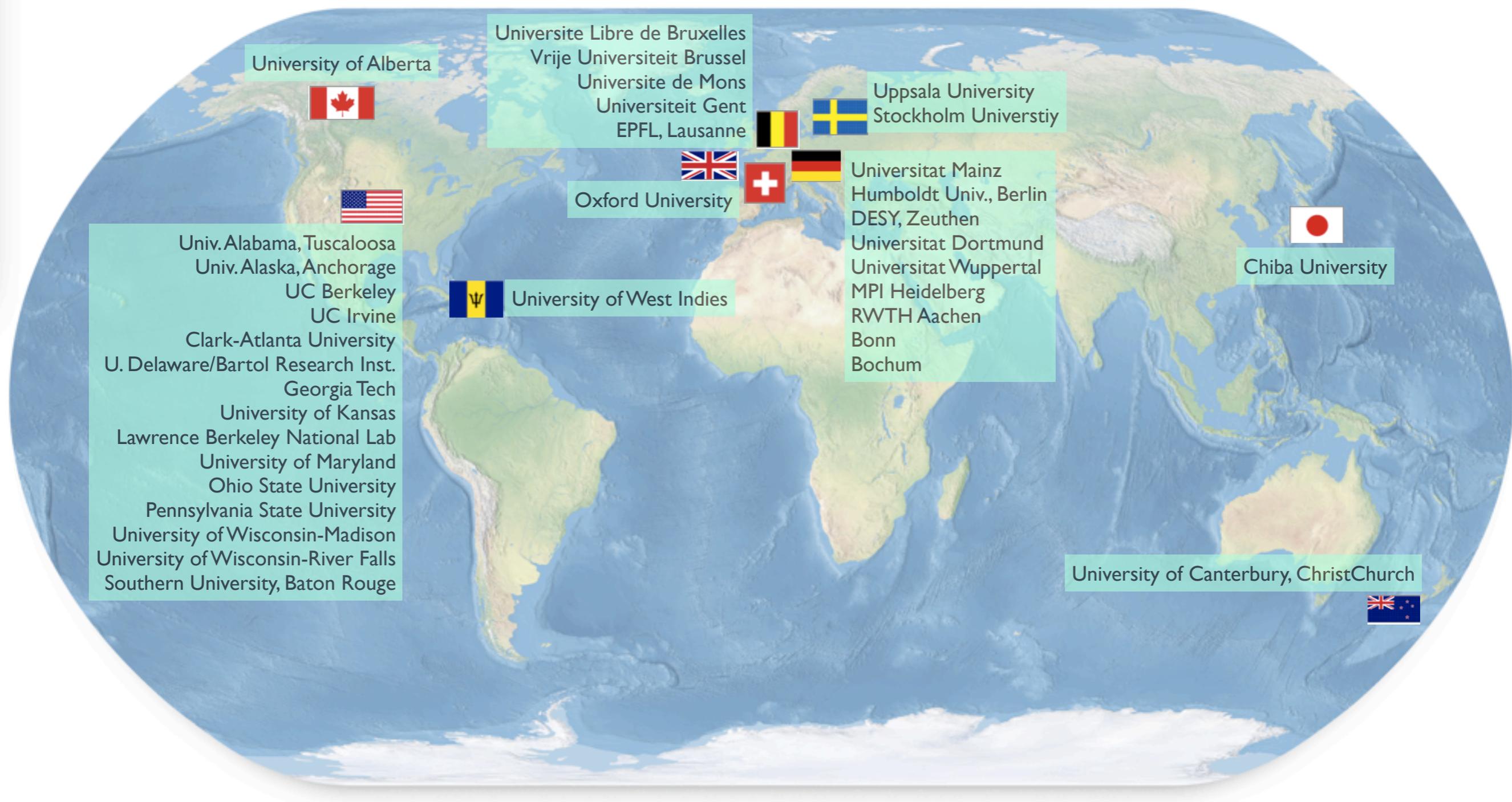


Gamma rays and
neutrinos should be
produced at the
sites of cosmic ray
acceleration

The IceCube Neutrino Observatory

Completed
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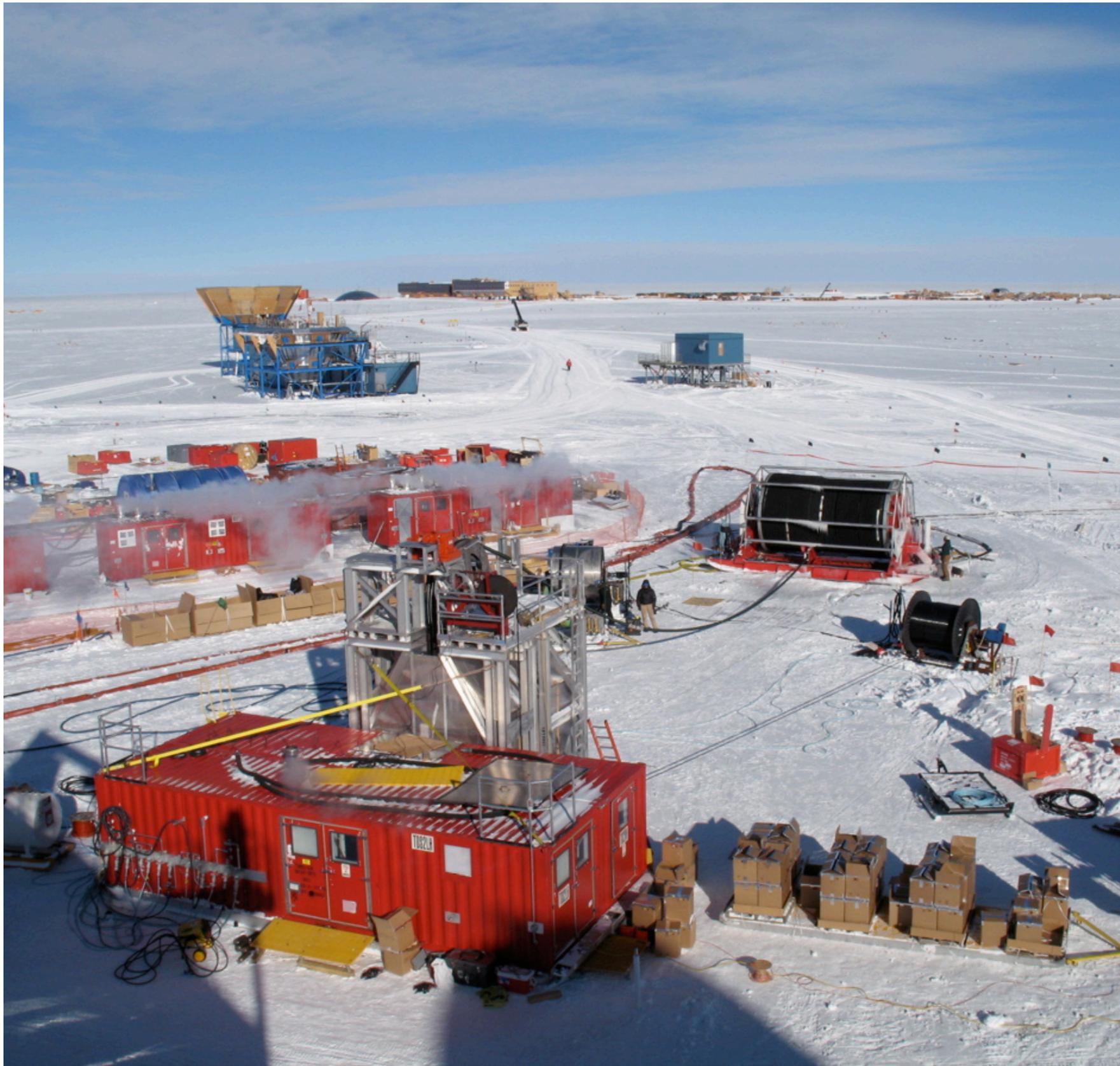
The IceCube Collaboration

36 institutions - 4 continents - ~250 Physicists

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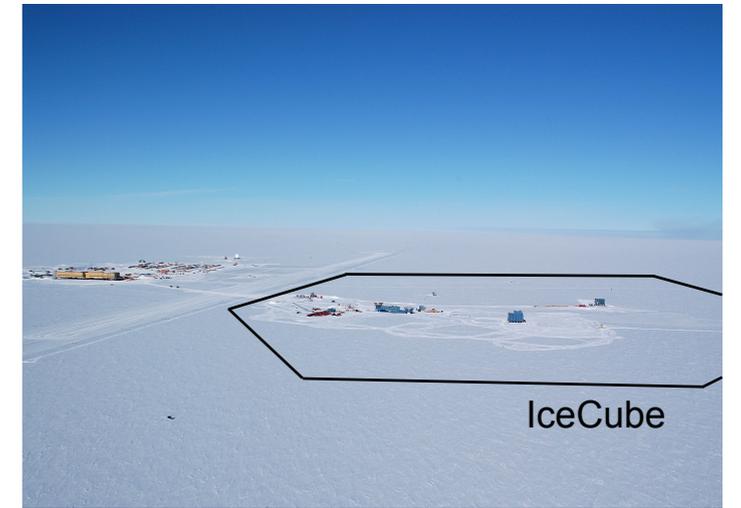
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Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica

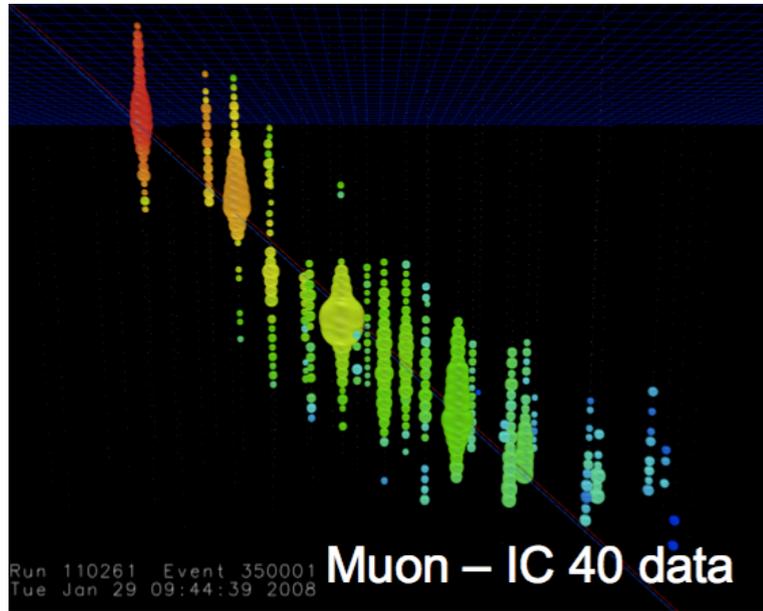
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Neutrino Telescopes - Principle of Detection

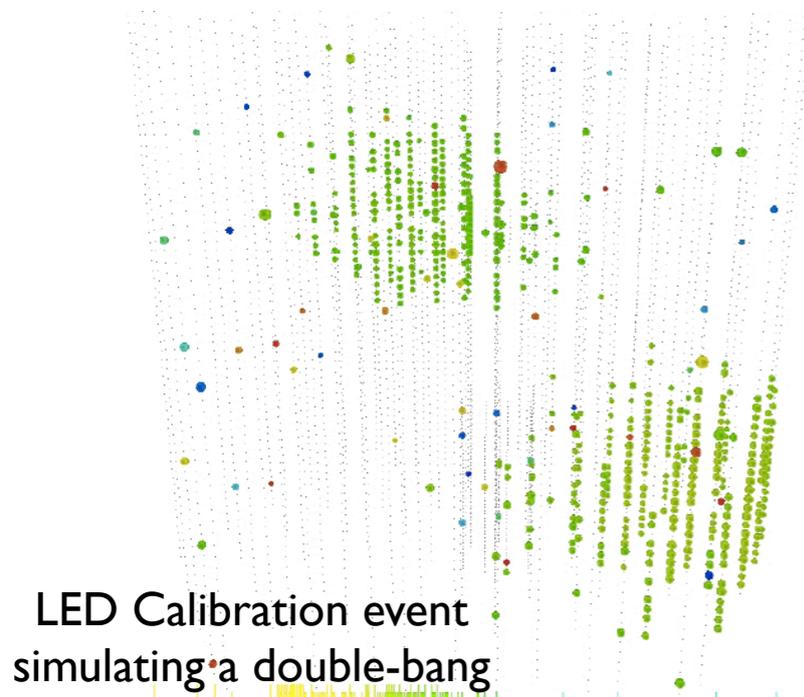


Tracks:

- through-going muons
- pointing resolution $\sim 1^\circ$

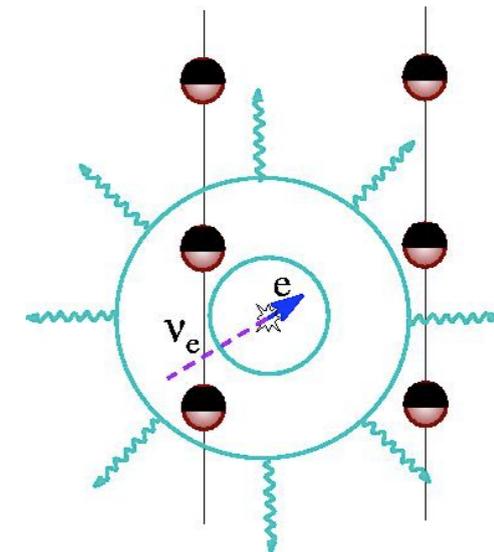
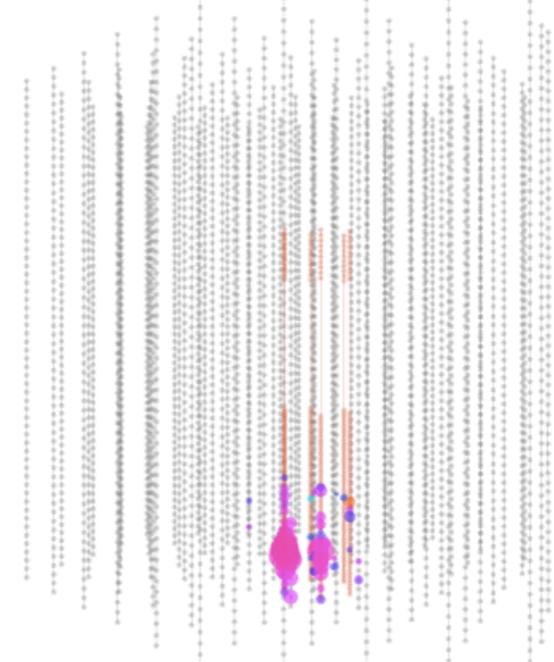
Cascades:

- Neutral current for all flavors
- Charged current for ν_e and low-E ν_τ
- Energy resolution $\sim 10\%$ in $\log(E)$



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Candidate IC79 Cascade



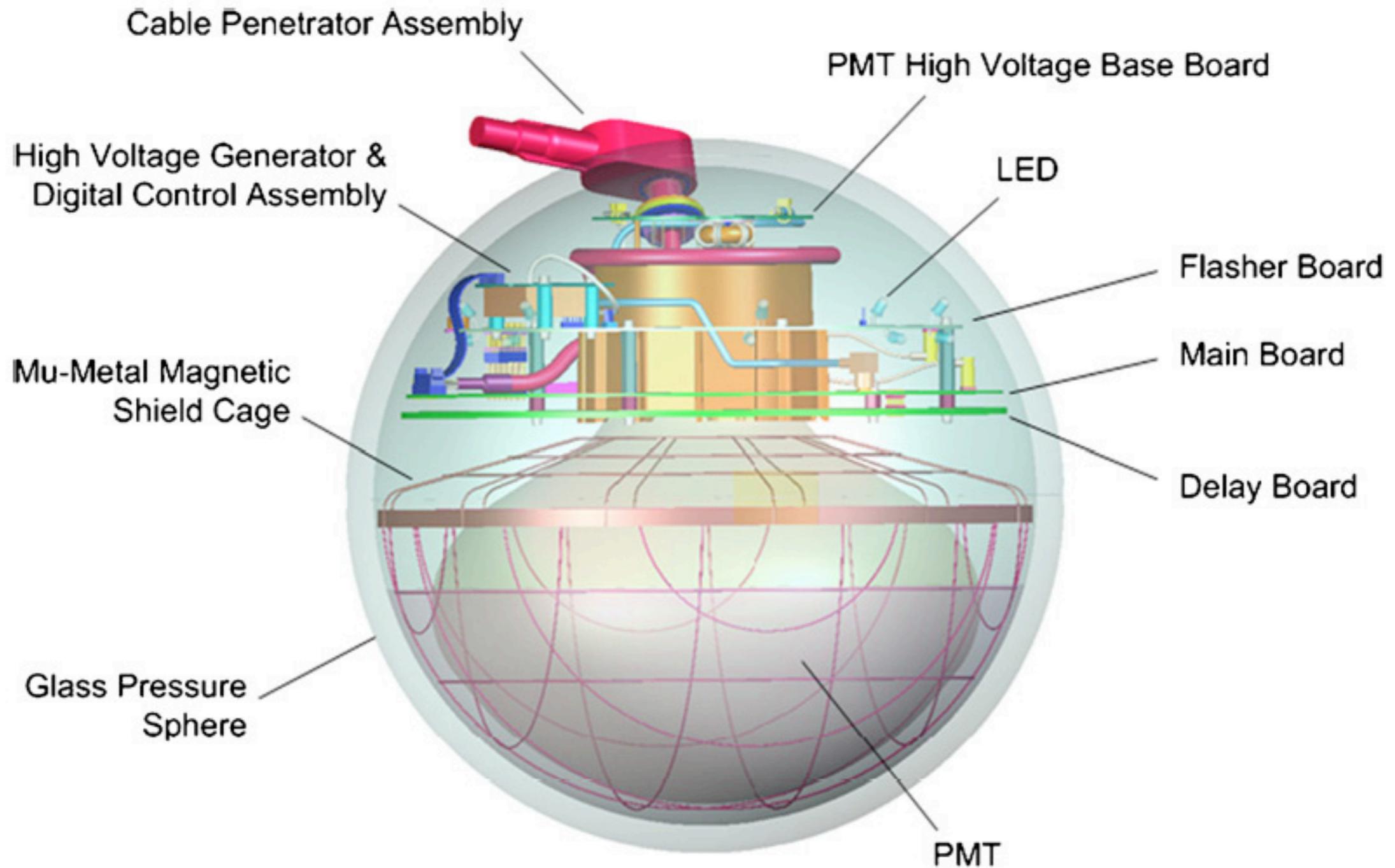
Composites:

- Starting tracks
- high-E ν_τ (Double Bangs)
- Good directional and energy resolution

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The Digital Optical Module (DOM)



IceCube Performance Parameters

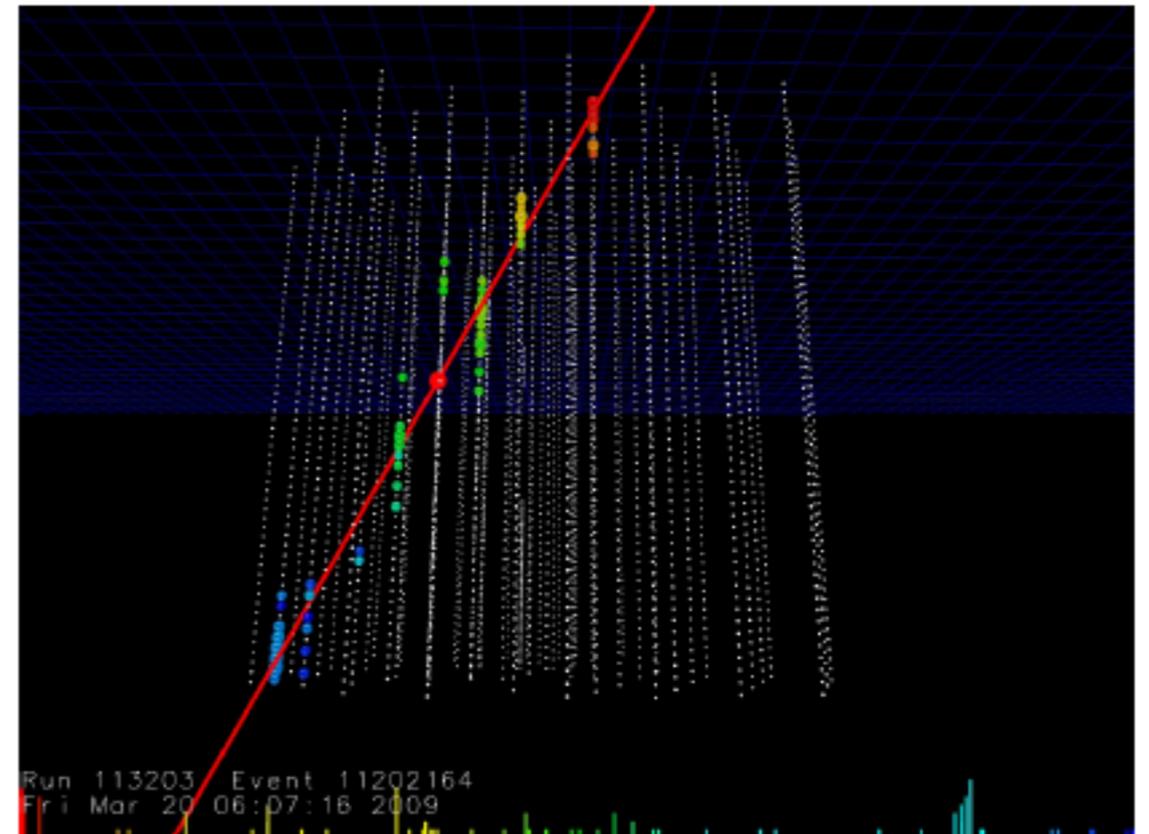
DOM Level

- time resolution
- charge response
- noise behavior
- reliability



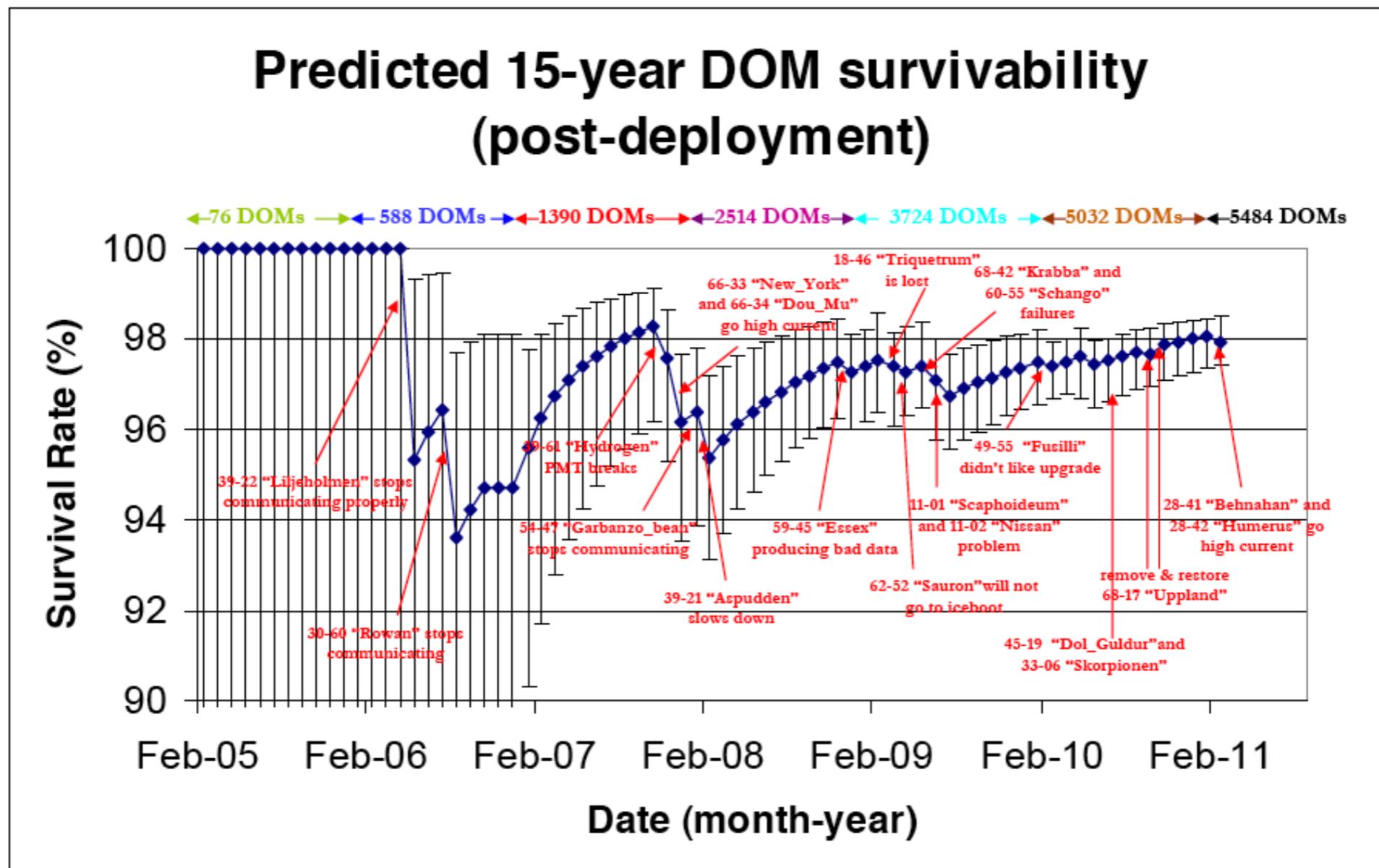
Detector level

- angular resolution
- energy resolution
- final sensitivity



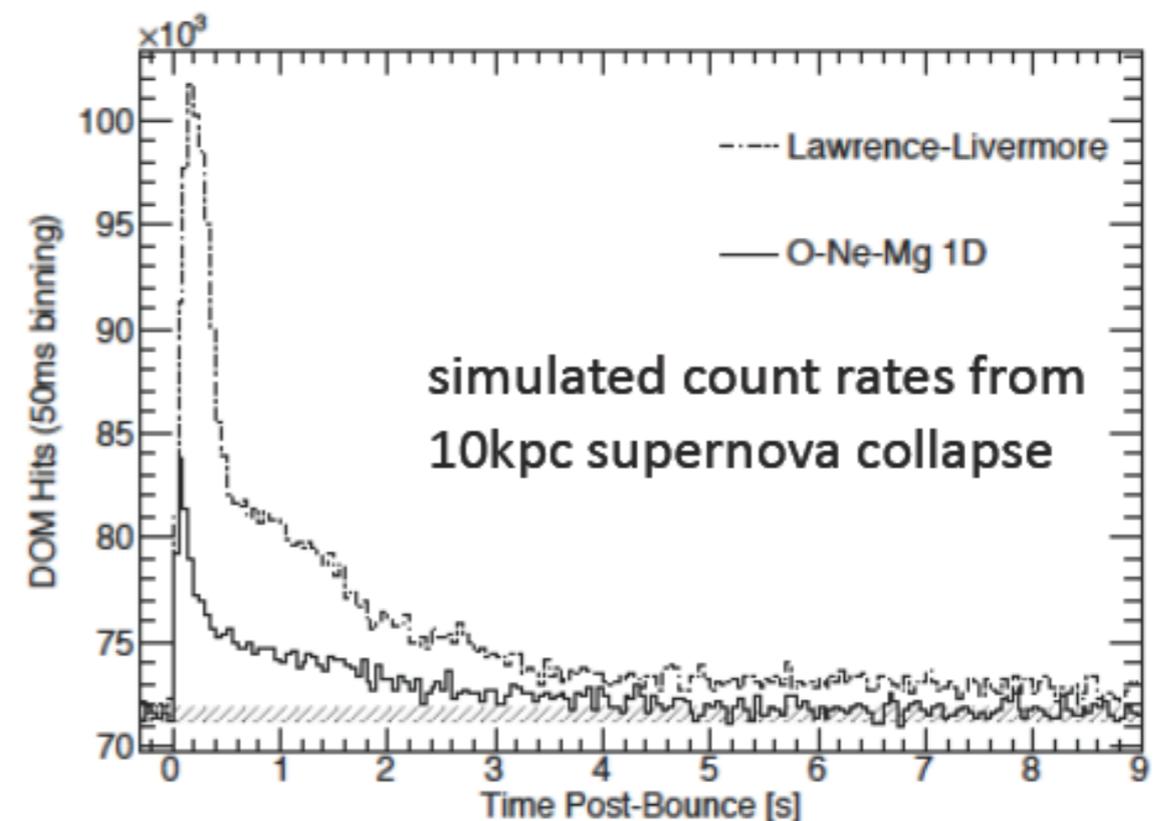
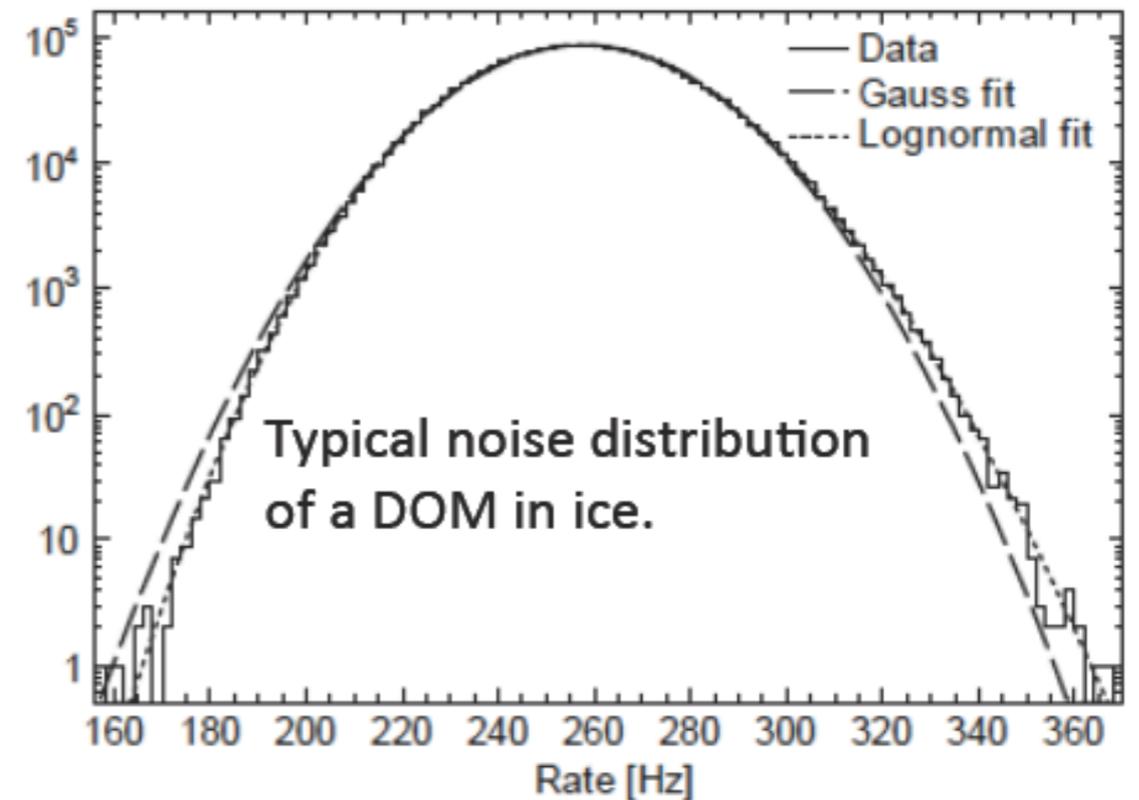
DOM Reliability

- ~14k years accumulated lifetime as of April 2011.
- 84 lost DOMs (fail commissioning) during deployments and freeze-in
- 19 lost DOMs after successful freeze-in and commissioning.



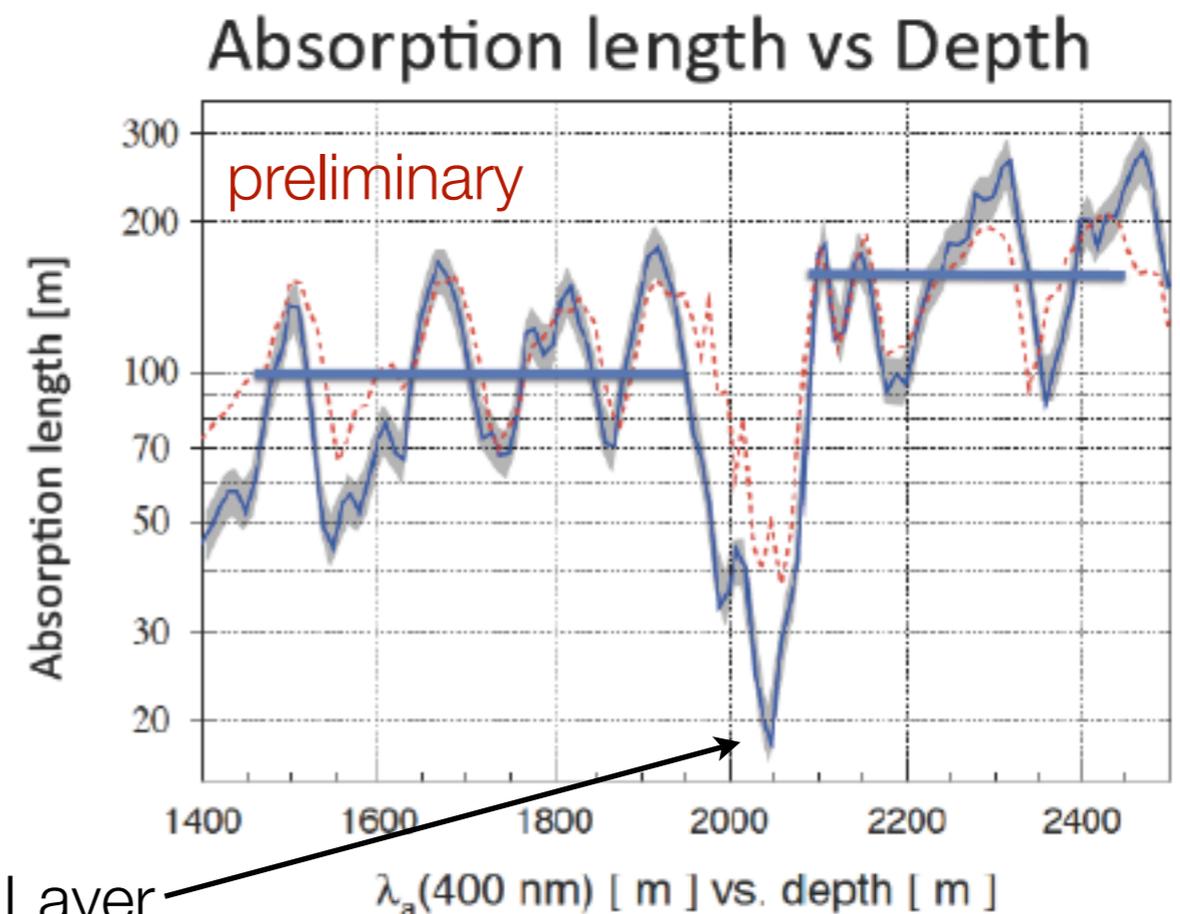
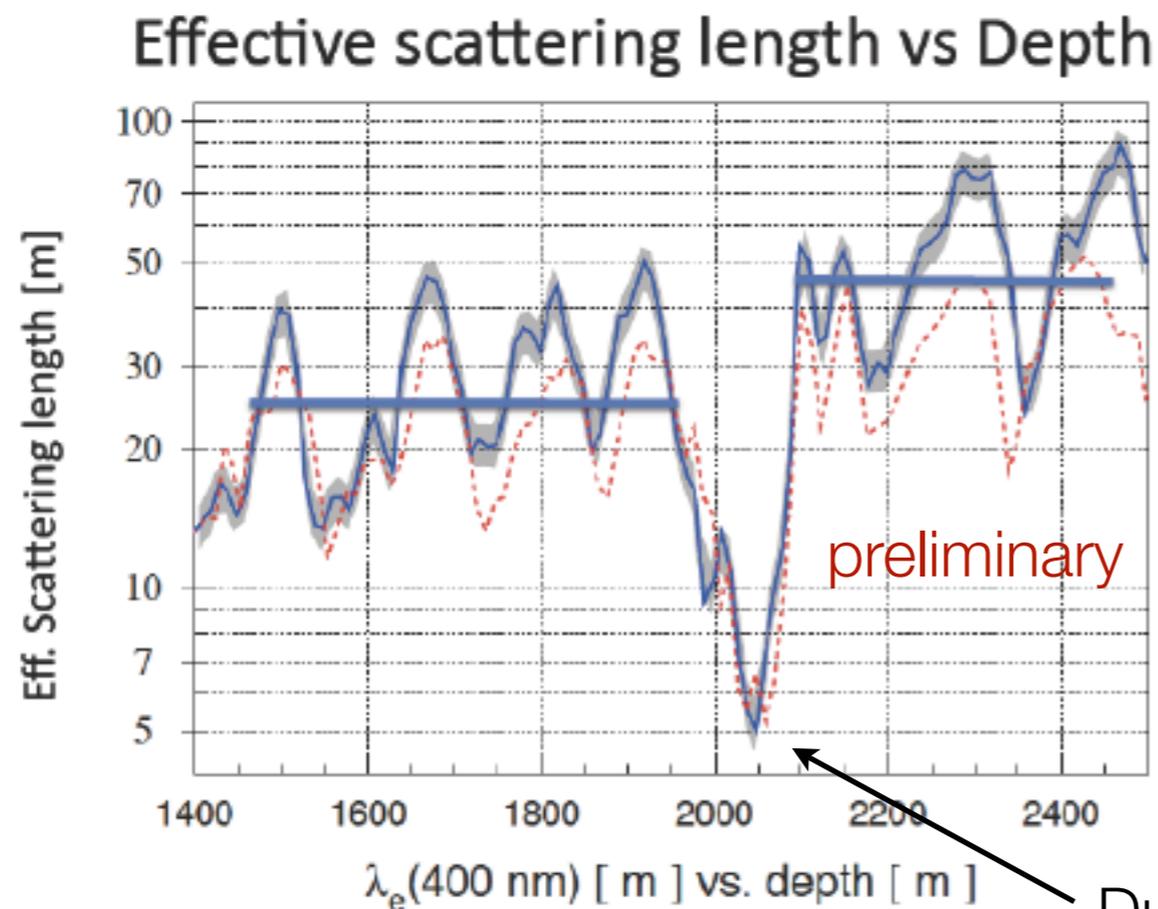
DOM Dark Noise

- Use of low-radioactivity glass for the pressure spheres and good PMT characteristics = very low noise rates.
- Average rate/sensor (including dead-time) = 286 Hz
- Sensor noise is stable and as expected. (Gaussian timing distribution is due to correlated hits from single DOM radioactivity and fluorescence in the glass and from multi-DOM cosmic-ray muons.)
- This is a critical parameter for high resolution of neutrino emission time profile of a galactic supernova core collapse.



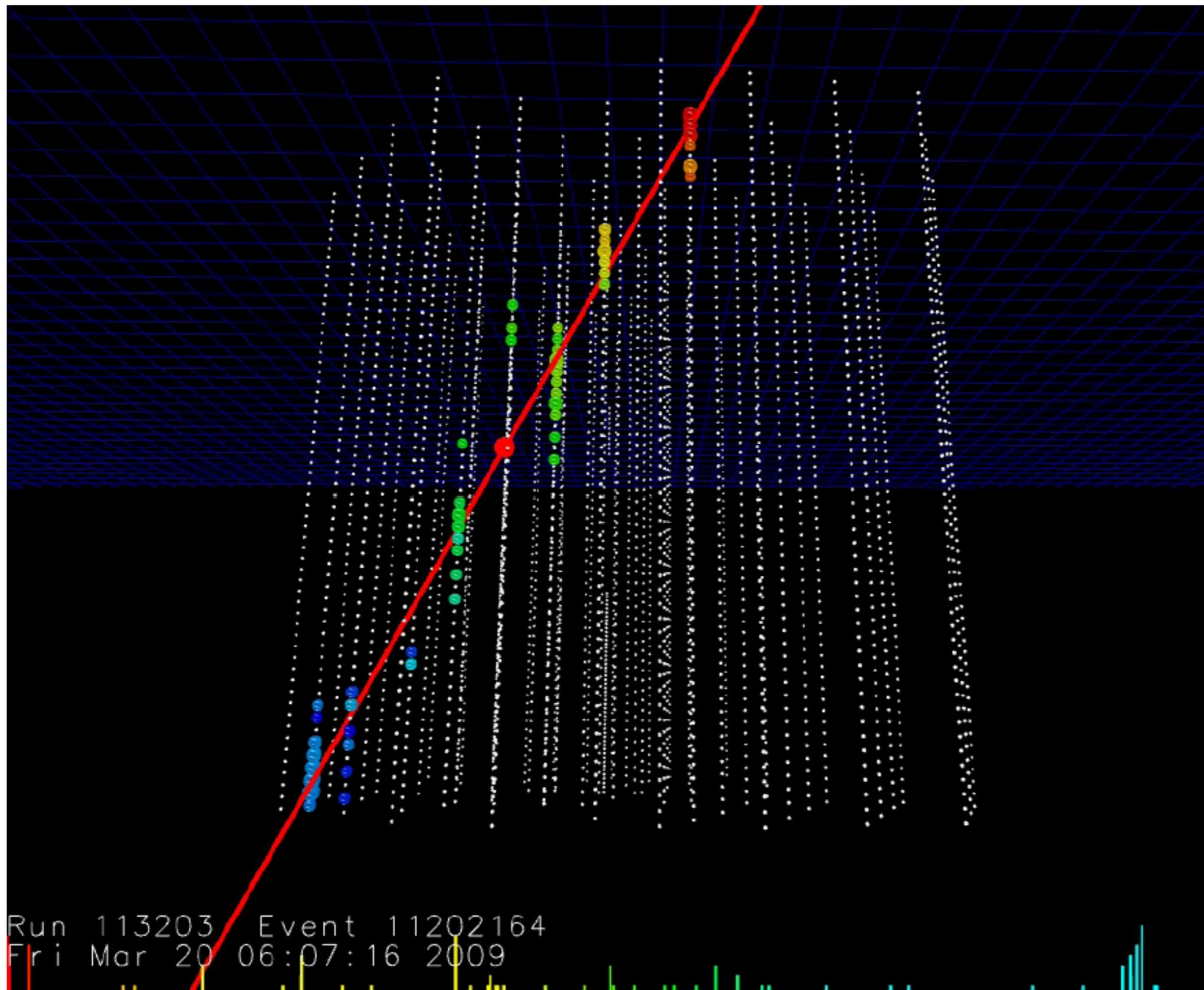
IceCube Calibrations

- Depth dependence of the optical properties of the ice is a challenge to analyze and the flasher measurements have been crucial in the knowledge obtained thus far.
- Special color LED DOMs were deployed and their data is being analyzed to provide multi-wavelength ice calibration.
- The deepest ice, below 2100 m, has better properties than expected making it an excellent medium for particle detection.



Dust Layer

IceCube Detector Performance



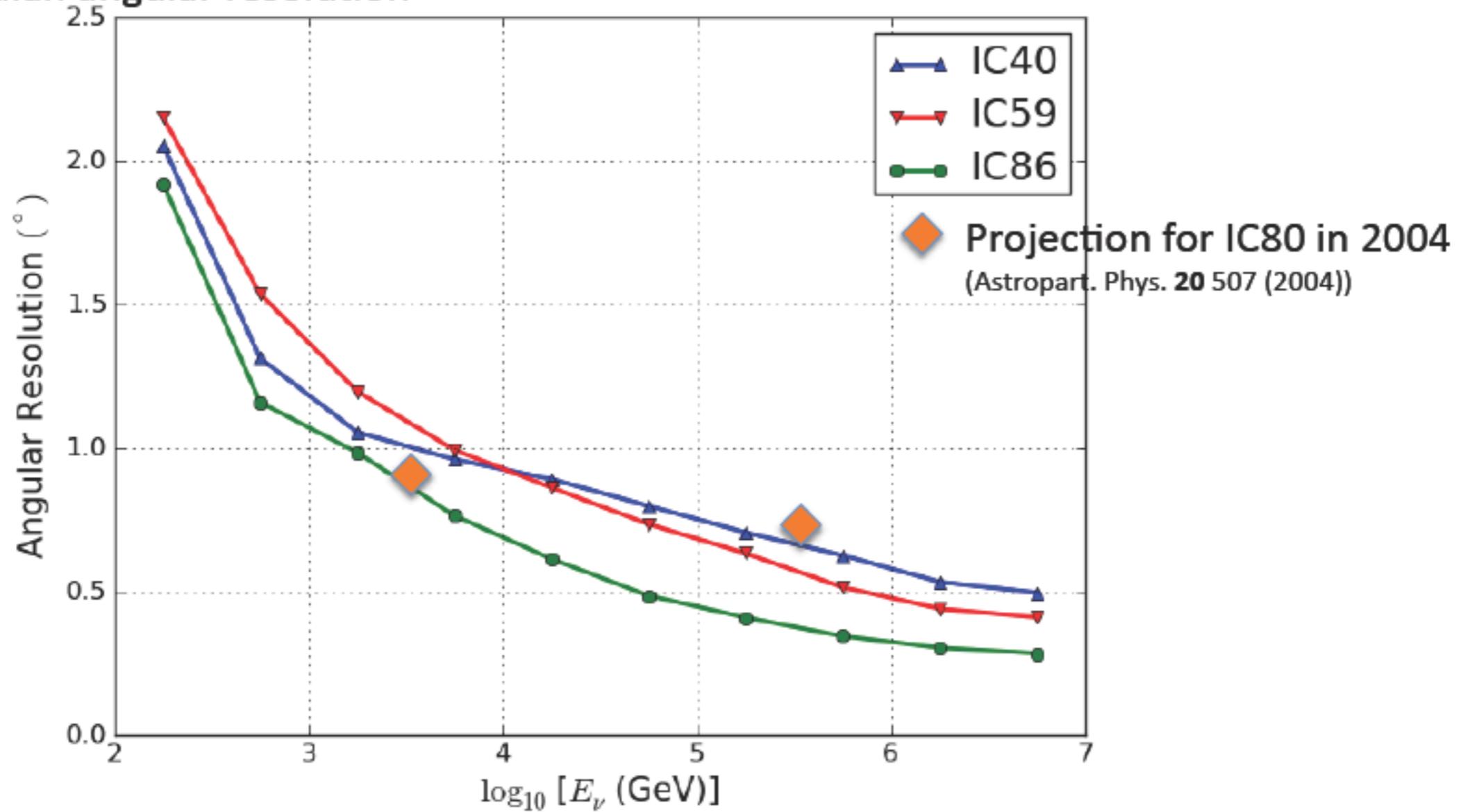
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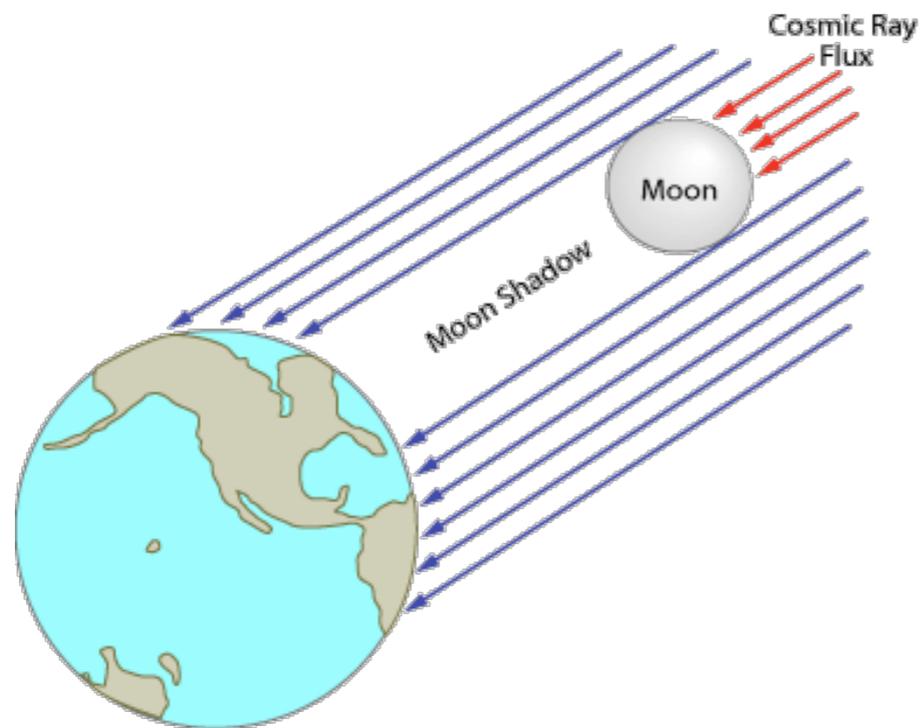
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IceCube Detector Performance - Angular Resolution

Median angular resolution

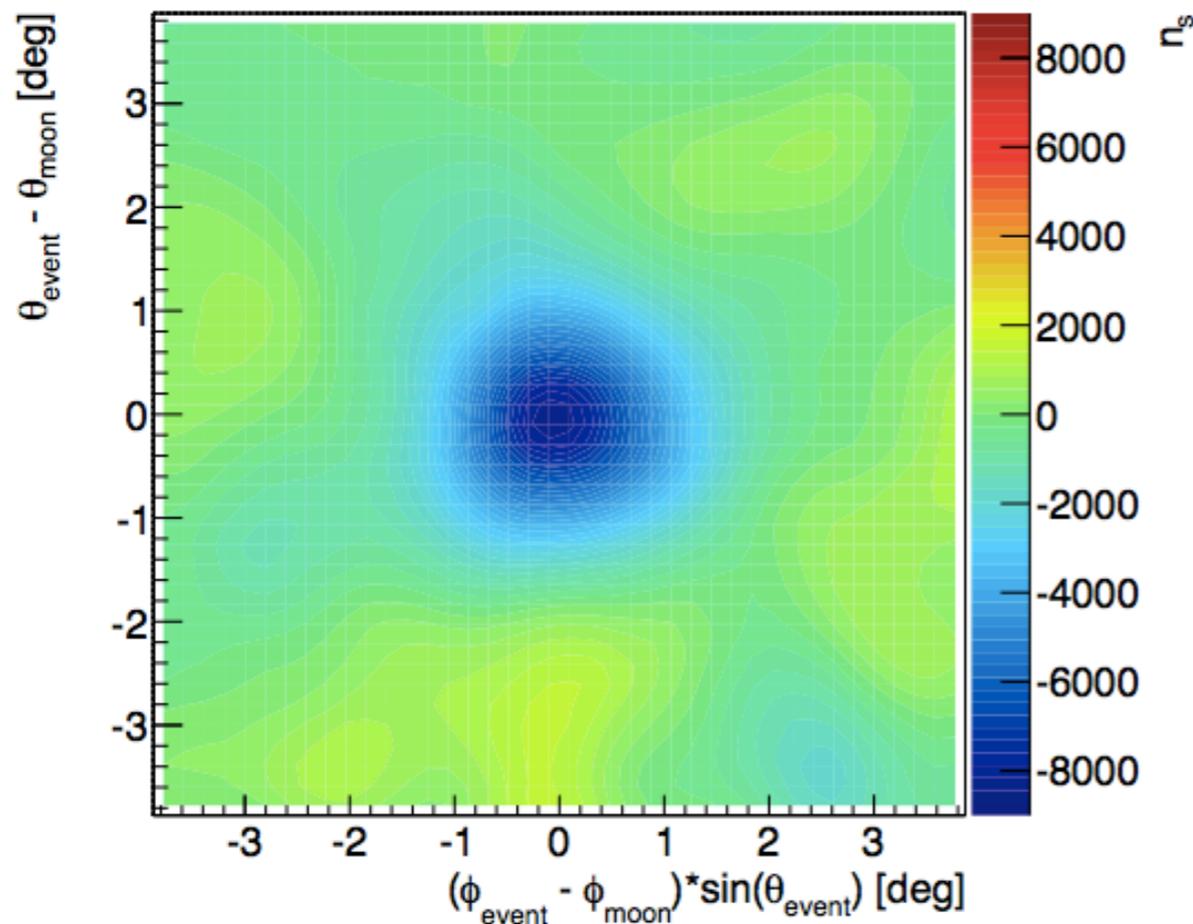


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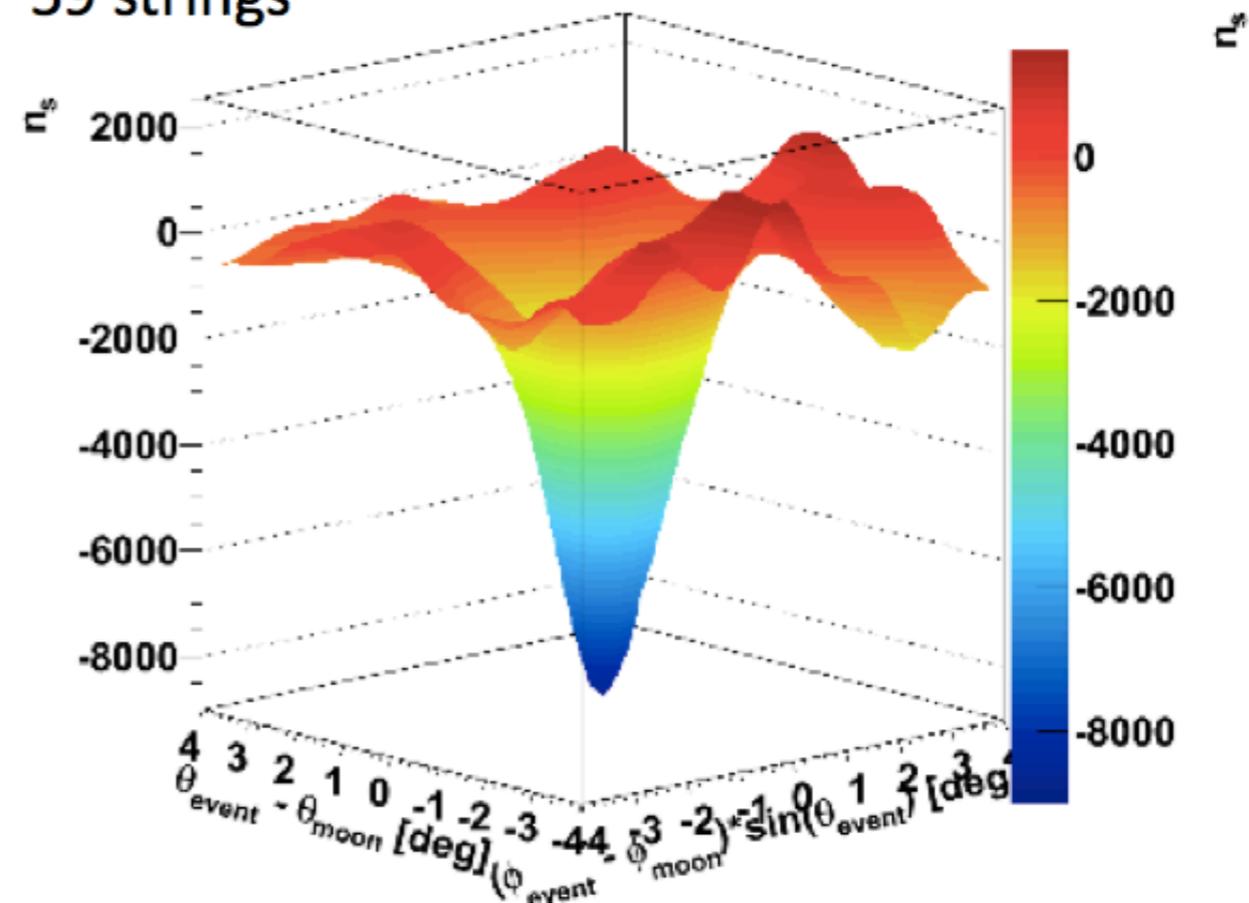


Existence of the moon - confirmed!

- Likelihood analysis determines deficit of events from direction of moon in the IceCube 59-string detector confirms pointing accuracy.
- Validates pointing capabilities with expected angular resolution for IceCube 80-string detector $< 1^\circ$ at 1 TeV.

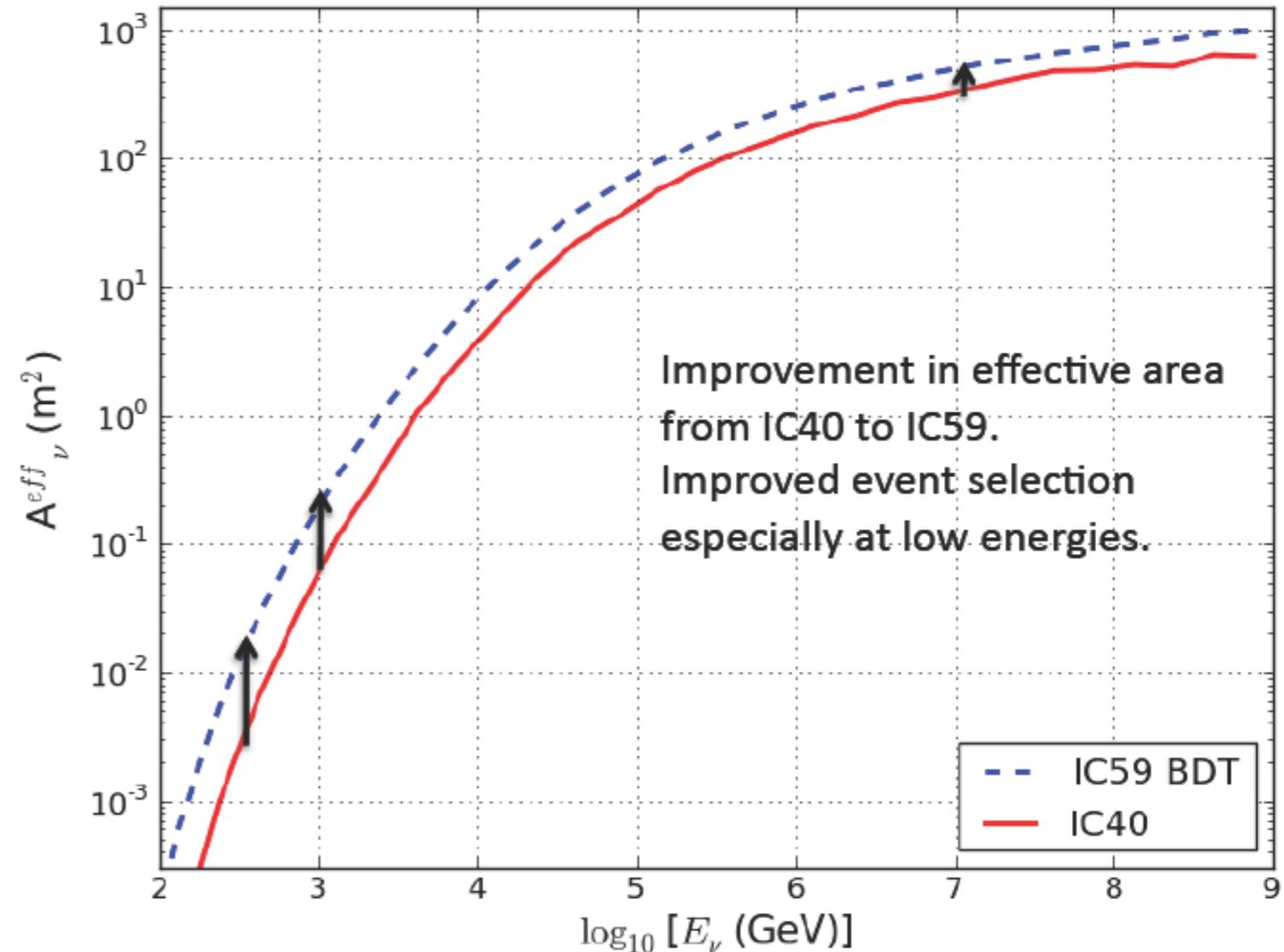


59 strings

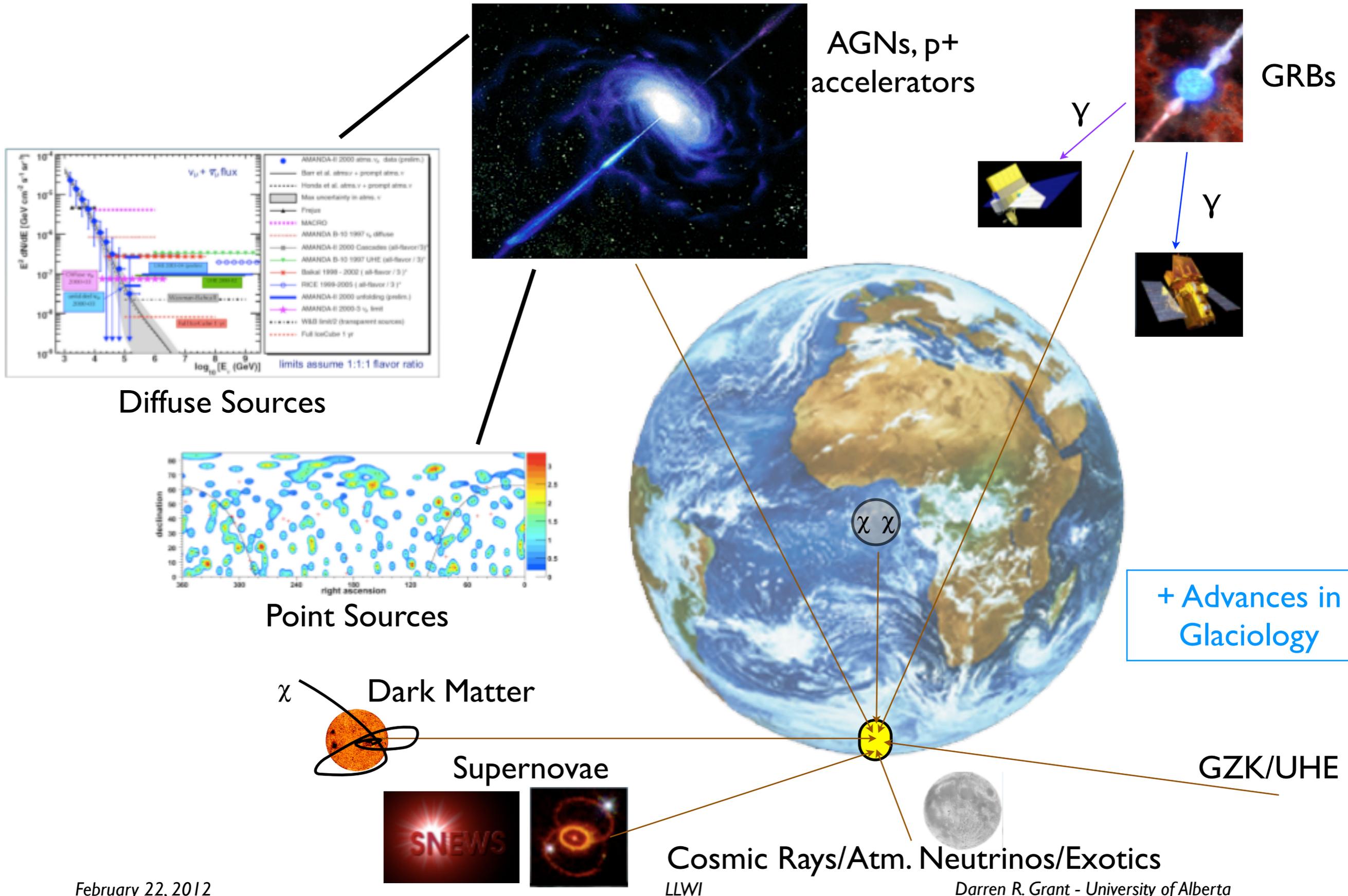


IceCube Detector Performance - Effective Neutrino Area

- The detector performance parameters increase faster than the number of strings
- This is an effect of longer muon tracks providing improved angular resolution (lever arm) and energy reconstruction.
- Improved analysis techniques and new ideas (data quality, detector modeling, background simulations) underway will continue to push the improvements for IC86.



The IceCube Neutrino Observatory - A Wealth of Science...

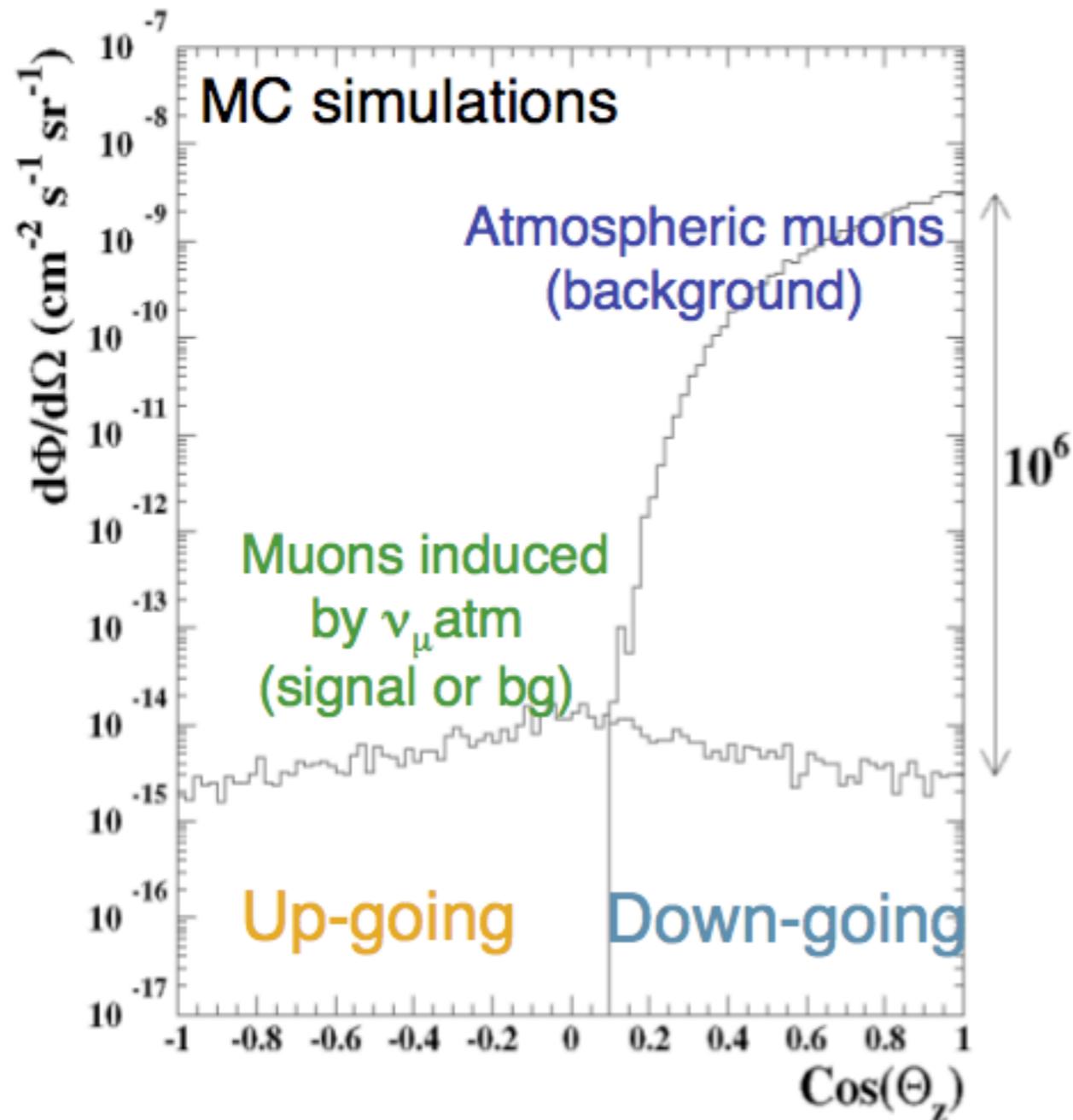


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Signal and Background considerations

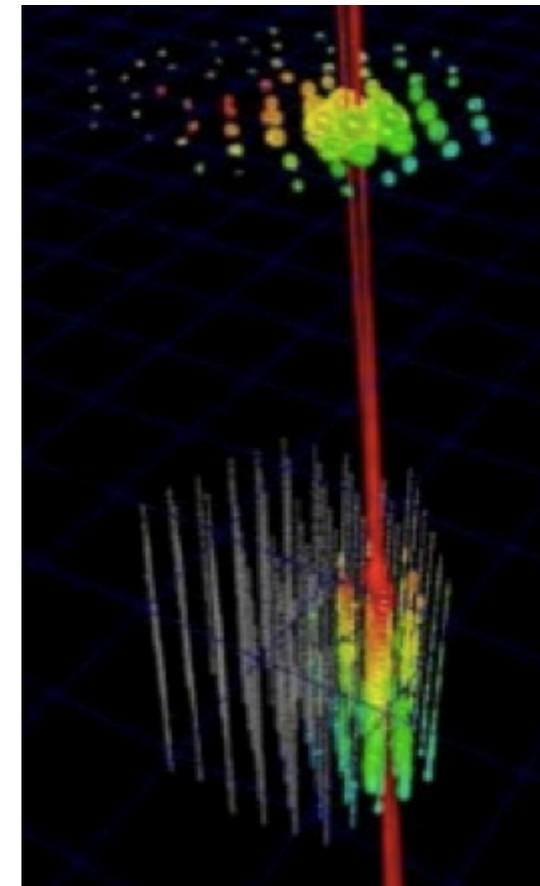
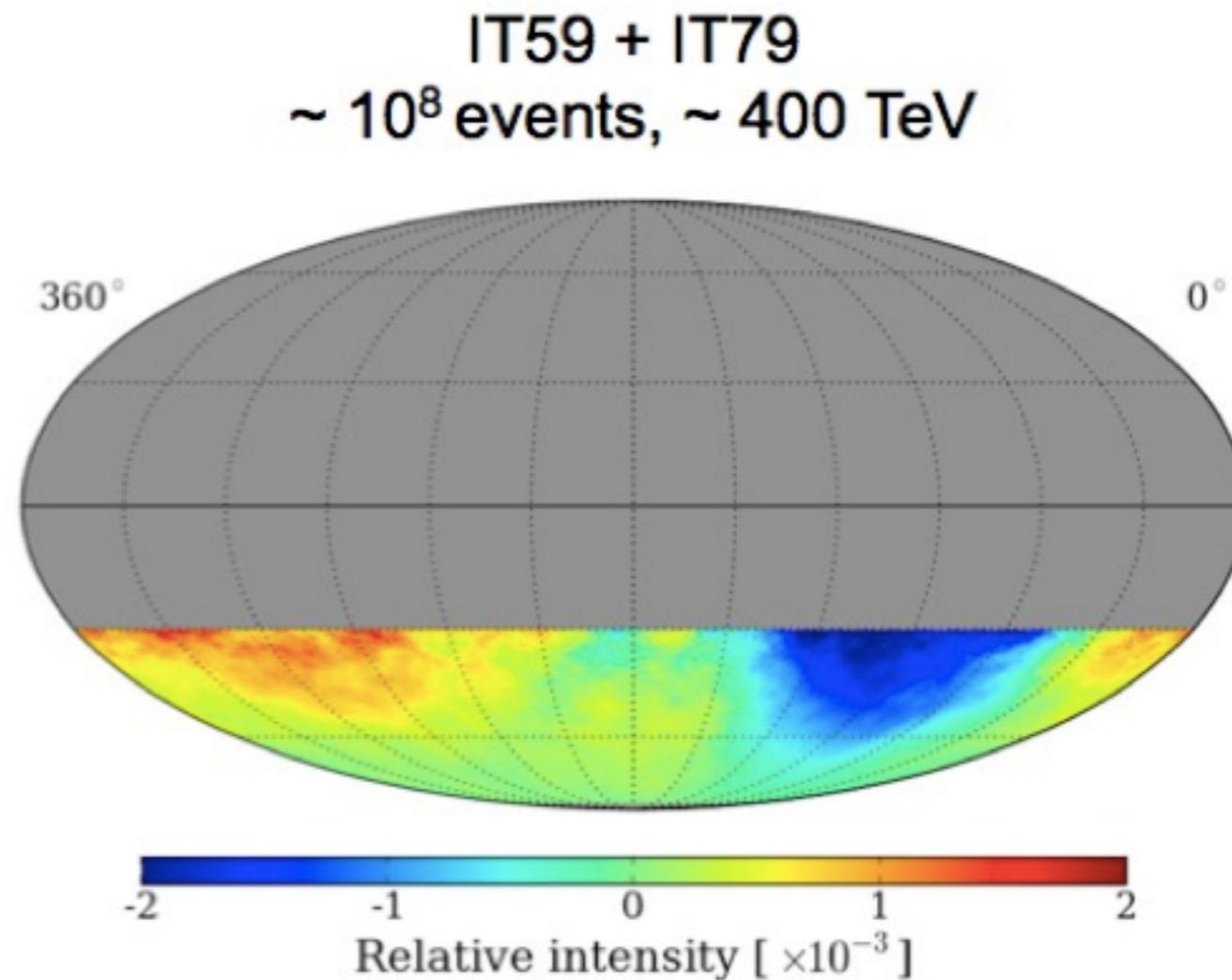


Cosmic ray anisotropies

[S. Benzvi, M. Santander, S. Toscano, S. Westerhoff et al., ICRC 2011]

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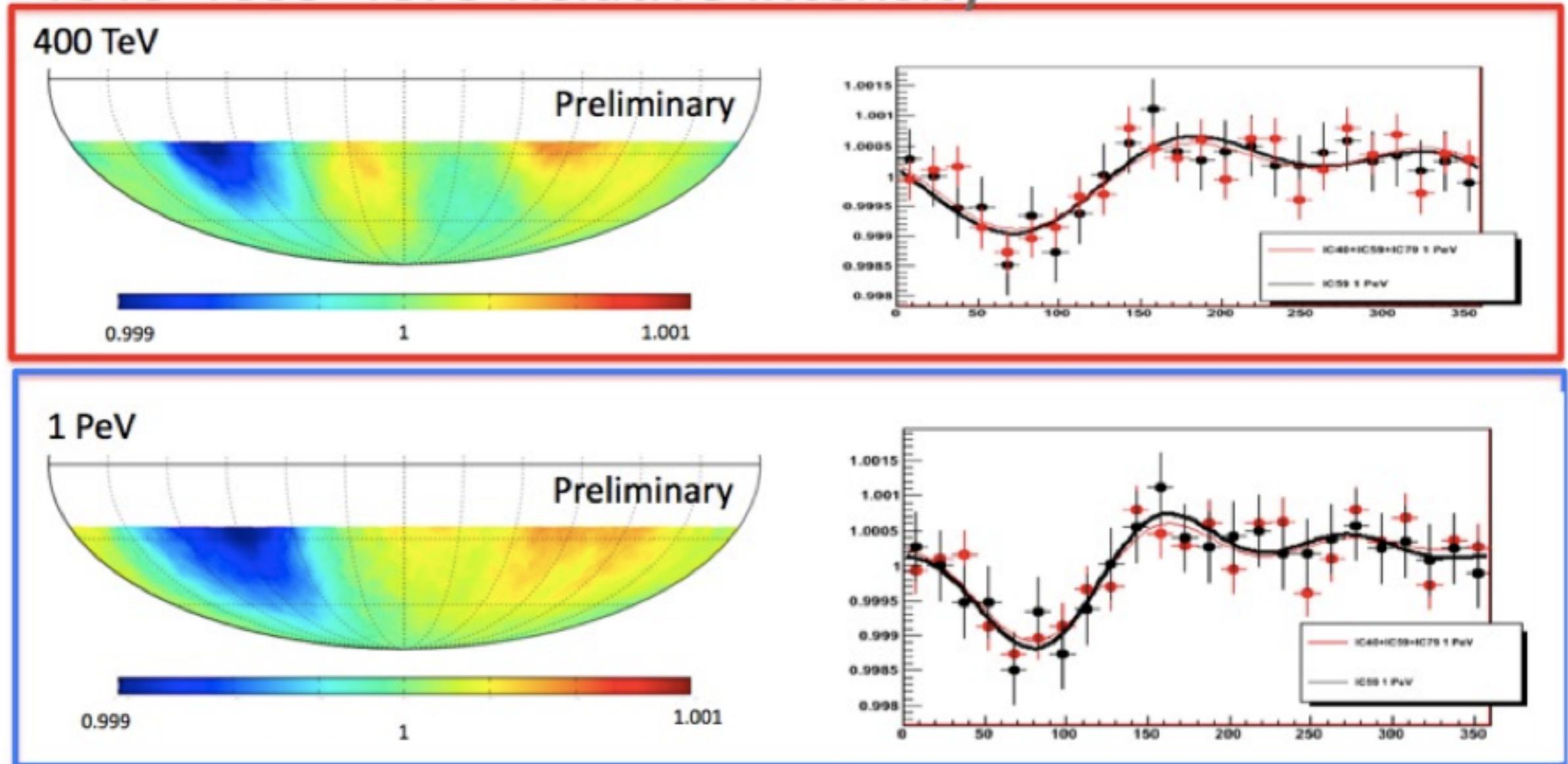
First significant observation of the anisotropy at 400 TeV in the southern sky.



Cosmic ray anisotropies

- Anisotropy observed at 400 TeV persists significantly at 1 PeV
- The origin of the anisotropy is unknown:
 - not consistent with the Compton-getting assuming the galactic cosmic rays closer to the knee.
 - interstellar magnetic field
 - reveals a new feature of the galactic cosmic ray distribution that must be put into the theories

IC40+IC59+IC79 Relative Intensity

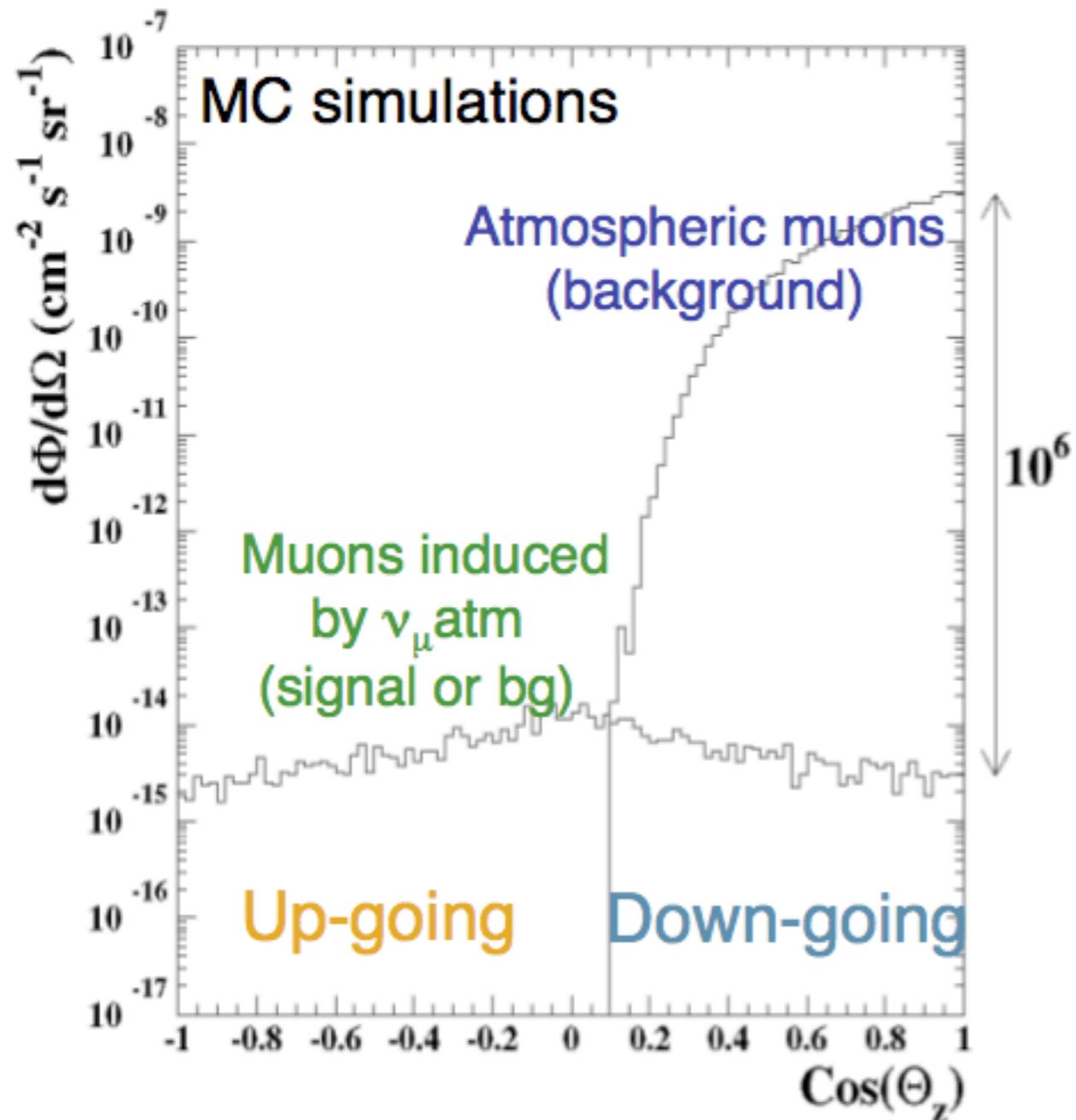


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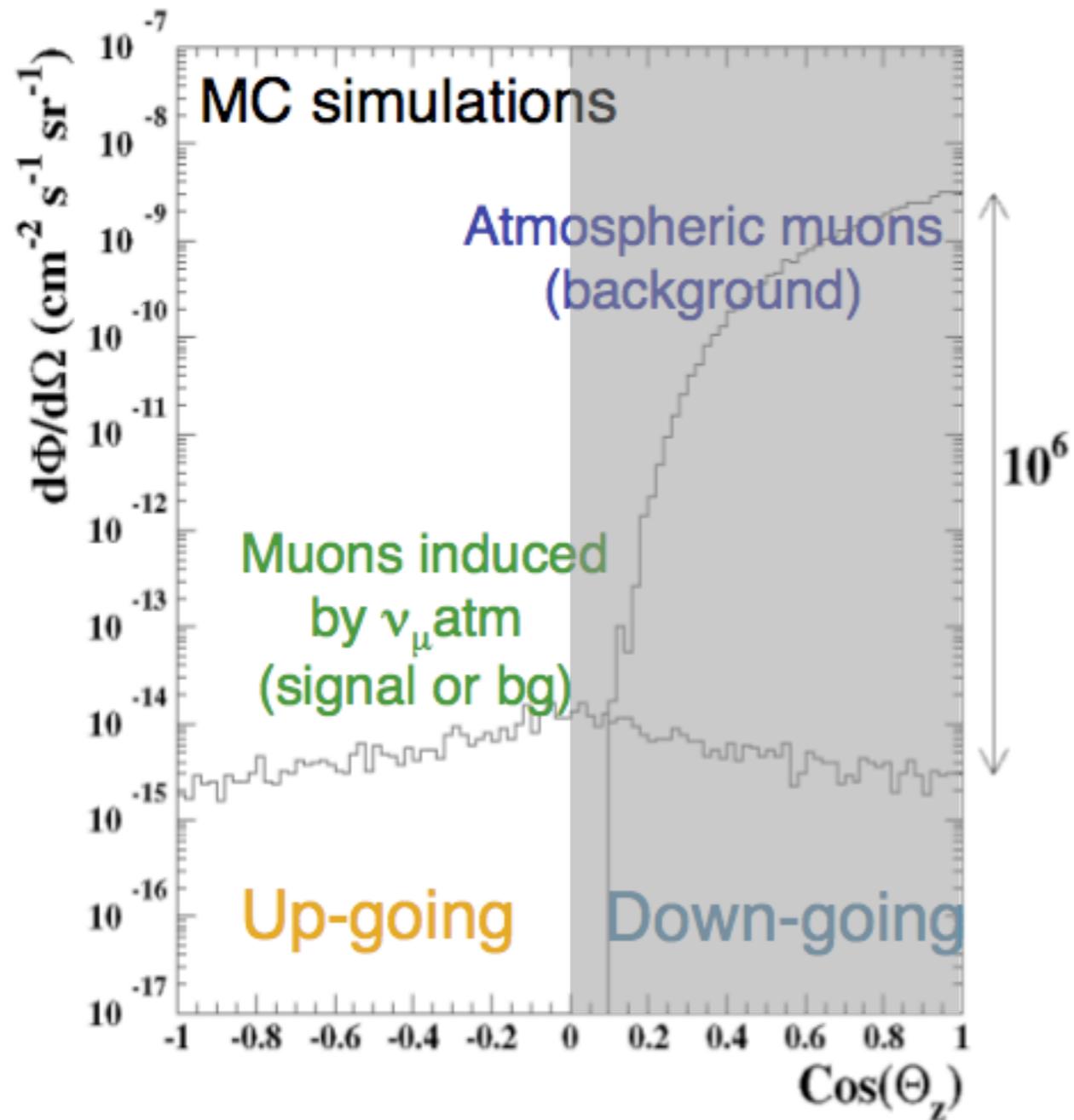
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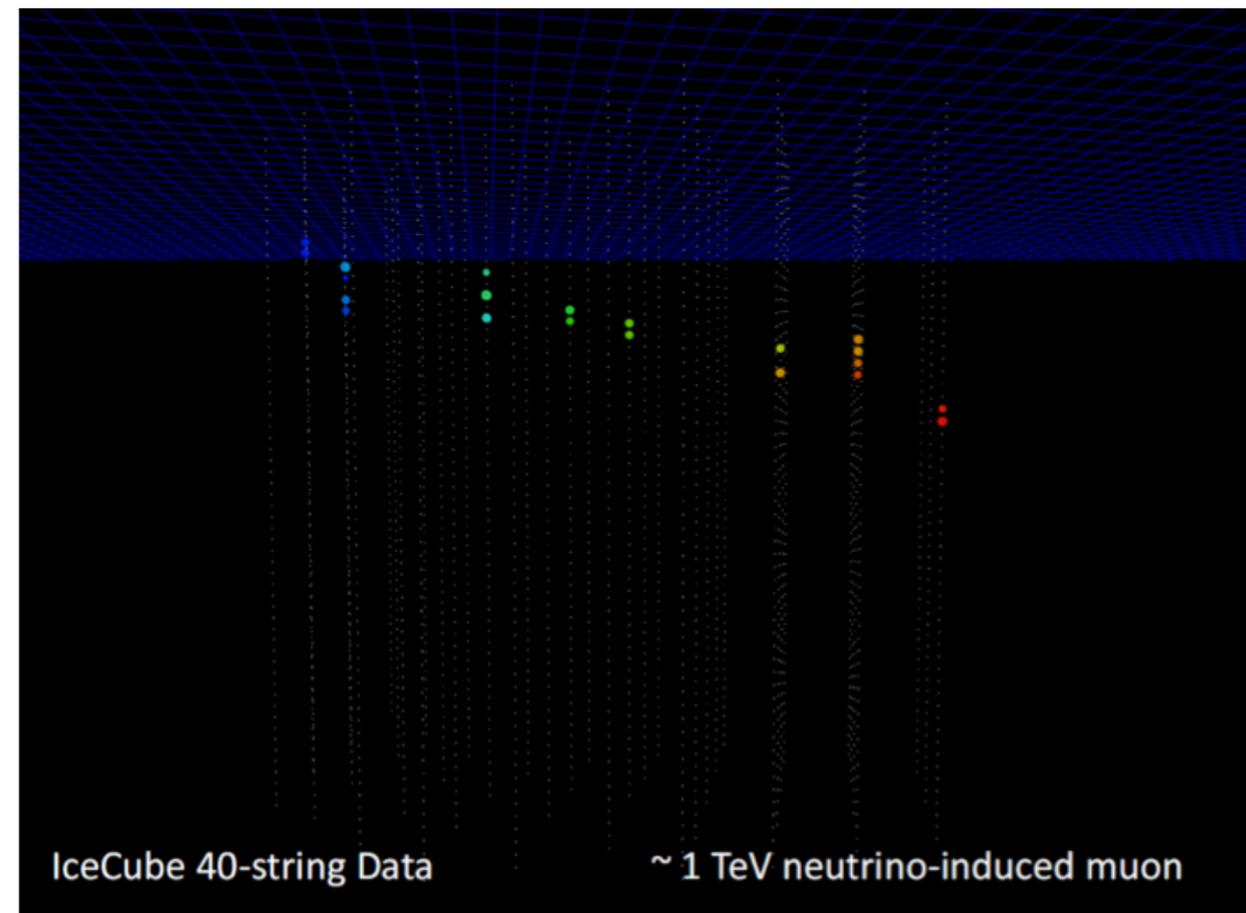
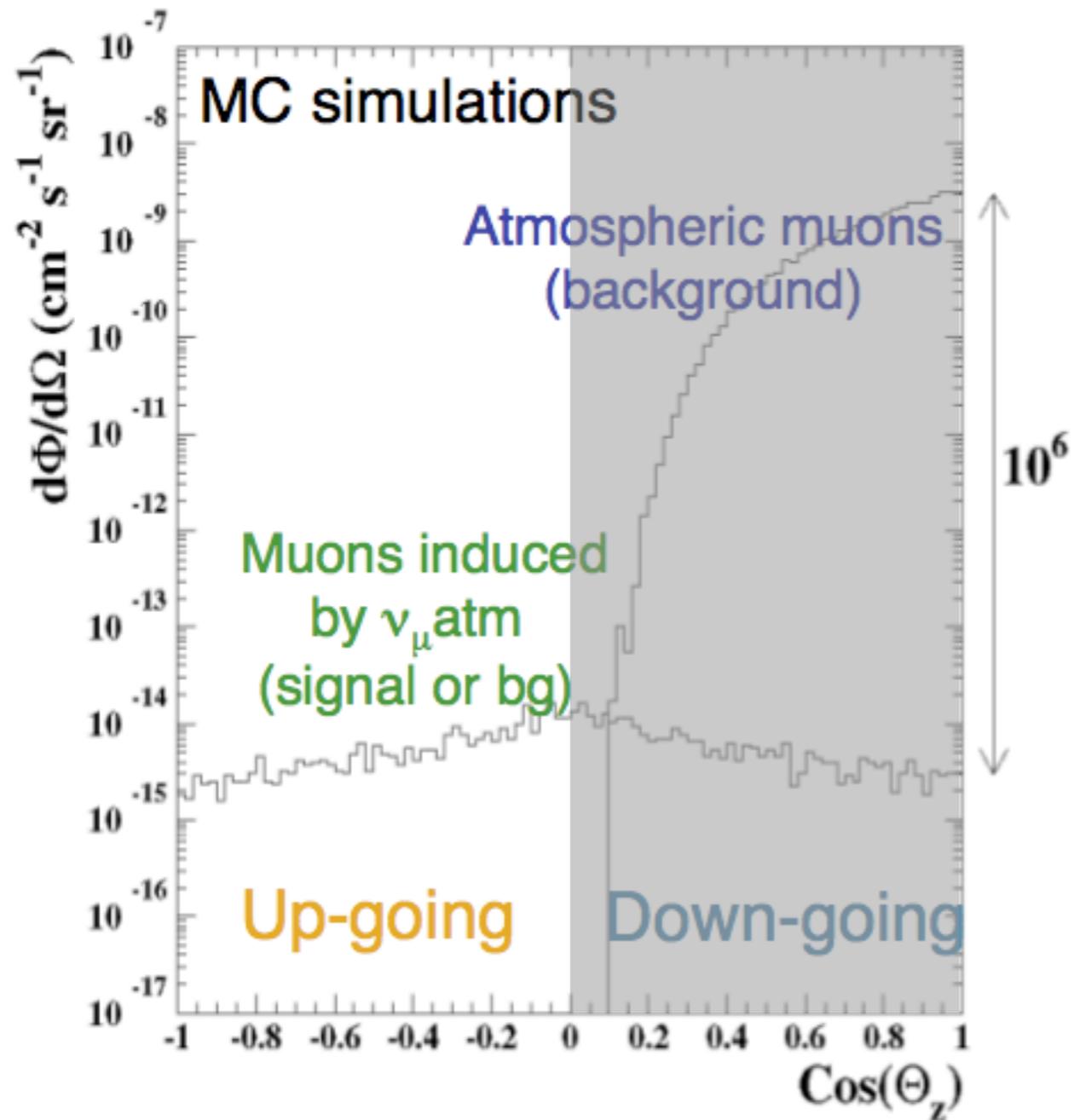
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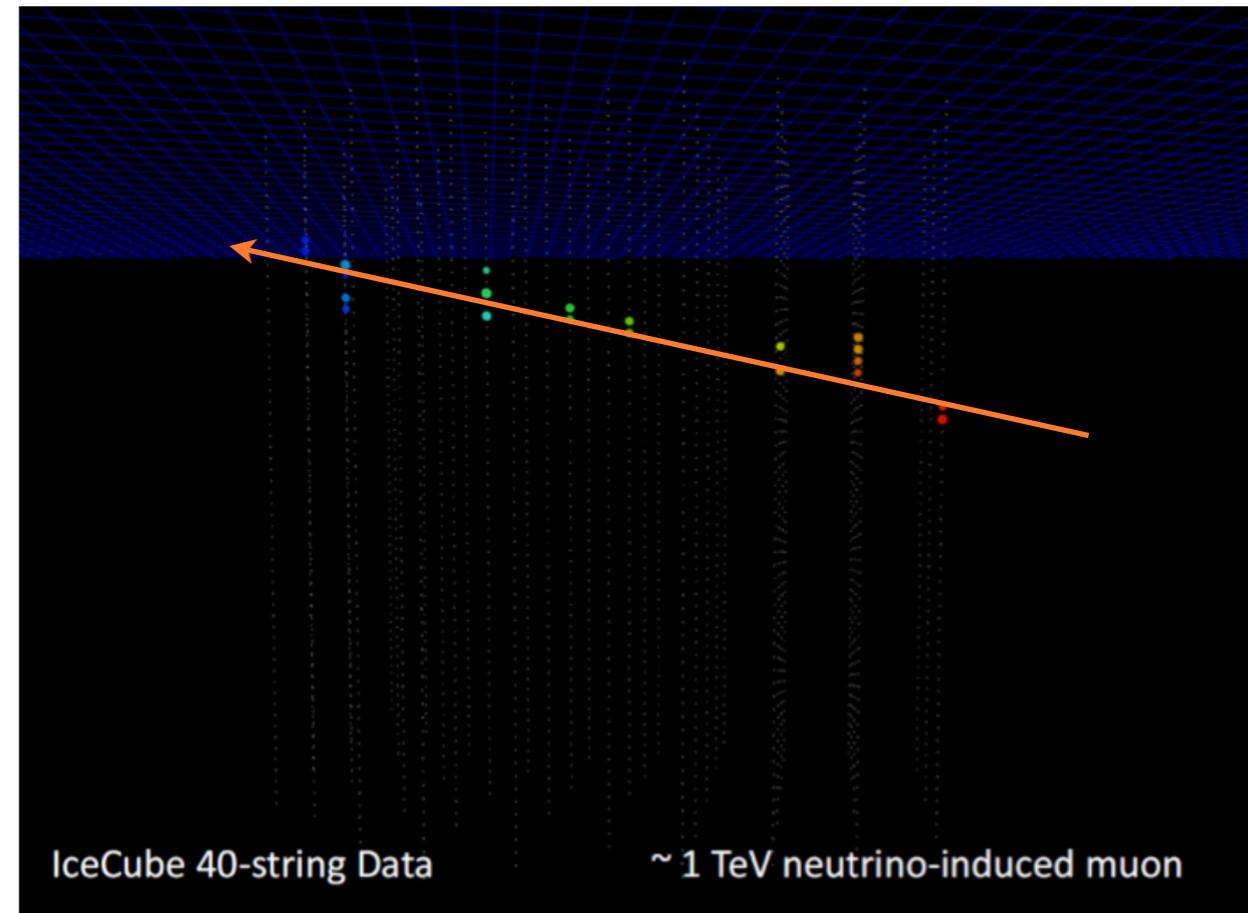
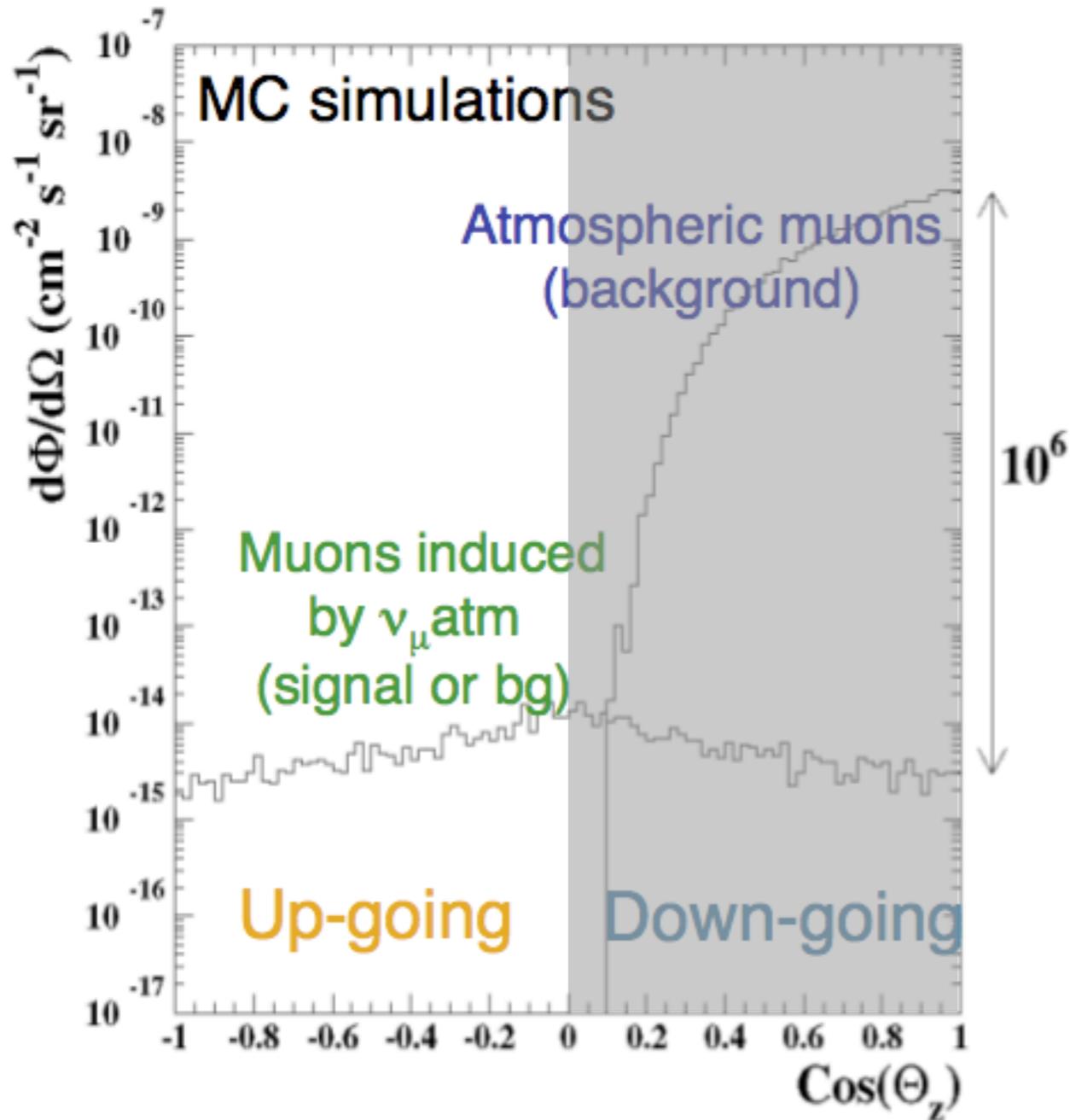
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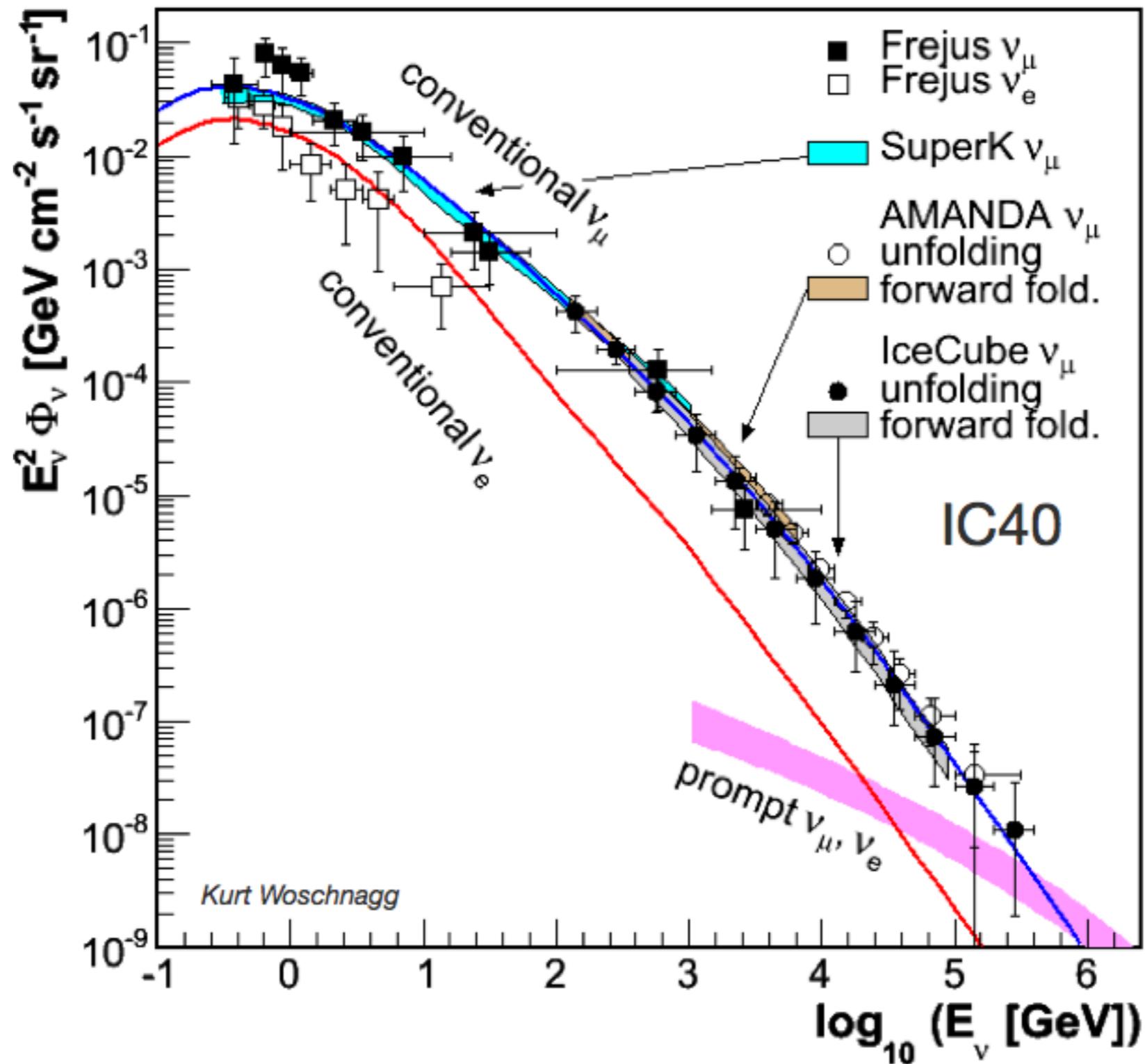
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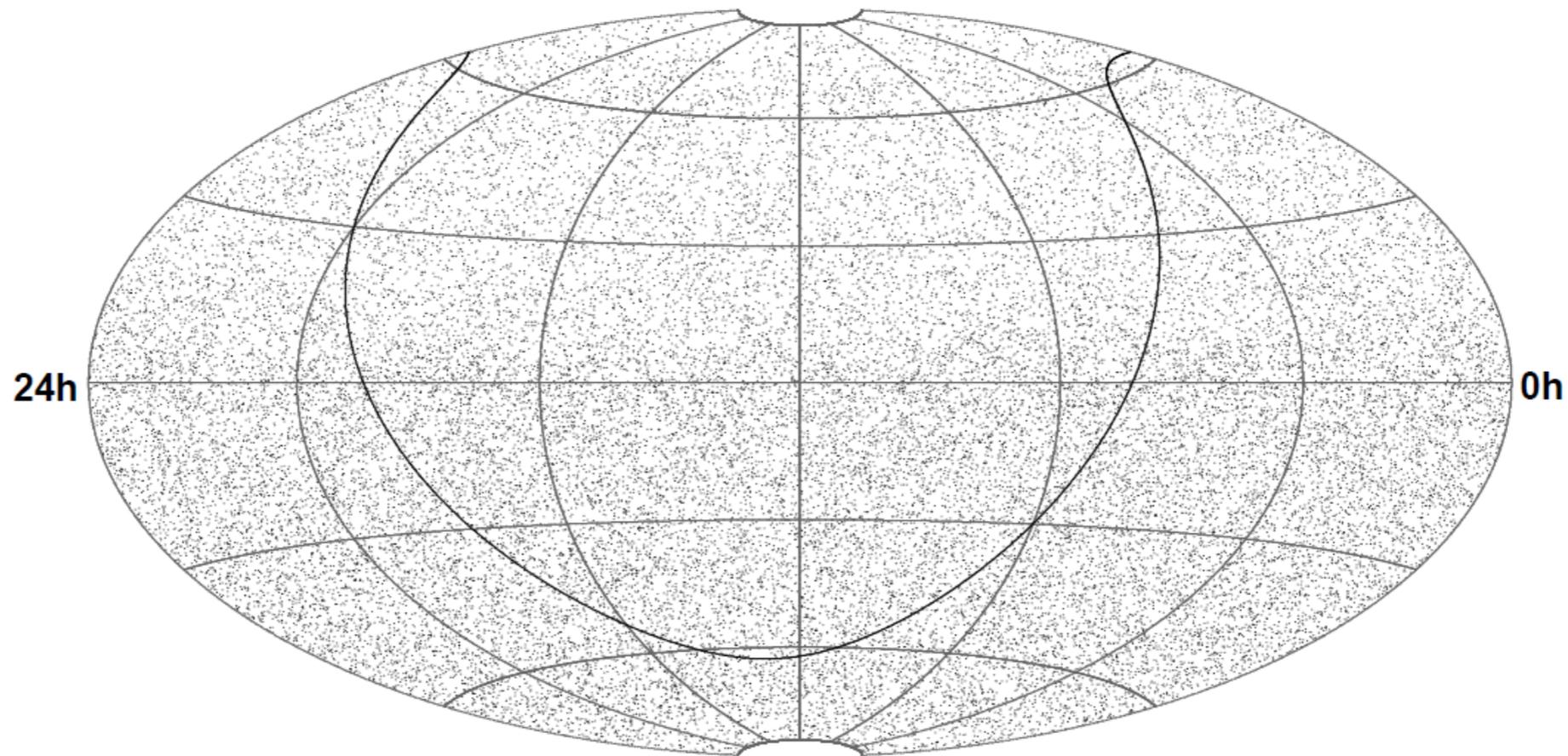


The atmospheric neutrino spectrum



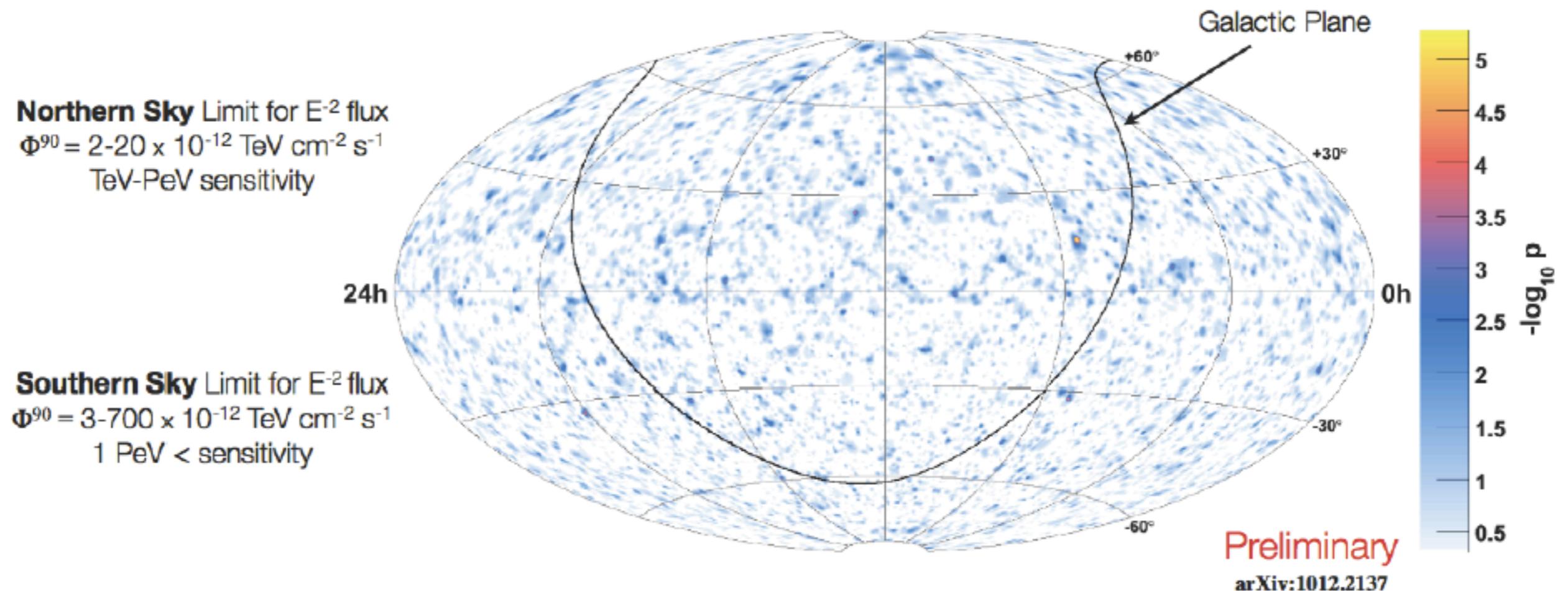
Identify and reconstruct your best candidates (IceCube 40-string Detector)

- Operated for 375.5 days
 - Northern sky - 14139 events
 - Southern sky - 23151 events
- Search for clustering of events in direction and energy.

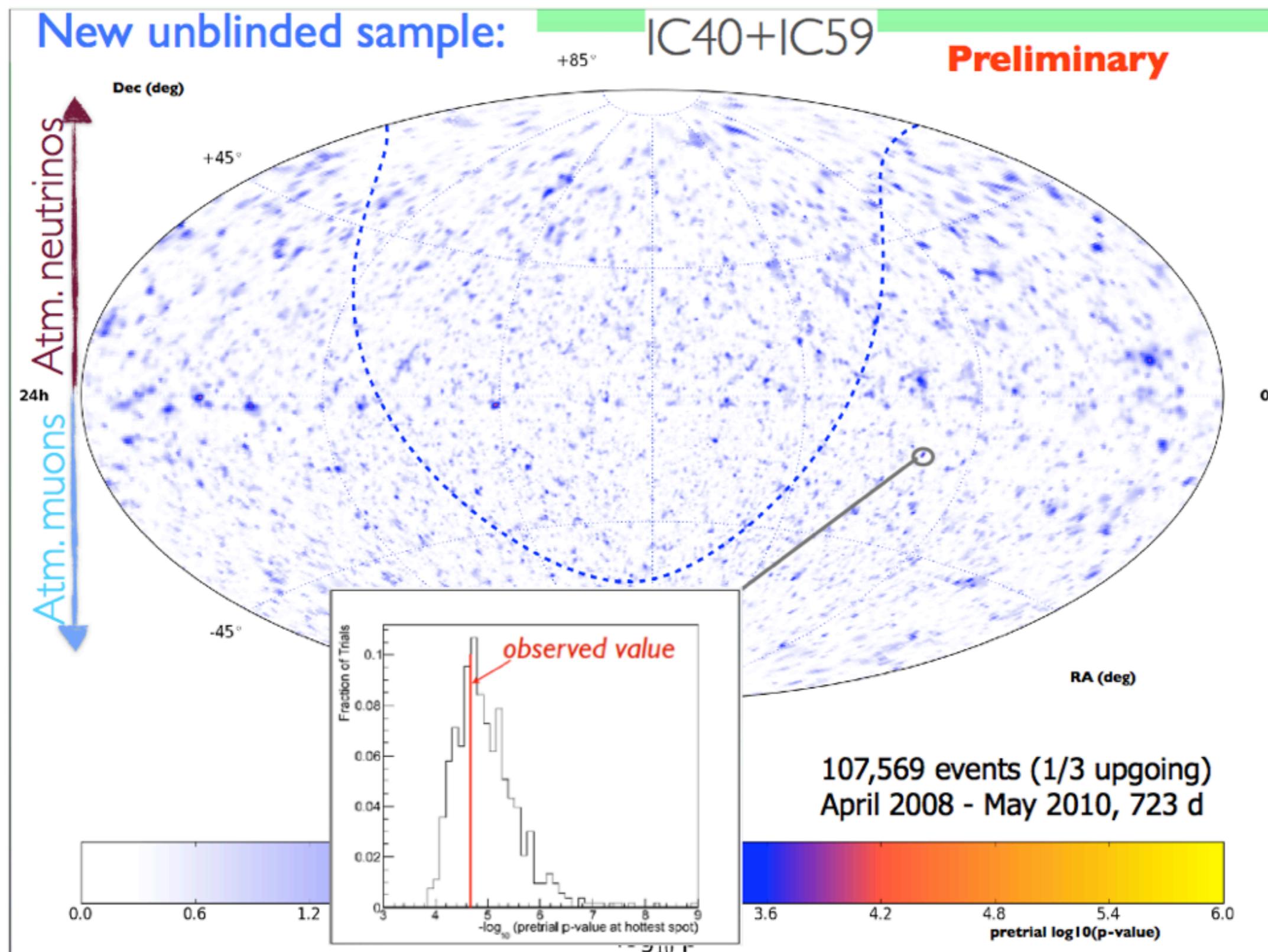


Perform the Point Source Search (IceCube 40-strings)

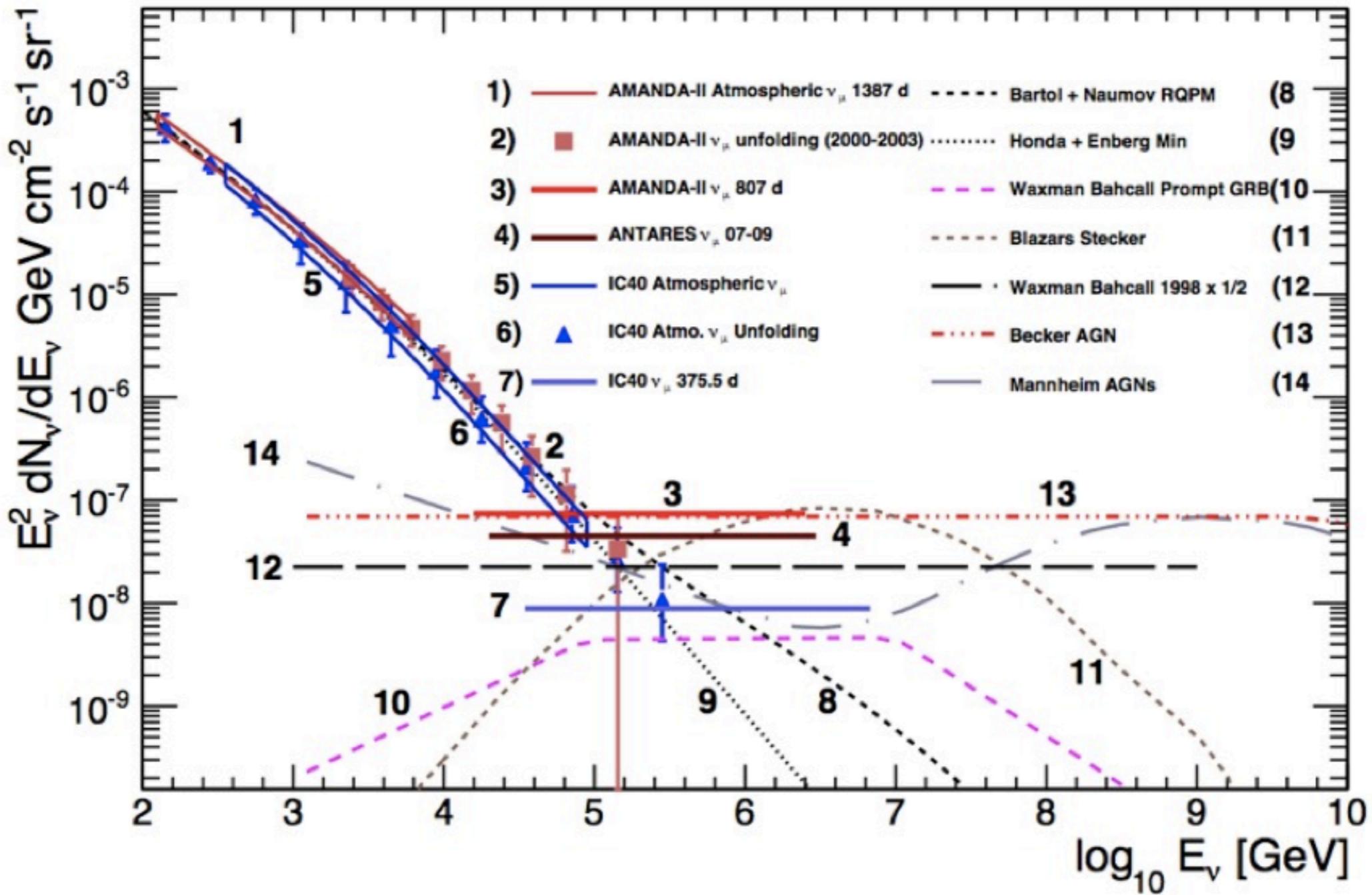
- Search for an excess of astrophysical neutrinos from a common direction over the atmospheric neutrino background
- All sky search with >37K neutrino candidates (~23k from southern hemisphere atmospheric neutrinos)
- Hottest spot in the 40-string data set was not significant (96% of scrambled sky maps have higher significance)



Most Recently from IceCube Point Source Searches...

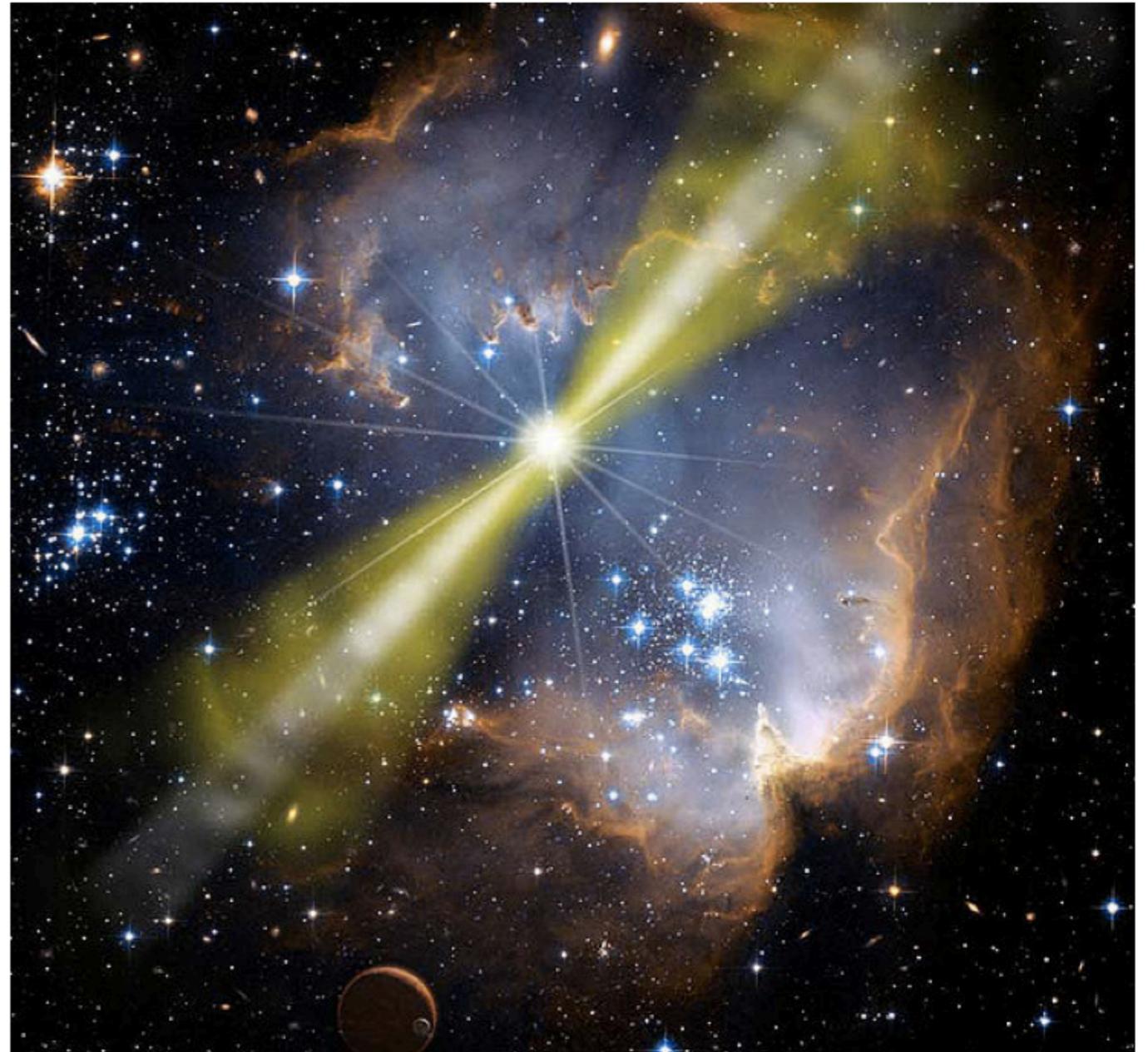


Diffuse Flux Analysis



Searches for Gamma Ray Bursts

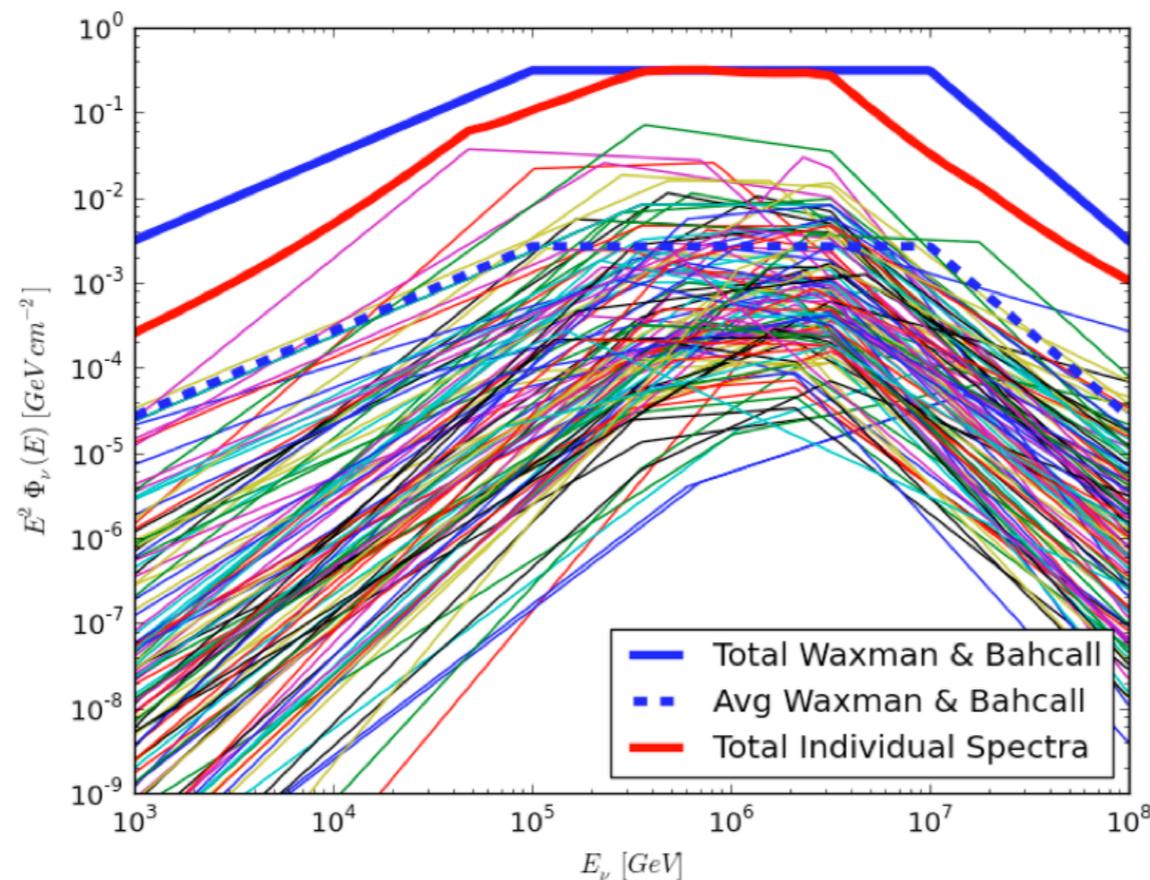
- Extremely energetic explosions (output energies of the Sun's output integrated over a 10 billion year lifetime) observed in distant galaxies; lasting 20 - 40s.
- Expected to consist of a narrow beam of intense radiation released during the event (supernovae, neutron star, quark star, black hole formation)
- GRBs may account for high energy cosmic rays and their models predict emission of very high energy neutrinos.



NASA/Swift/Mary Pat Hrybyk-Keith John Jones illustration of one model of the bright gamma-ray burst GRB 080319B

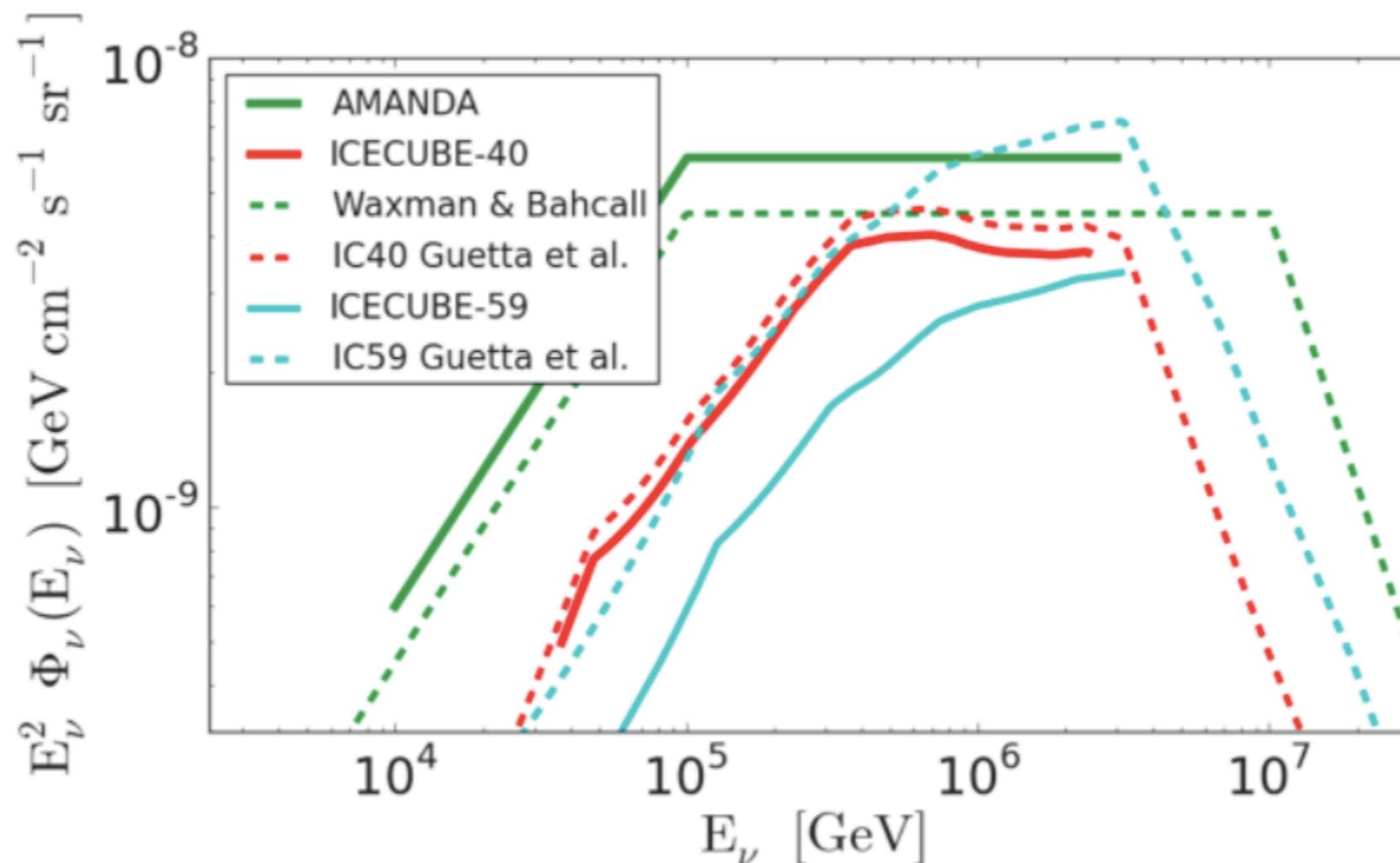
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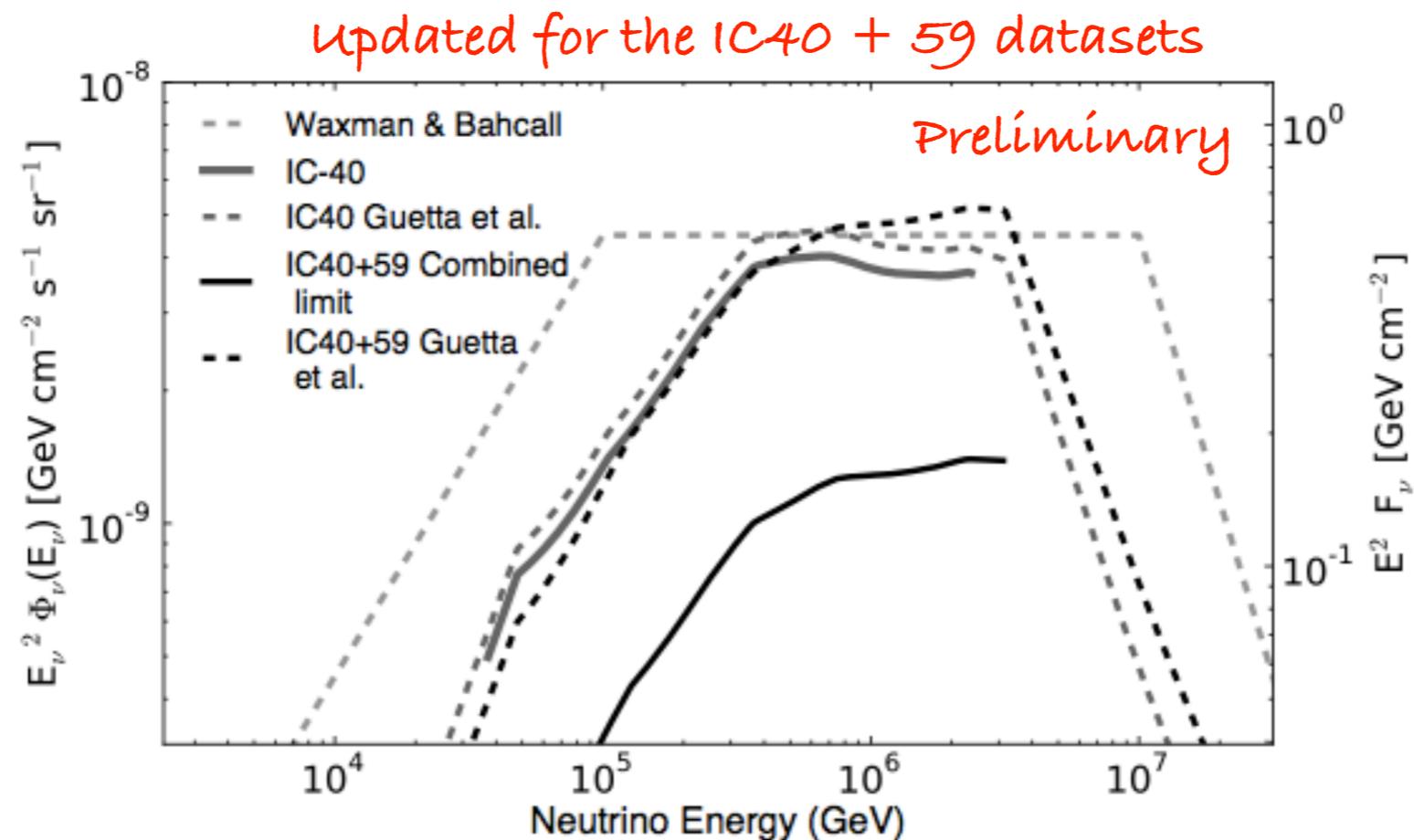
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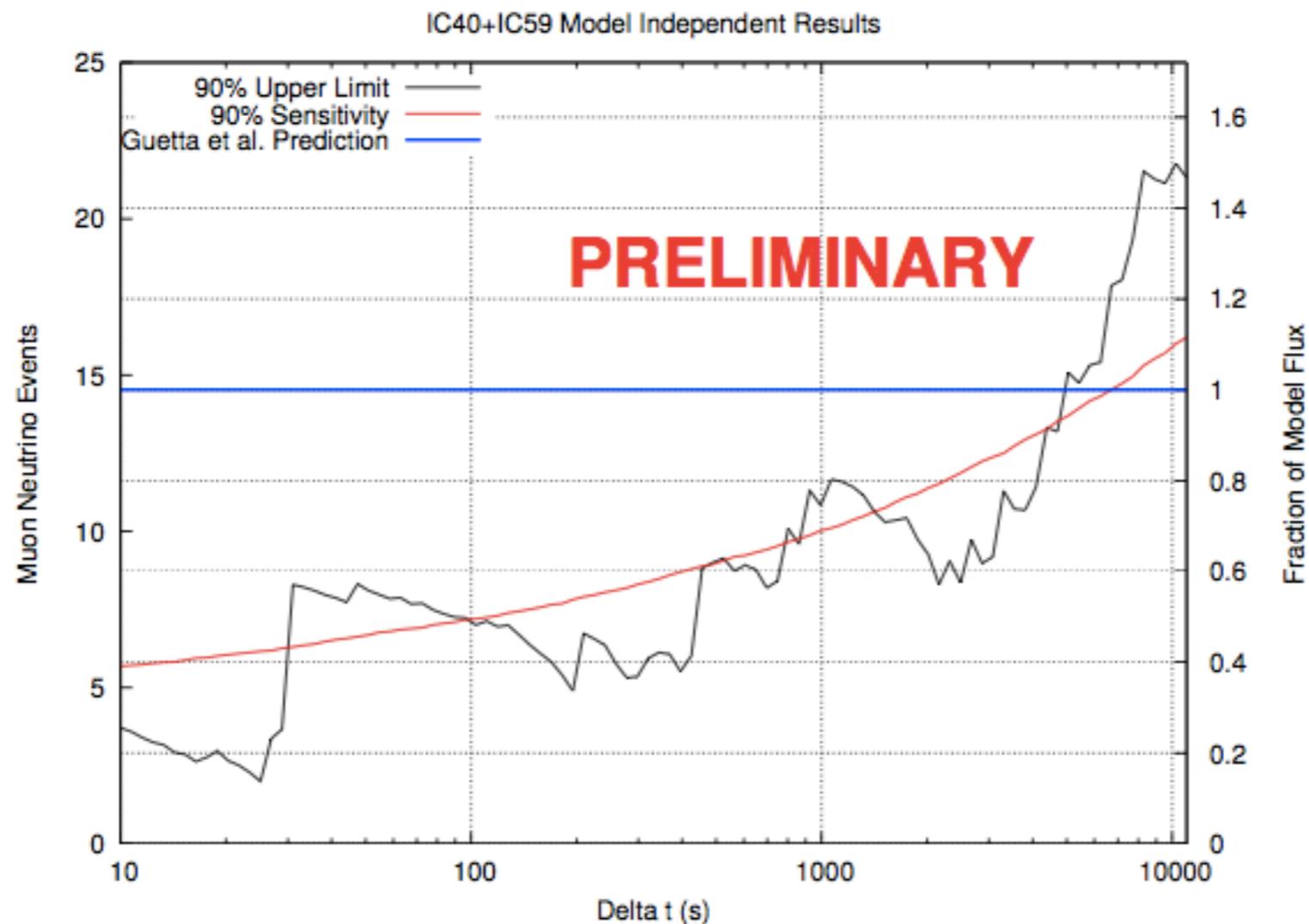
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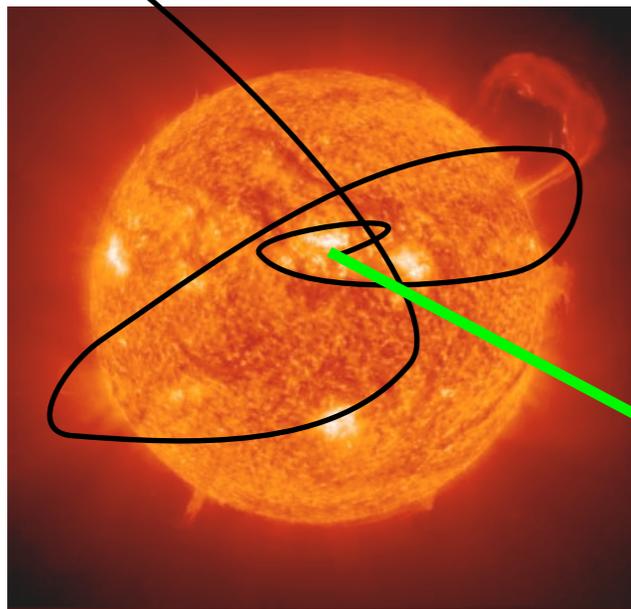
- High signal efficiency
- Unbinned weighting technique
- Wide variety of time scales for neutrino emission



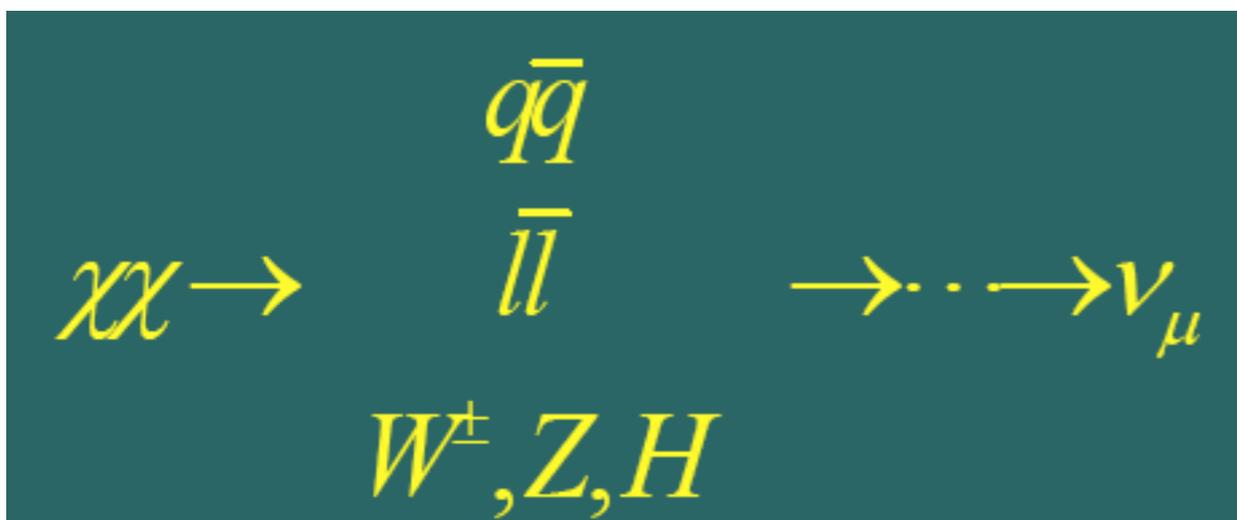
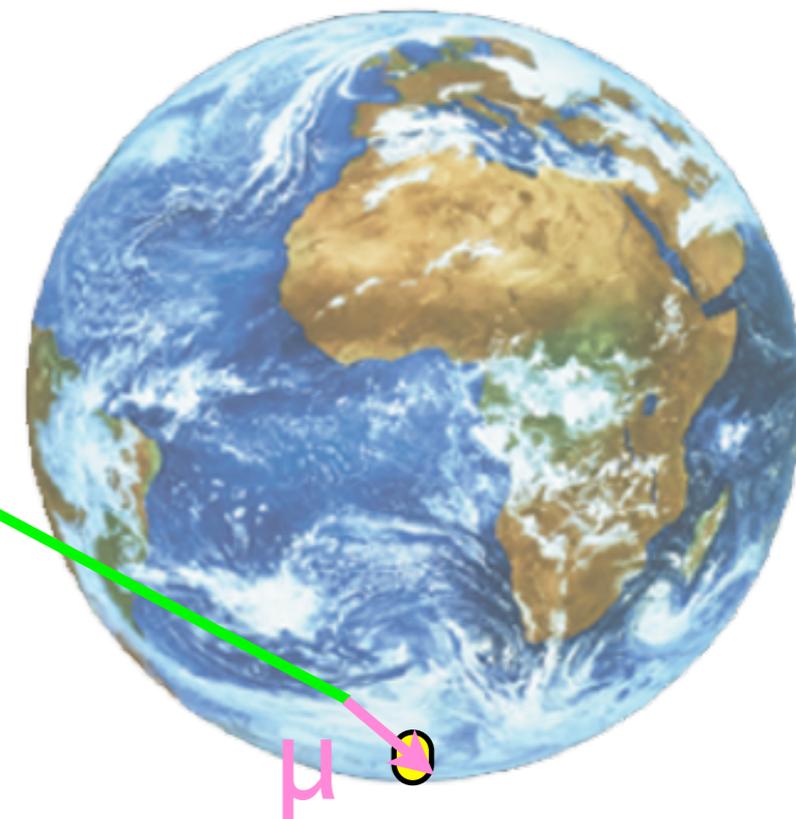
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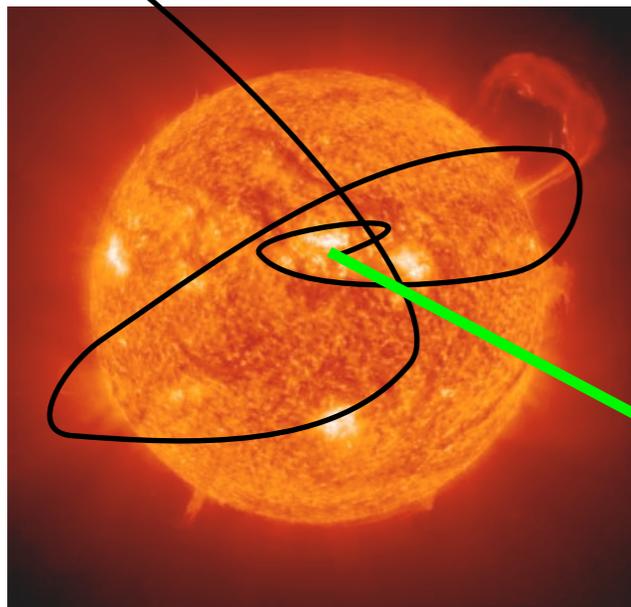
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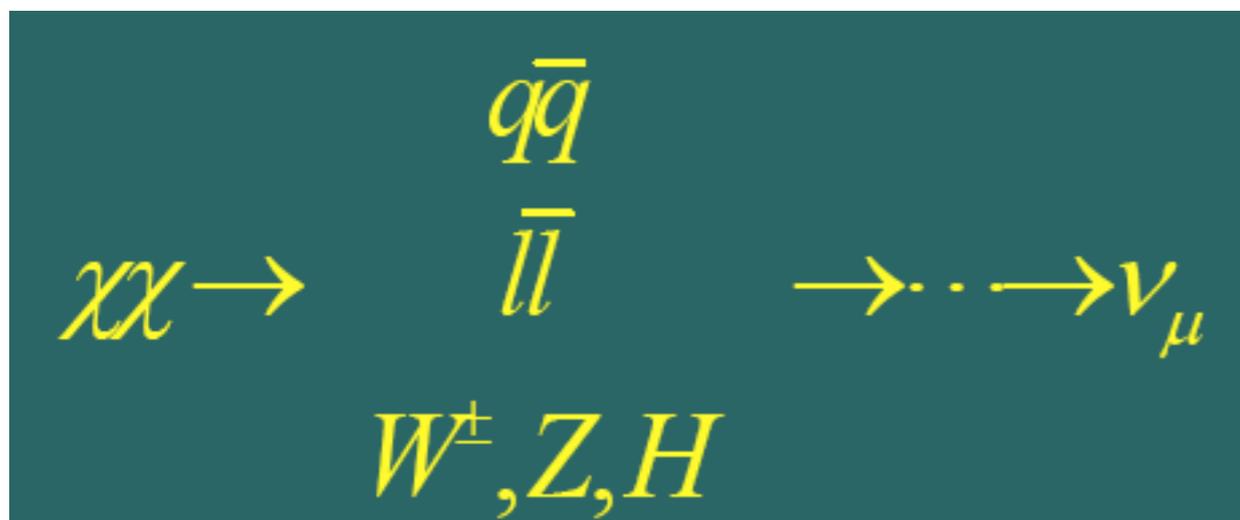
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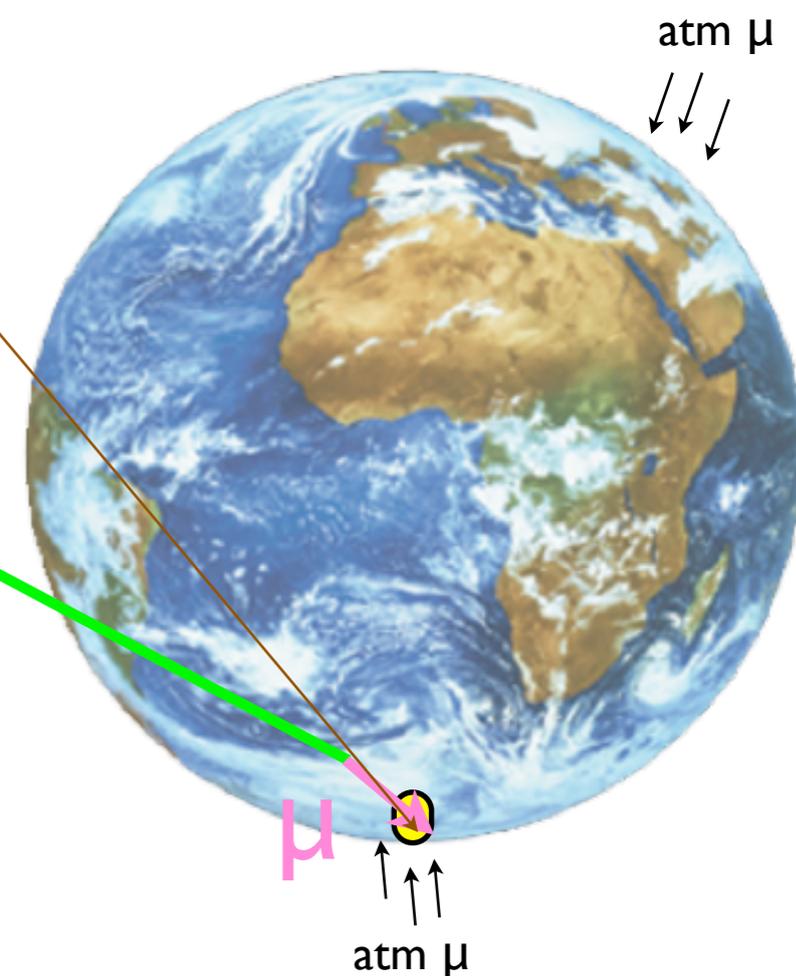
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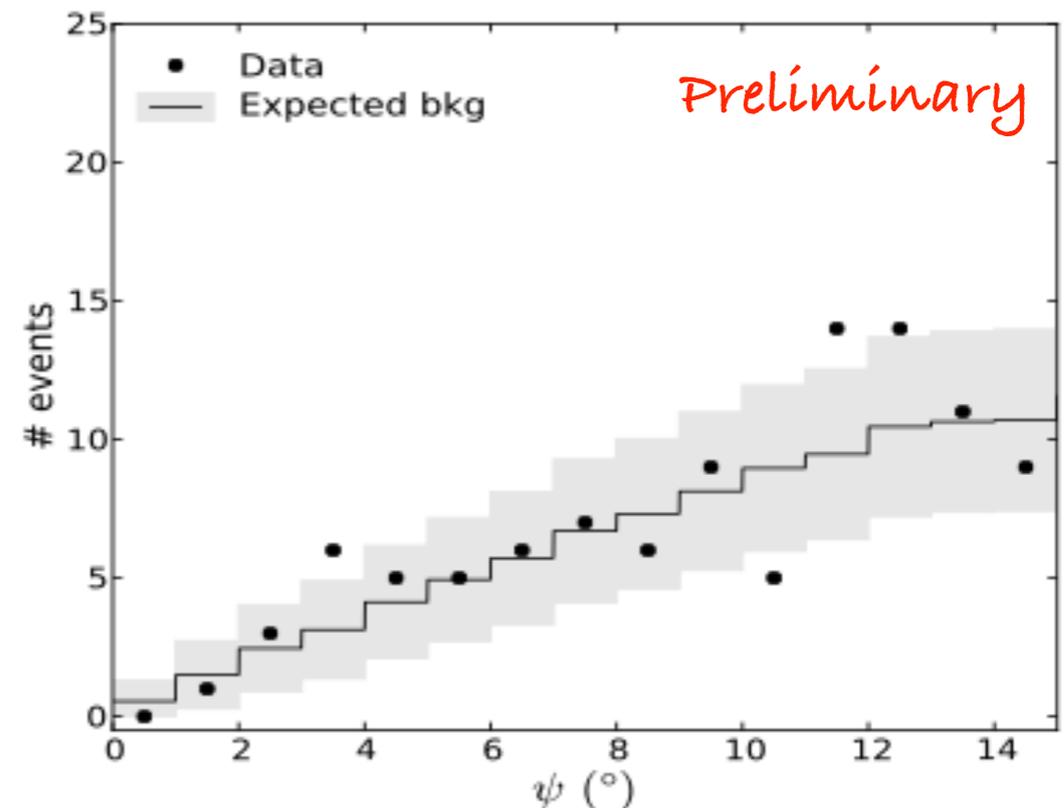
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Indirect Dark Matter Searches

Solar WIMP search

- We utilize data when the Sun is below the horizon (March - September), resulting in near-horizontal muon tracks.
 - AMANDA-II (2001 - 2006)
 - IceCube 22 and 40-strings (2007-2009)
 - Total exposure 1065 days.
- Several levels of filtering are applied to remove atmospheric muon backgrounds.
- Signal selection efficiency order of 20%, dependent on the neutrino energy.
- Angular resolution:
 - AMANDA (<500 GeV) 4 - 5 degrees
 - IceCube-22 (>500 GeV) 3 degrees
- Examine angular distribution Ψ for Sun and muon track.

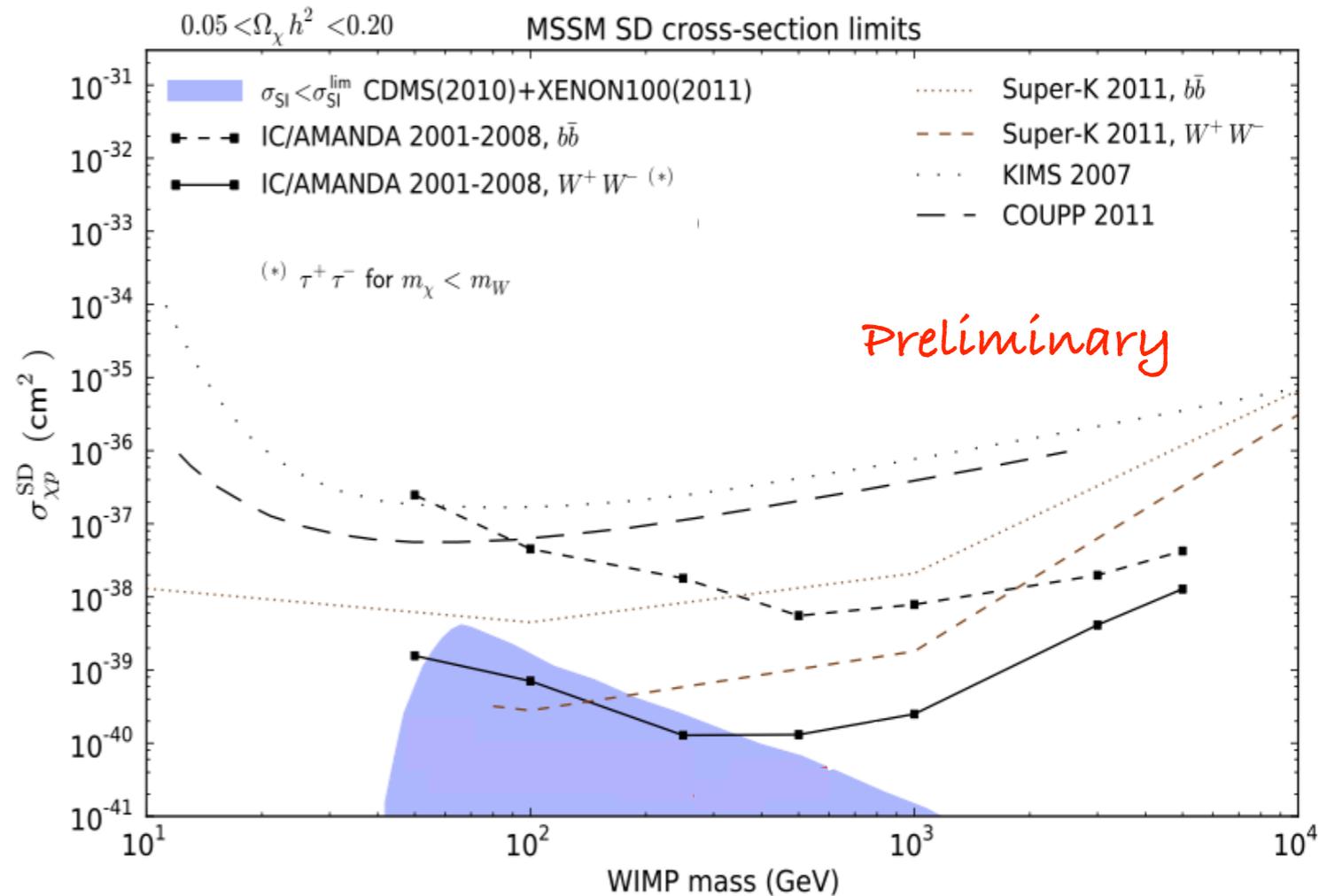
Observed flux in live days is consistent with background expectations.



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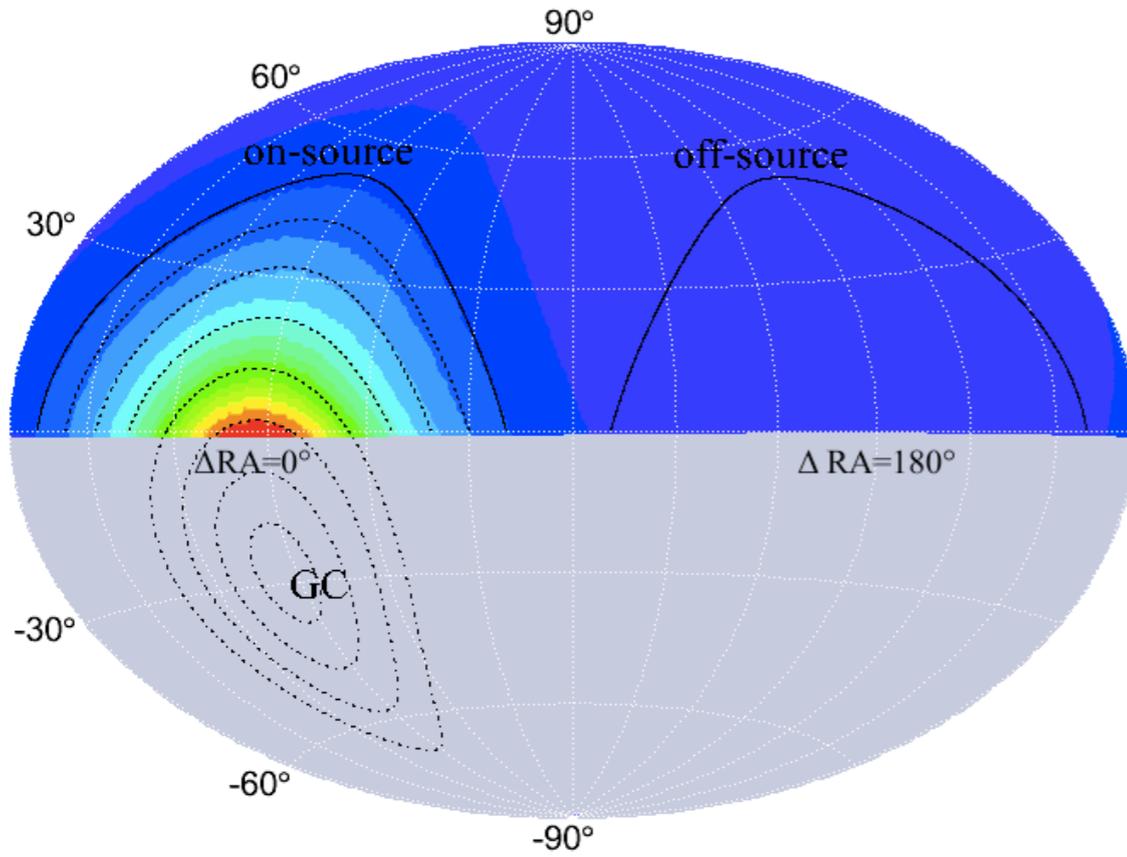
Solar WIMP search

- Solar WIMP searches probe SD scattering cross section
 - SI cross section constrained well by direct search experiments
- Requires models of solar dark matter population distributions, annihilation modes



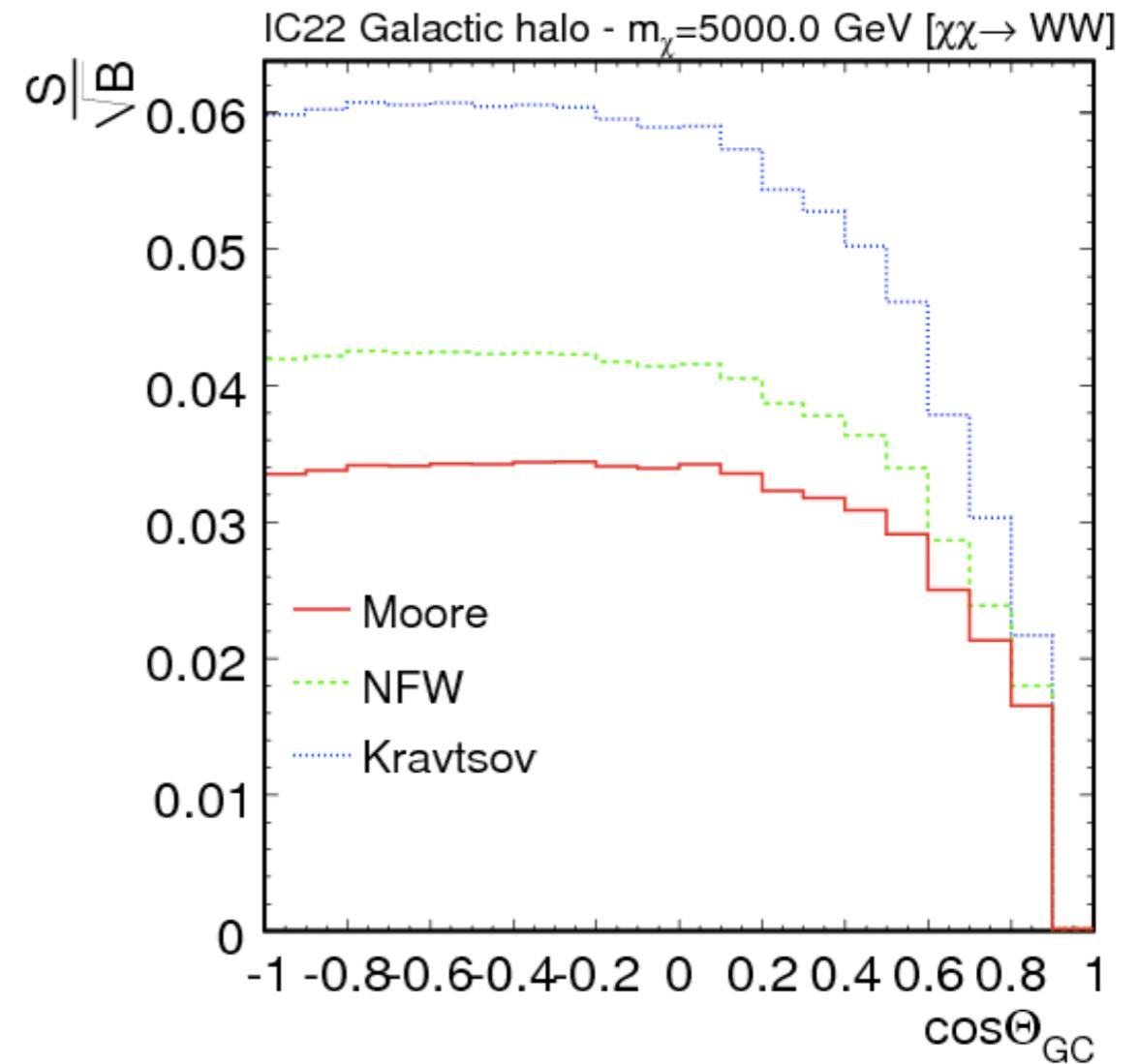
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Galactic WIMP search



IceCube-22:

- Galactic centre is above the horizon
- Compare equal areas of on-source and off-source
- Select Halo and SUSY model, measure the flux and thus constrain the annihilation cross-section

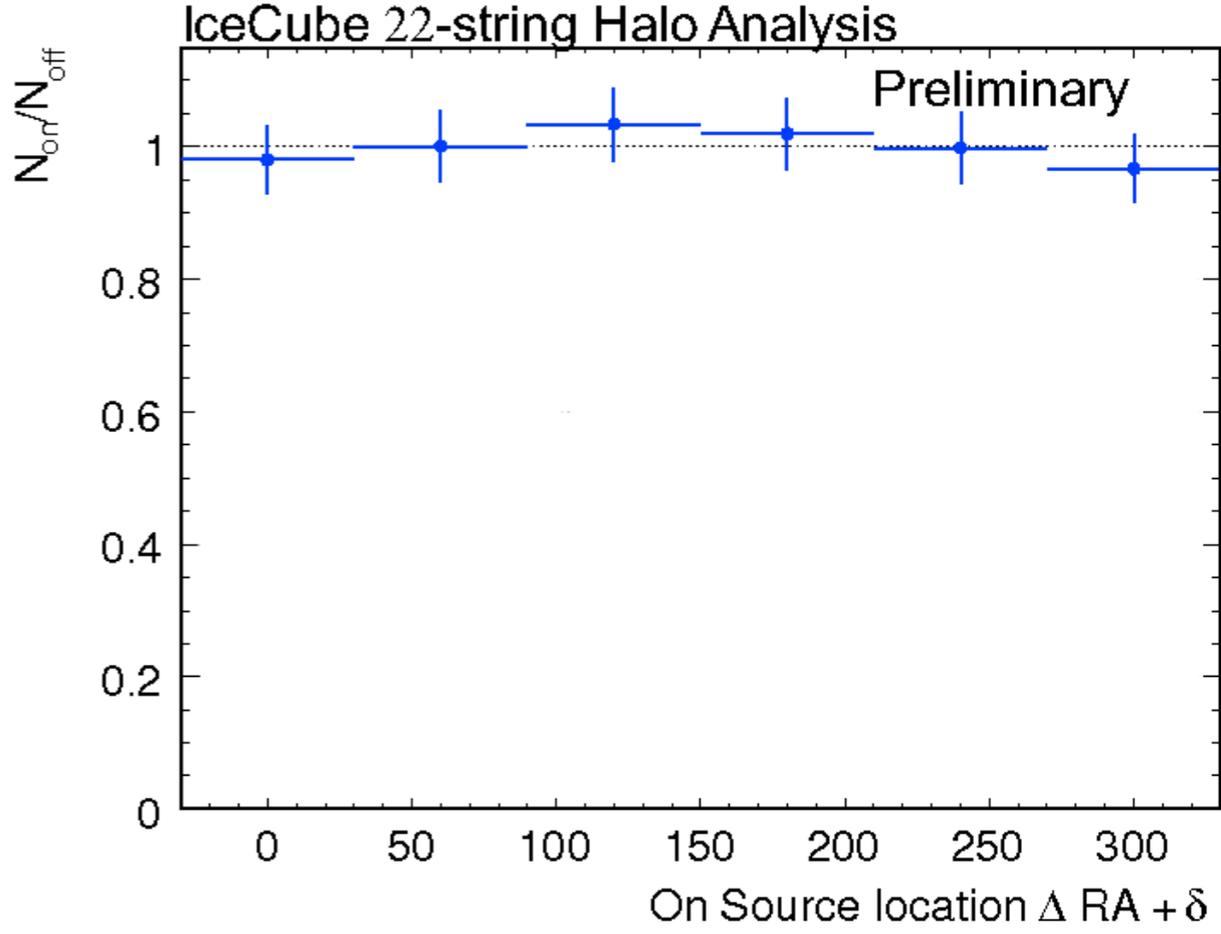
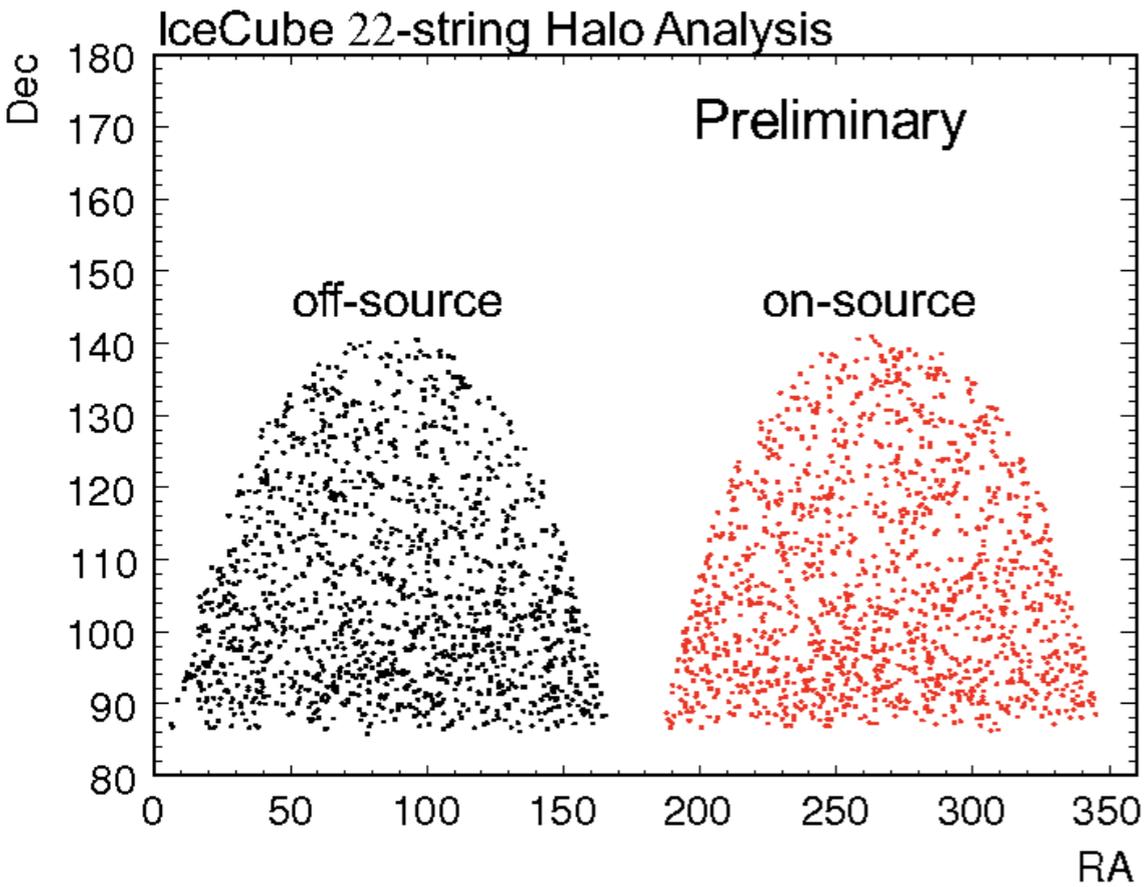


$$\frac{d\Phi}{dE} = \frac{\langle \sigma_A v \rangle}{2} J(\psi) \frac{R_{sc} \rho_{sc}^2}{4\pi m_\chi^2} \frac{dN}{dE}$$

Measure Constrain Halo SUSY

Galactic Halo Dark Matter Search

IceCube-22 Limits - Phys. Rev. D 84, 022004 (2011)

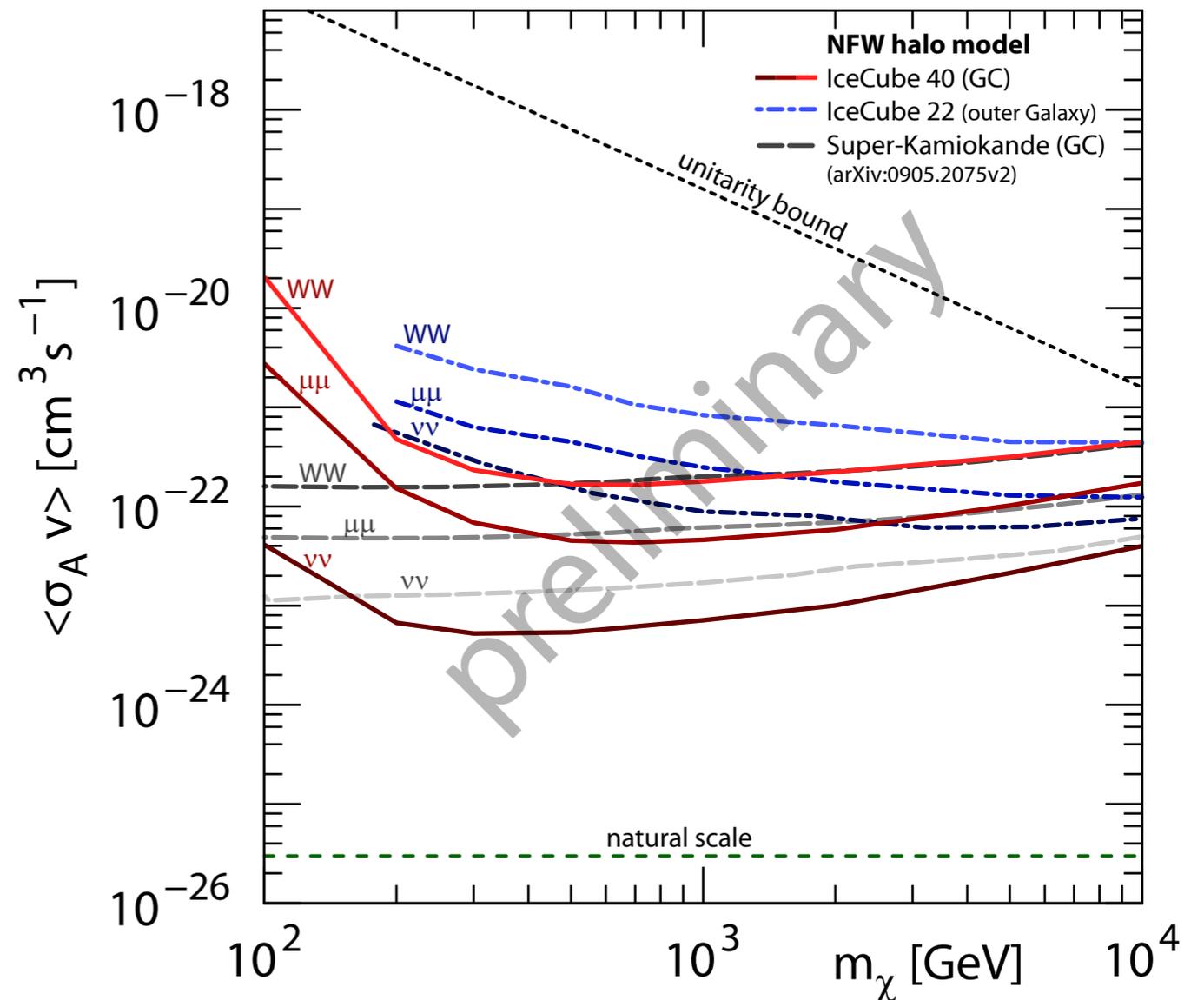


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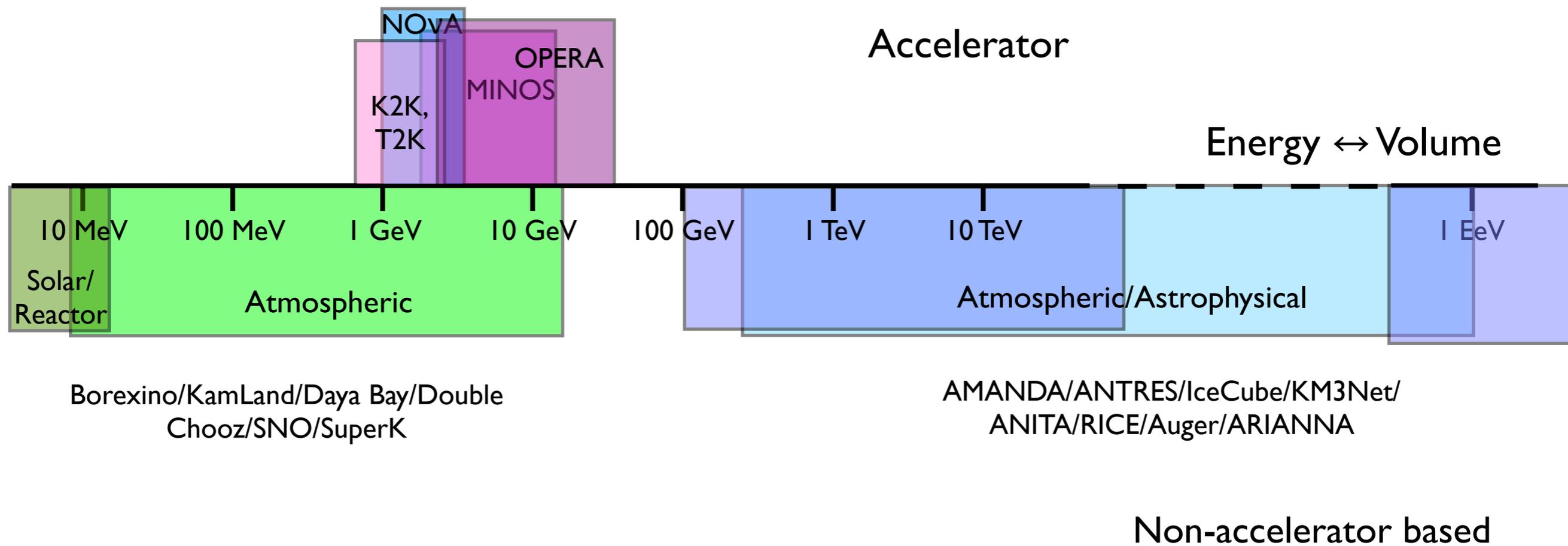
Current IceCube limits

- Sensitivity depends strongly on annihilation channel (affects neutrino energy spectrum)
- IceCube 2008 (40-string) sensitivity already better than Super-Kamiokande for WIMP masses above a few hundred GeV
- Natural scale for thermal relics still several orders of magnitude lower

Limits (90% C.L.) on the self annihilation cross section ($\chi\chi \rightarrow WW, \mu\mu, \nu\nu$)

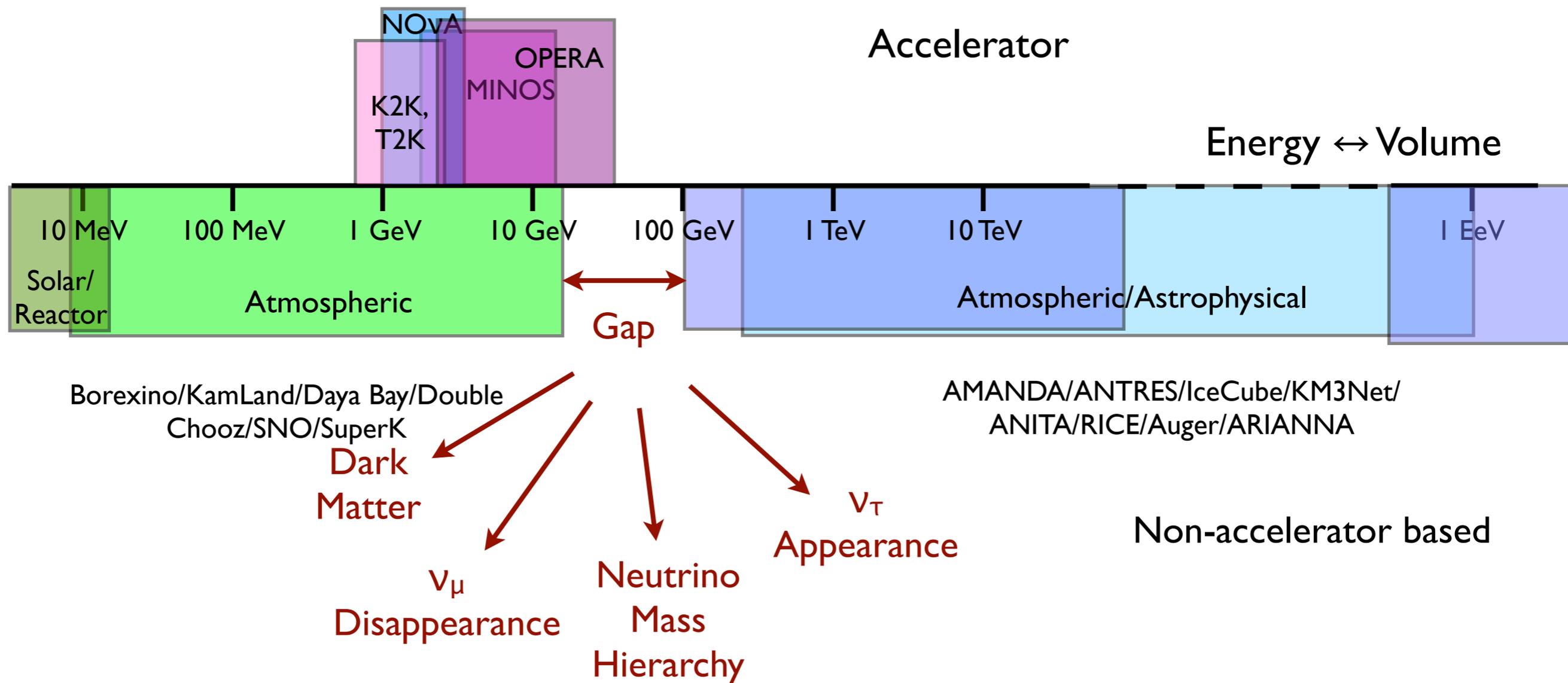


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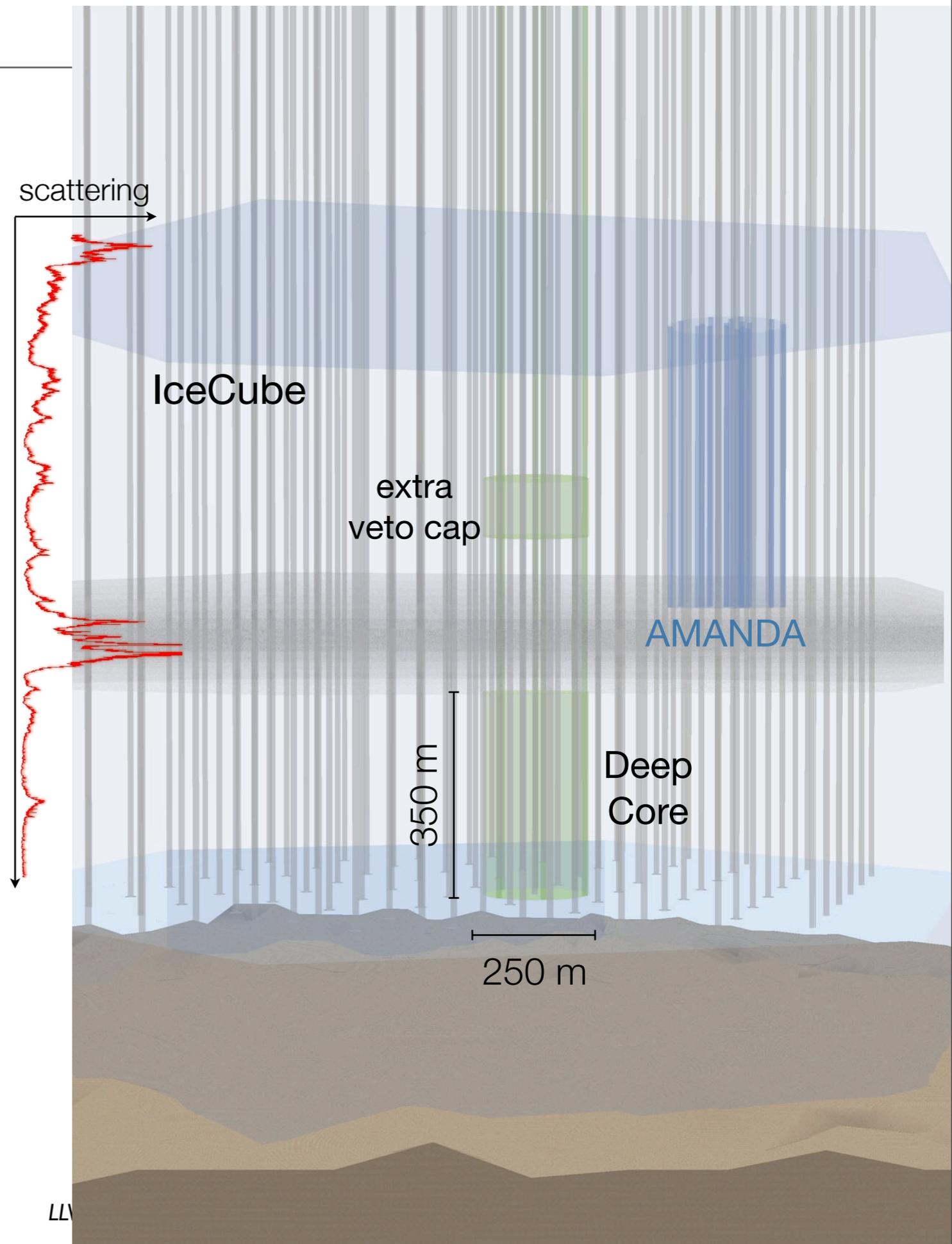
DeepCore

IceCube-DeepCore

- IceCube extended its “low” energy response with a densely instrumented infill array: DeepCore <http://arxiv.org/abs/1109.6096>
- Significant improvement in capabilities from ~ 10 GeV to ~ 300 GeV (ν_μ)
- Scientific Motivations:
 - Indirect search for dark matter
 - Neutrino oscillations (e.g., ν_τ appearance)
 - Neutrino point sources in the southern hemisphere (e.g., galactic center)

DeepCore Design

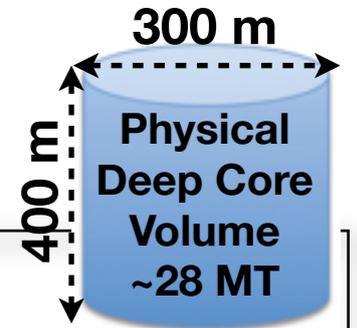
- Eight special strings plus seven nearest standard IceCube strings
- 72 m inter-string horizontal spacing (six with 42 m spacing)
- 7 m DOM vertical spacing
- ~35% higher Q.E. PMTs
- ~5x higher effective photocathode density
- Deployed mainly in the clearest ice, below 2100 m
- $\lambda_{\text{eff}} > \sim 50 \text{ m}$
- Result: 30 Mton detector with ~10 GeV threshold, will collect O(100k) physics quality atmospheric ν/yr



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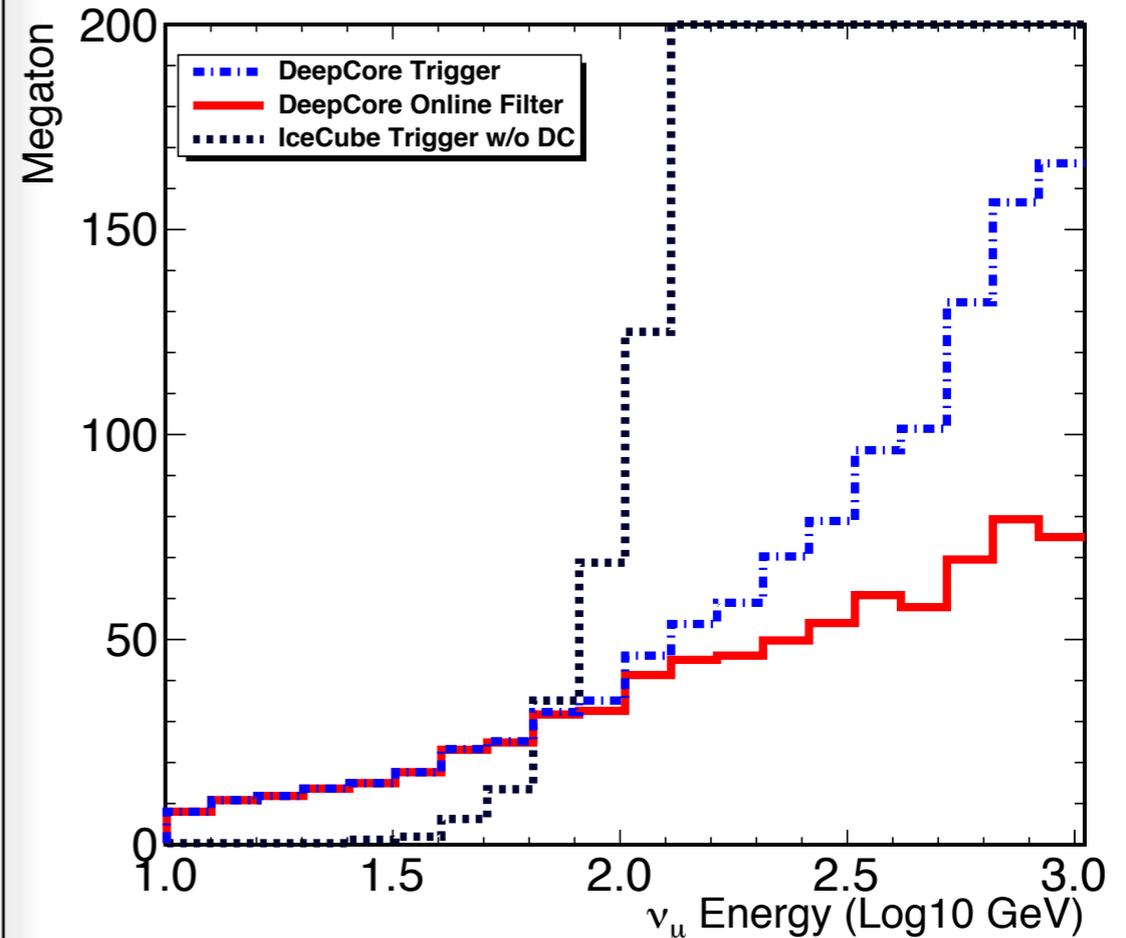
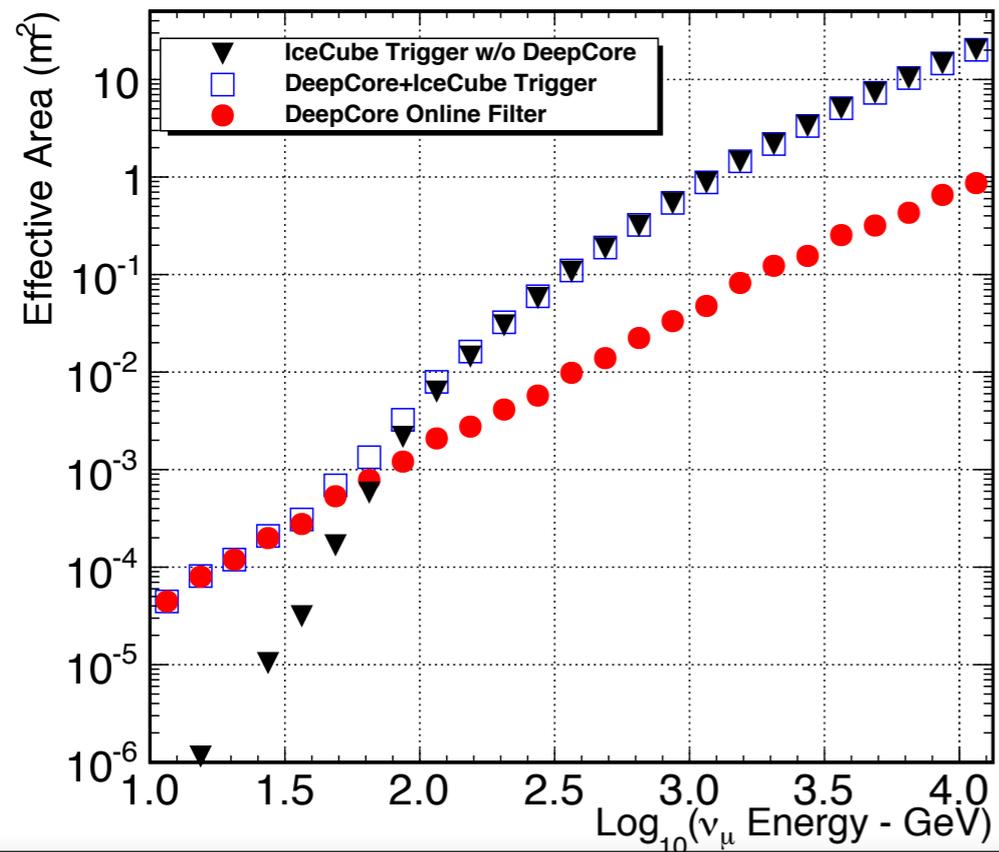
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DeepCore Effective Area and Volume



Effective area for ν_μ at trigger level

Reconstruction efficiencies not included yet – relative effect likely to increase



Effective volume for muons from ν_μ interacting in Deep Core

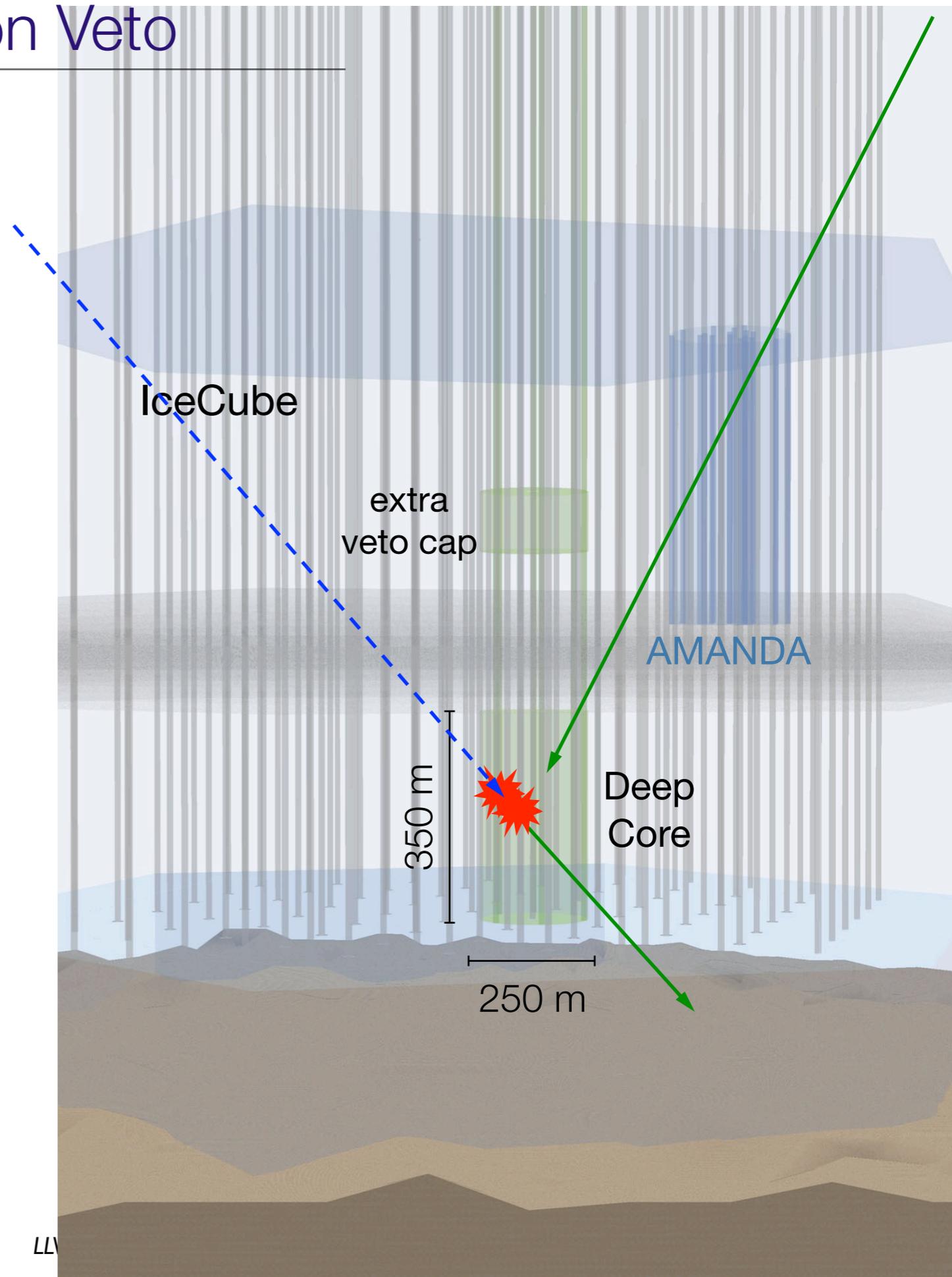
NB: full analysis efficiency *not* included yet

Trigger: ≥ 3 DOMs hit in $2.5\mu\text{s}$;

Online Veto: No hits consistent with muons outside DeepCore volume

DeepCore Atmospheric Muon Veto

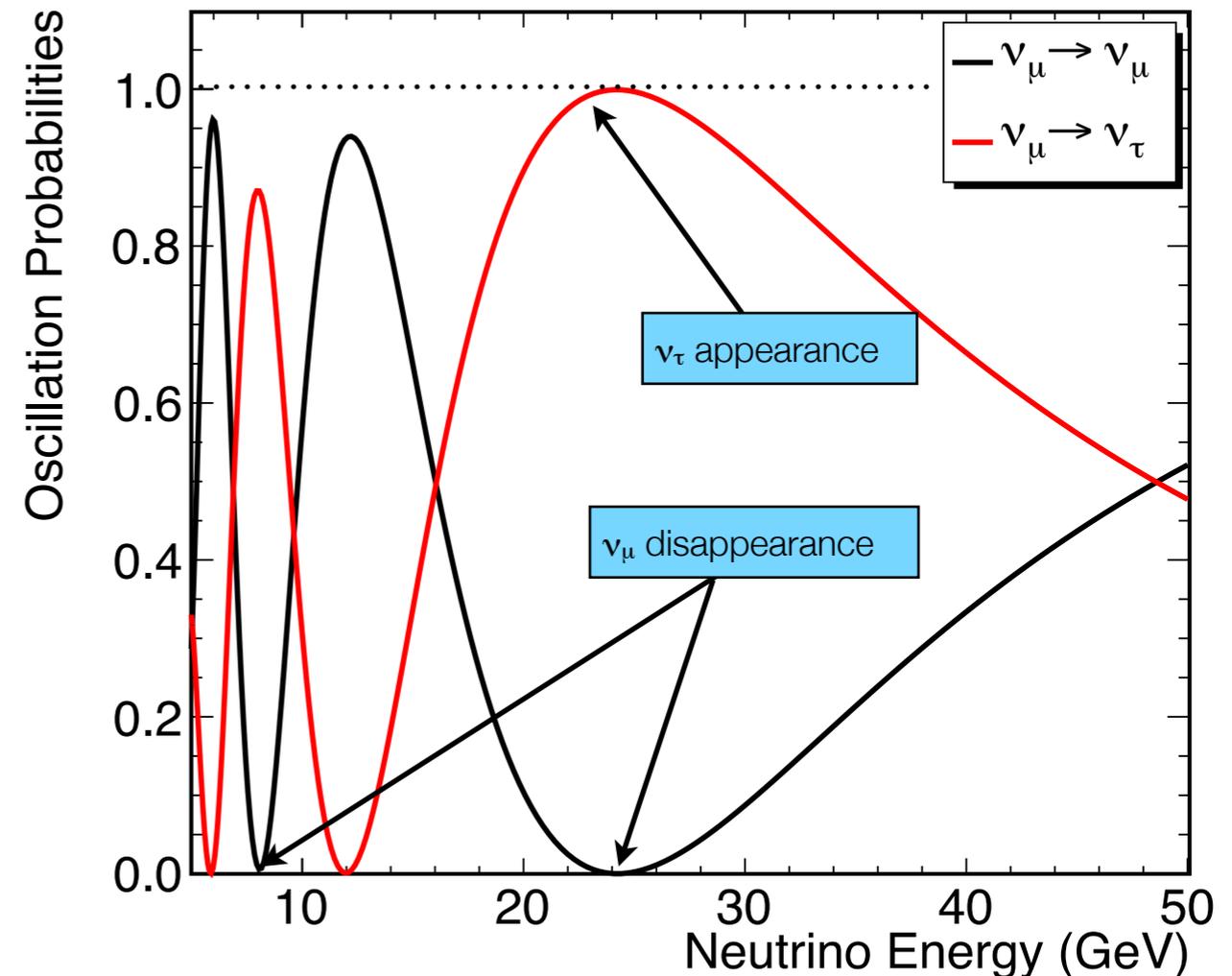
- Overburden of 2.1 km water-equivalent is substantial, but not as large as at deep underground labs
- However, top and outer layers of IceCube provide an active veto shield for DeepCore
- ~40 horizontal layers of modules above; 3 rings of strings on all sides
- Effective μ -free depth much greater
- Can use to distinguish atmospheric μ from atmospheric or cosmological ν
- Atm. μ/ν trigger ratio is $\sim 10^6$
- Vetoing algorithms expected to reach at least 10^6 level of background rejection



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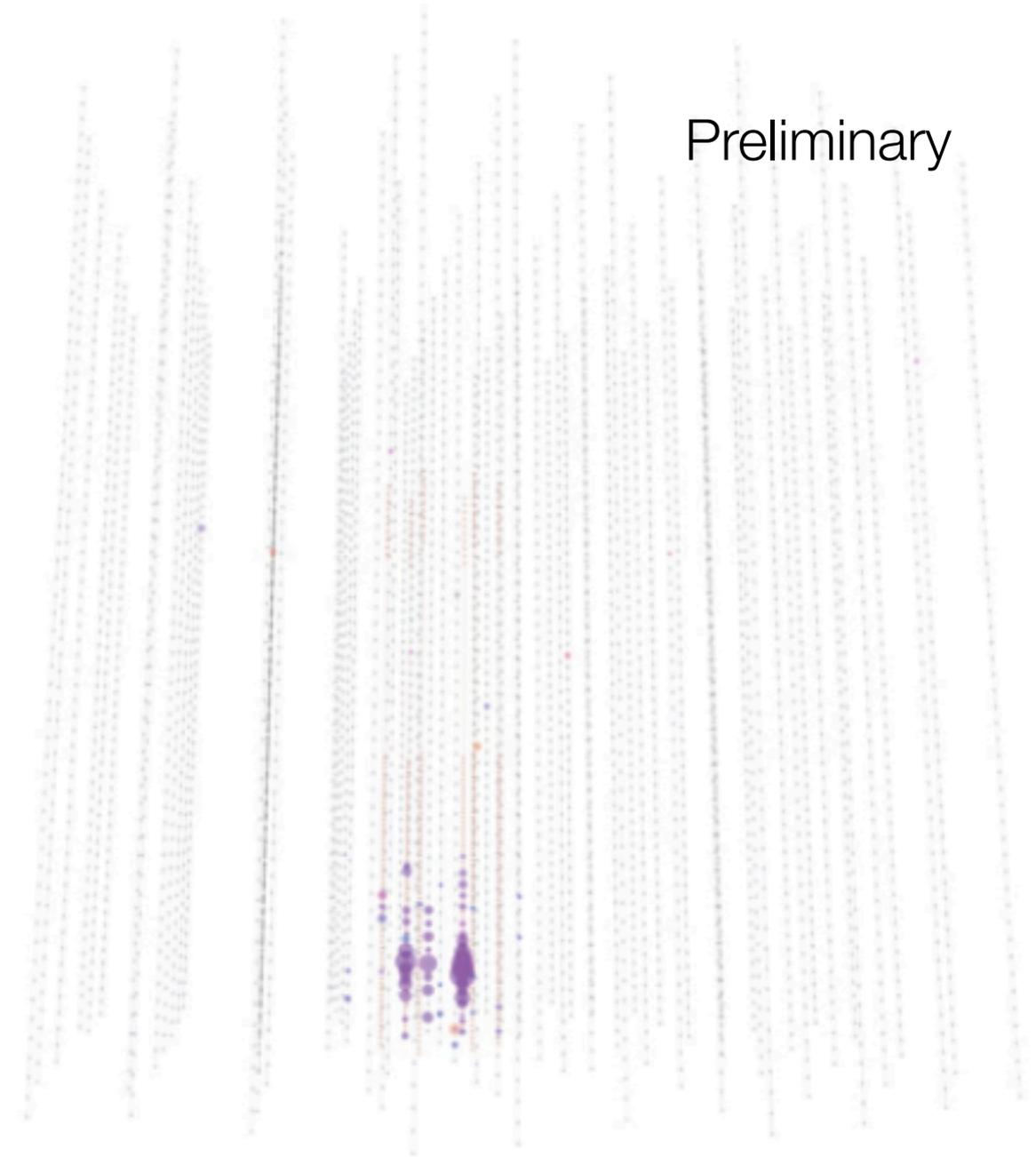
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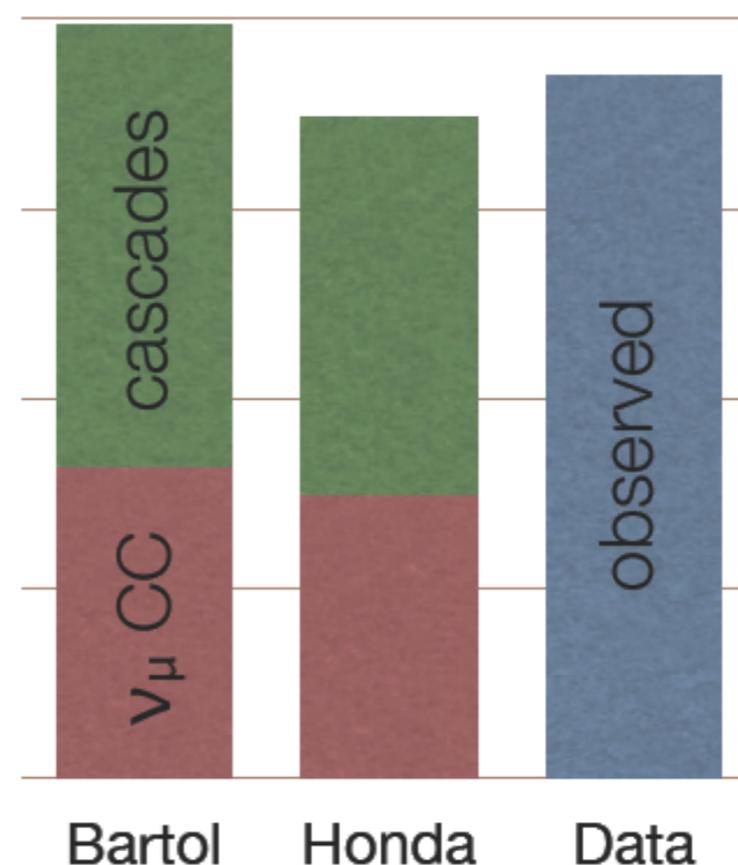
Candidate cascade event
Run 116020, Event 20788565, 2010/06/06

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- A substantial sample of cascades has been obtained, final data set ~60% cascade events
 - Events have a mean energy ~180 GeV (not sensitive to oscillations with these first cuts)
 - Atmospheric muon background is being assessed (expected to be small)
- The potential to discriminate between atmospheric neutrino models exists and thus measuring air shower physics

Preliminary!

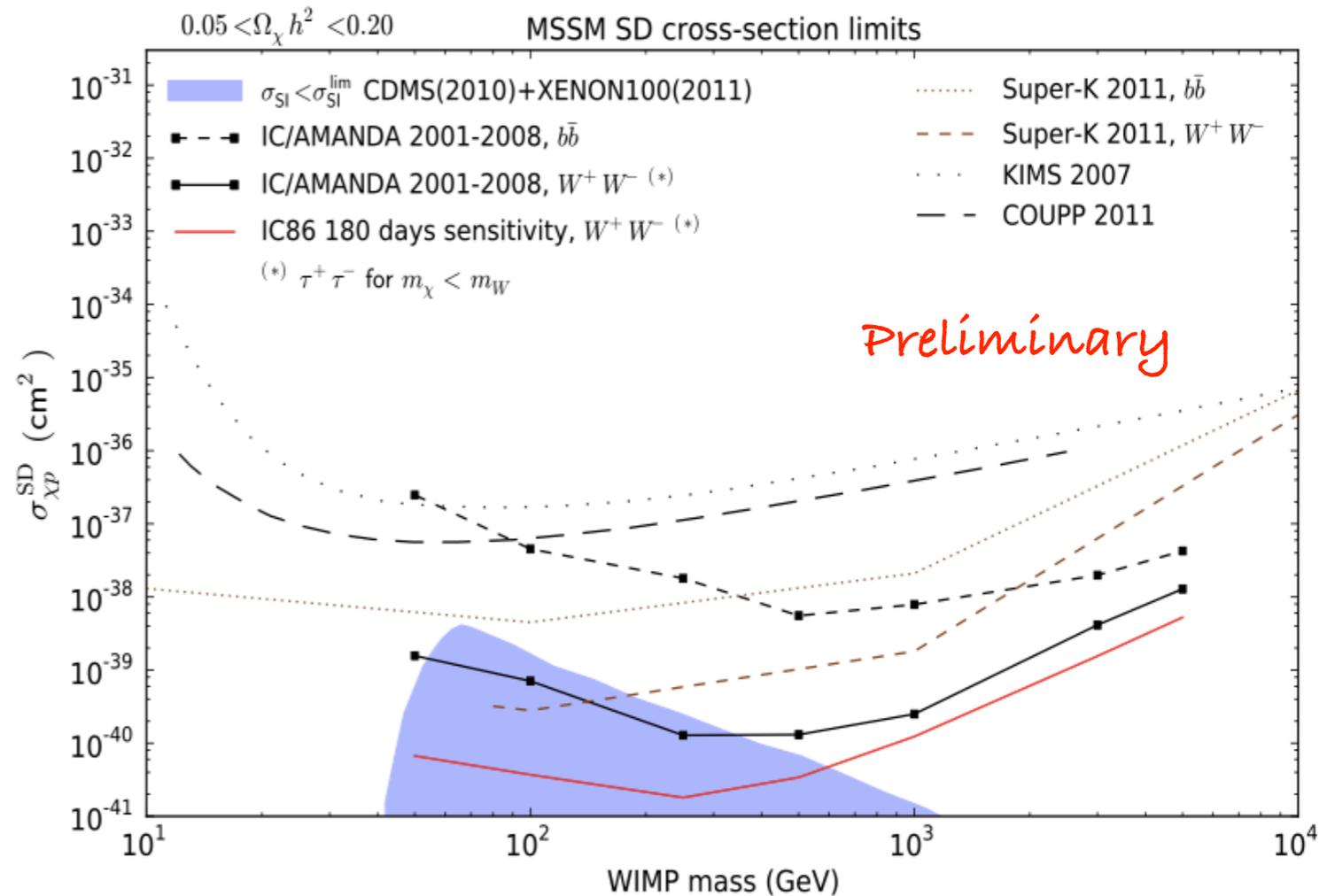
	Cascades	CC ν_μ	Total
Bartol	650	454	1104
Honda	551	415	966
Data			1029



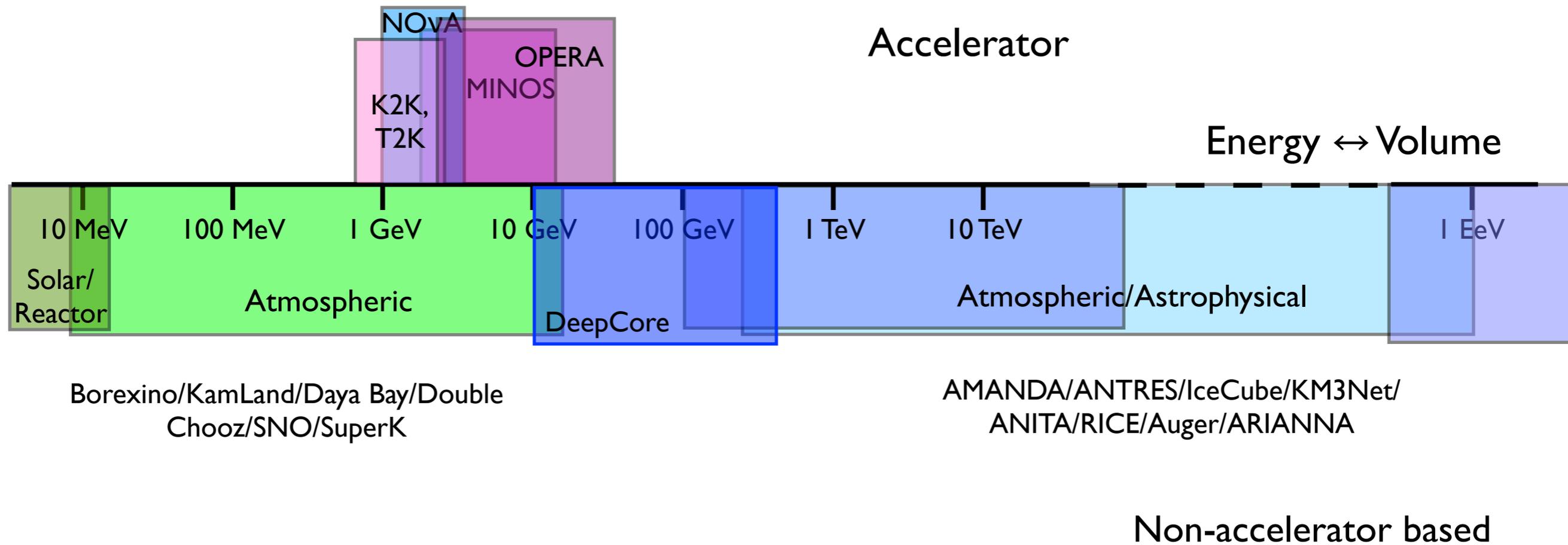
Indirect Dark Matter Searches

Solar WIMP search

- Solar WIMP searches probe SD scattering cross section
 - SI cross section constrained well by direct search experiments
- Requires models of solar dark matter population distributions, annihilation modes

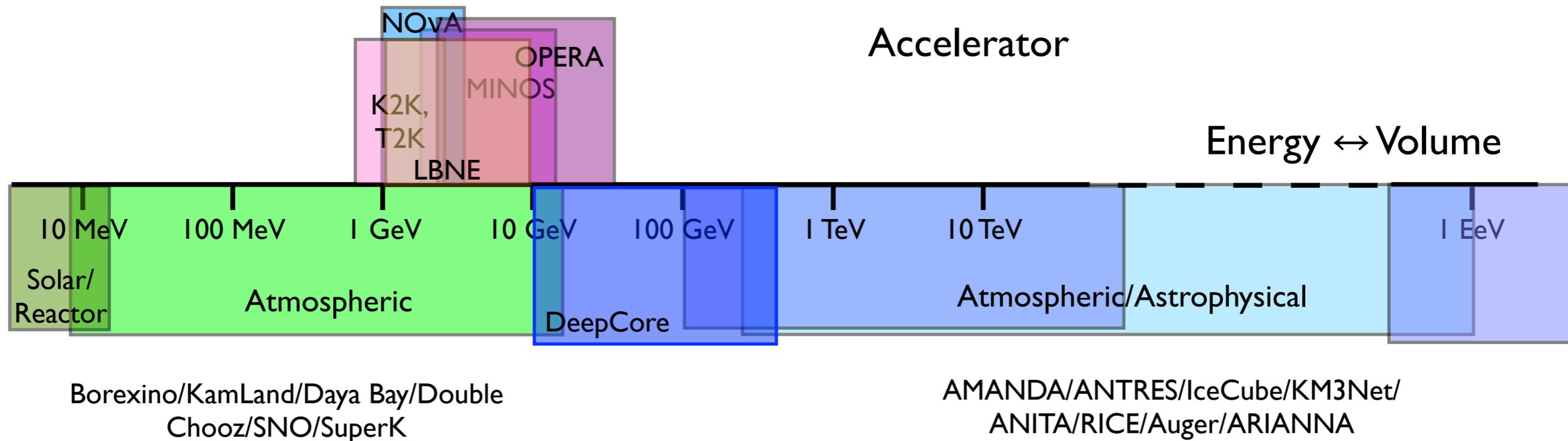


The Neutrino Detector Spectrum



* boxes select primary detector physics energy regimes and are not absolute limits

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Non-accelerator based

The underground community is preparing programs for large-scale detectors $O(300 \text{ kT})$, with physics focused on long-baseline neutrinos, toward $O(1 \text{ MT})$, proton decay, supernova neutrinos.

Construction/Purification of the facilities for these detectors remain technological challenges of engineering.

IceCube-DeepCore



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IceCube-DeepCore-PINGU



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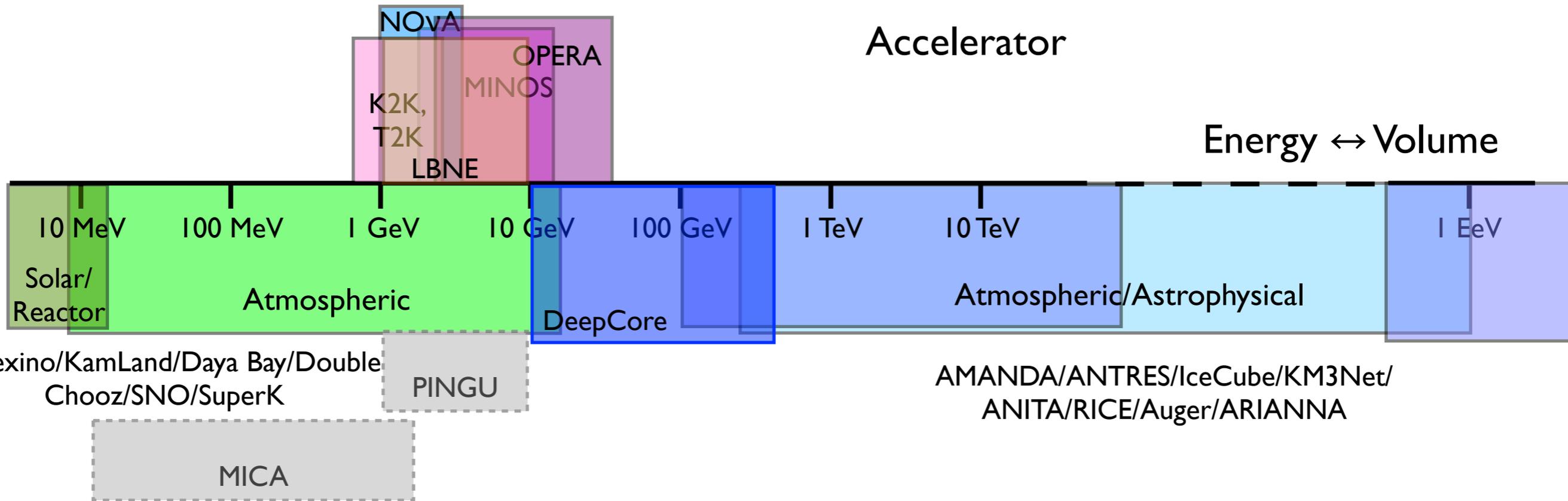
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(Precision IceCube Next Generation Upgrade/Multimegaton Ice Cherenkov Array)



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~70 active members in feasibility studies:

IceCube, KM3Net, Several neutrino experiments

Photon detector developers

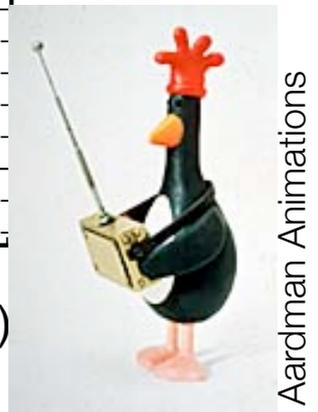
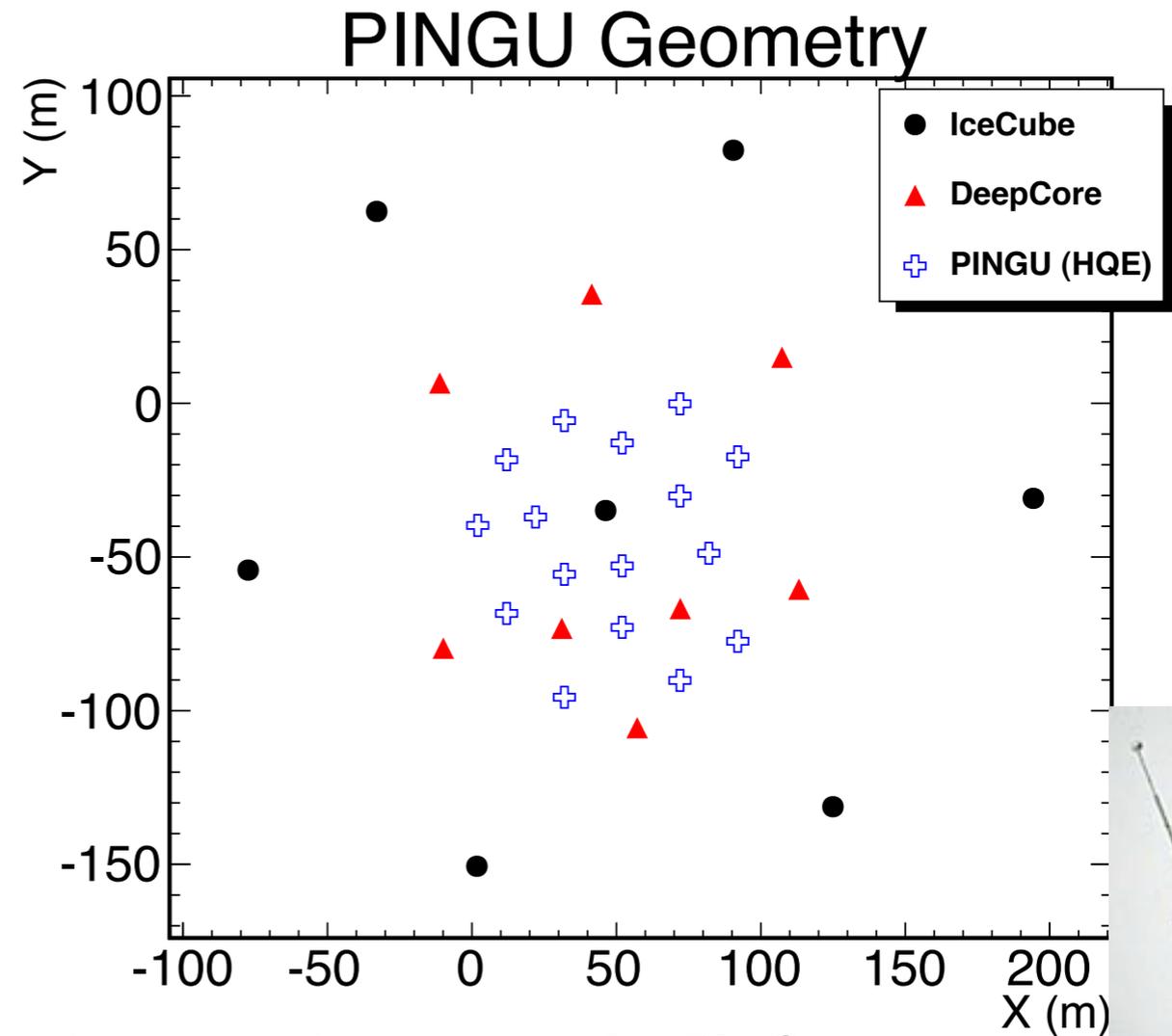
Theorists

PINGU - Possible detector configurations

- First stage (“PINGU”)
- Add ~20 in-fill strings to DeepCore to extend energy reach to ~1 GeV
 - improves WIMP search, neutrino oscillation measurements, other low energy physics
 - test bed for physics signals addressed by next stage
- Use mostly standard IceCube technology
- Include some new photon detection technology as R&D for next step
- Second stage (“MICA”)
- Using new photon detection technology, build detector that can reconstruct Cherenkov rings for events well below 1 GeV
 - proton decay, supernova neutrinos, PINGU topics
- Comparable in scope (budget/strings) to IceCube, but in a much smaller volume

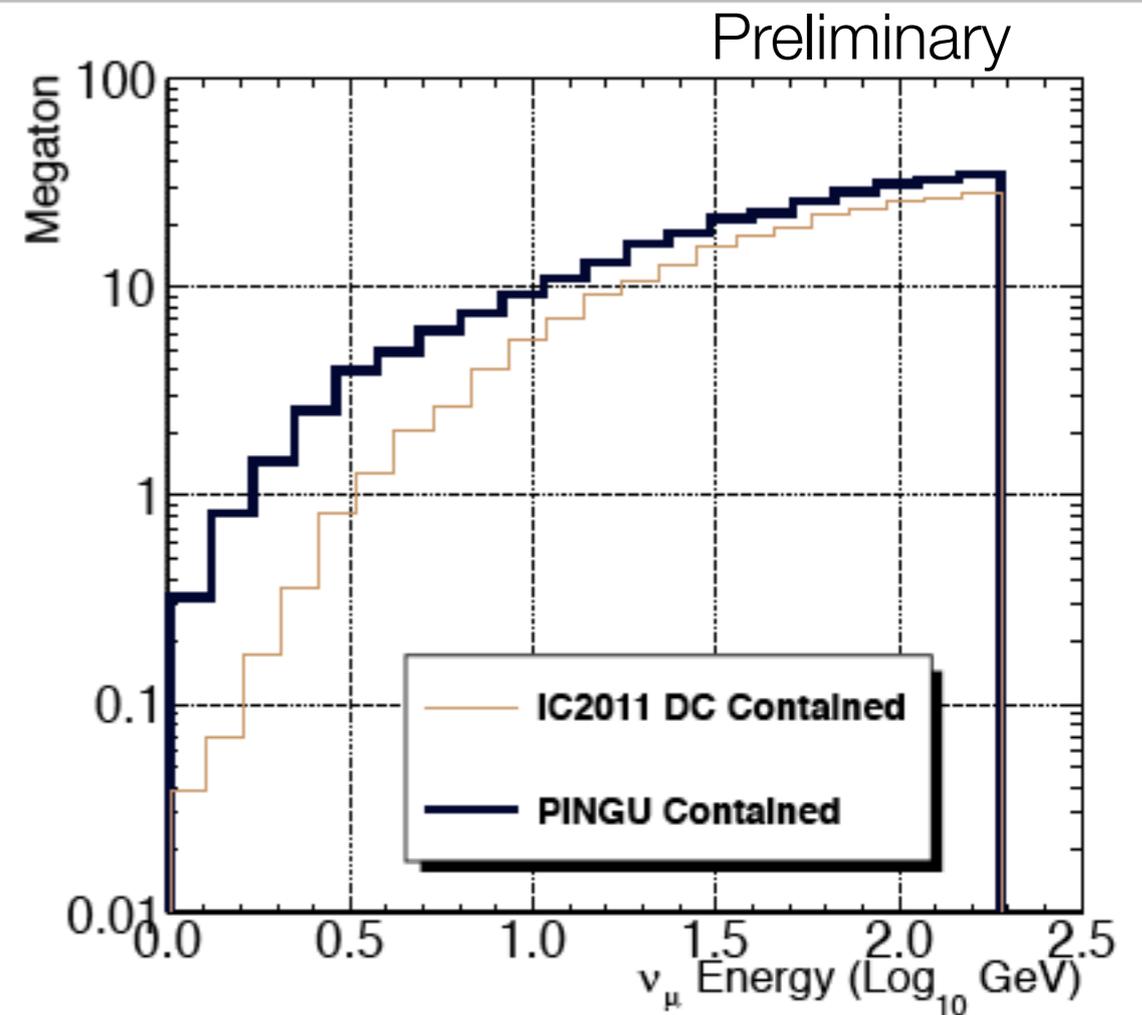
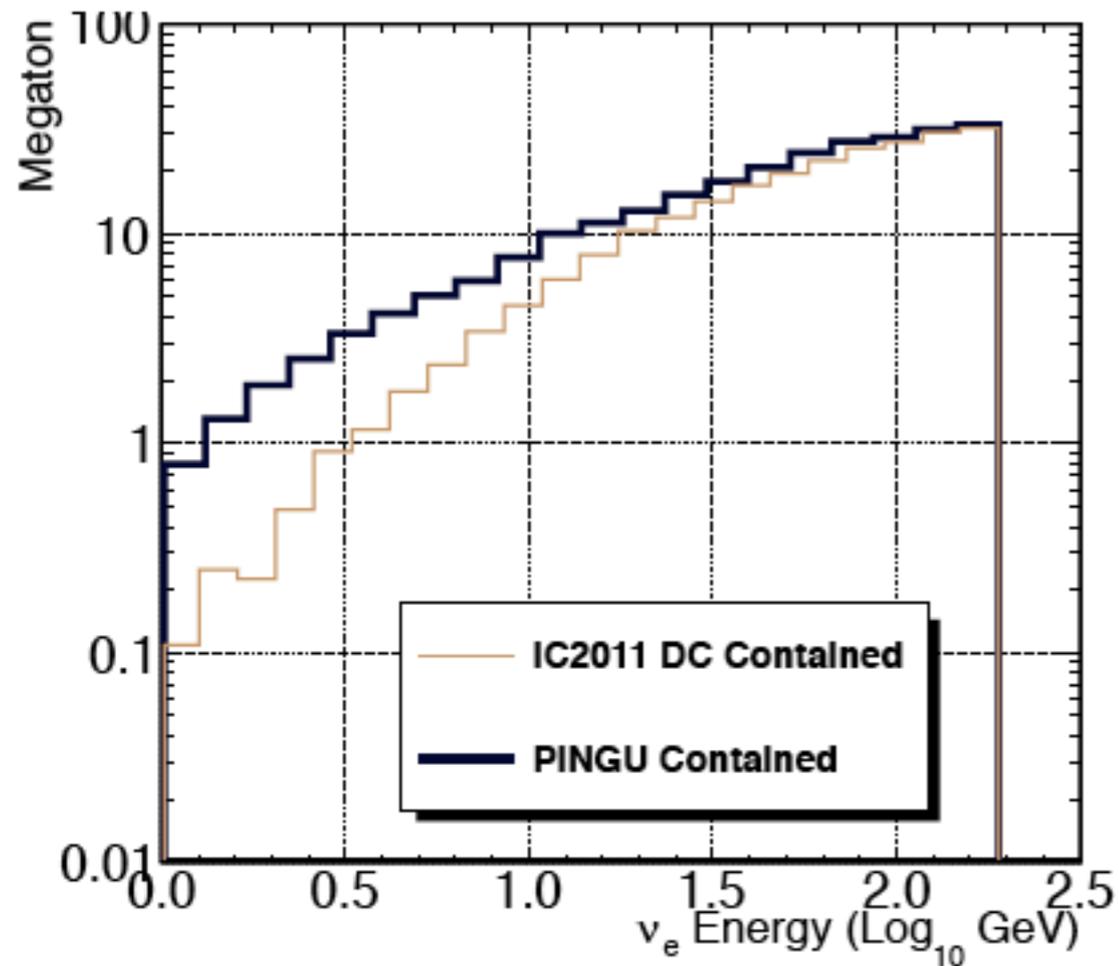
PINGU: Possible Geometry

- Could continue to fill in the DeepCore volume
 - E.g., an additional 18-20 strings (~1000 DOMs) in the 30 MTon DeepCore volume
- Could reach $O(\text{GeV})$ threshold in inner 10 MTon volume



- Price tag would likely be around \$25M

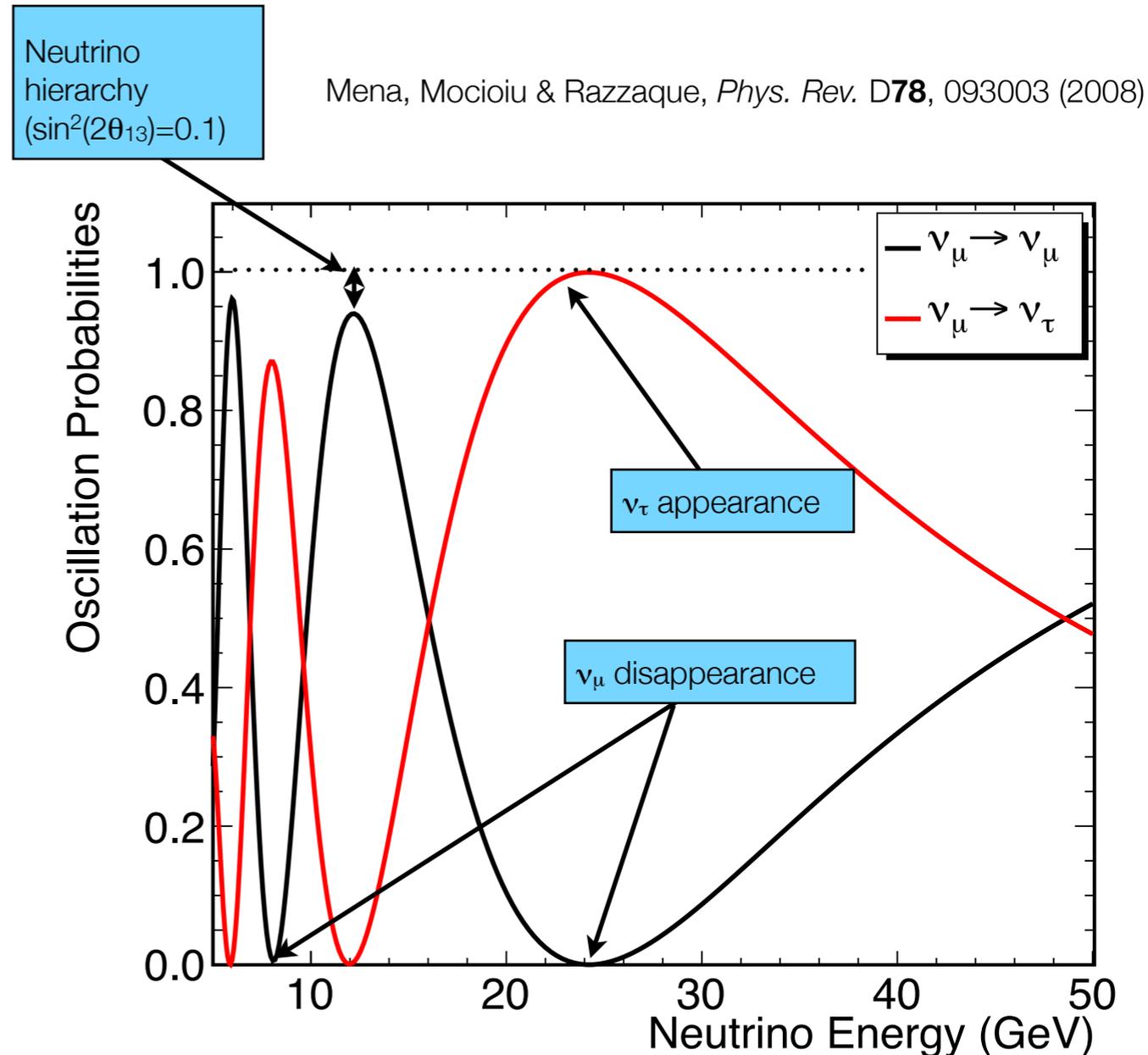
PINGU: Effective Volumes



- Increased effective volume for energies below ~ 15 GeV
- Nearly and order of magnitude increase at 1 GeV (100s of kTon)
- Expected improvement over DeepCore $> 10x$ despite above does not yet include analysis efficiencies

PINGU Physics

- Probe lower mass WIMPs
- Gain sensitivity to second oscillation peak/trough
 - will help pin down $(\Delta m_{23})^2$
 - enhanced sensitivity to neutrino mass hierarchy
- Gain increased sensitivity to supernova neutrino bursts
 - Extension of current search for coherent increase in singles rate across entire detector volume
 - Only 2 ± 1 core collapse SN/century in Milky Way
 - need to reach out to our neighboring galaxies
- Gain depends strongly on noise reduction via coincident photon detection (e.g., in neighbor DOMs)
- Begin initial in-situ studies of sensitivity to proton decay
- Extensive calibration program
- Pathfinder technological R&D for SuperPINGU



PINGU Neutrino Mass Hierarchy

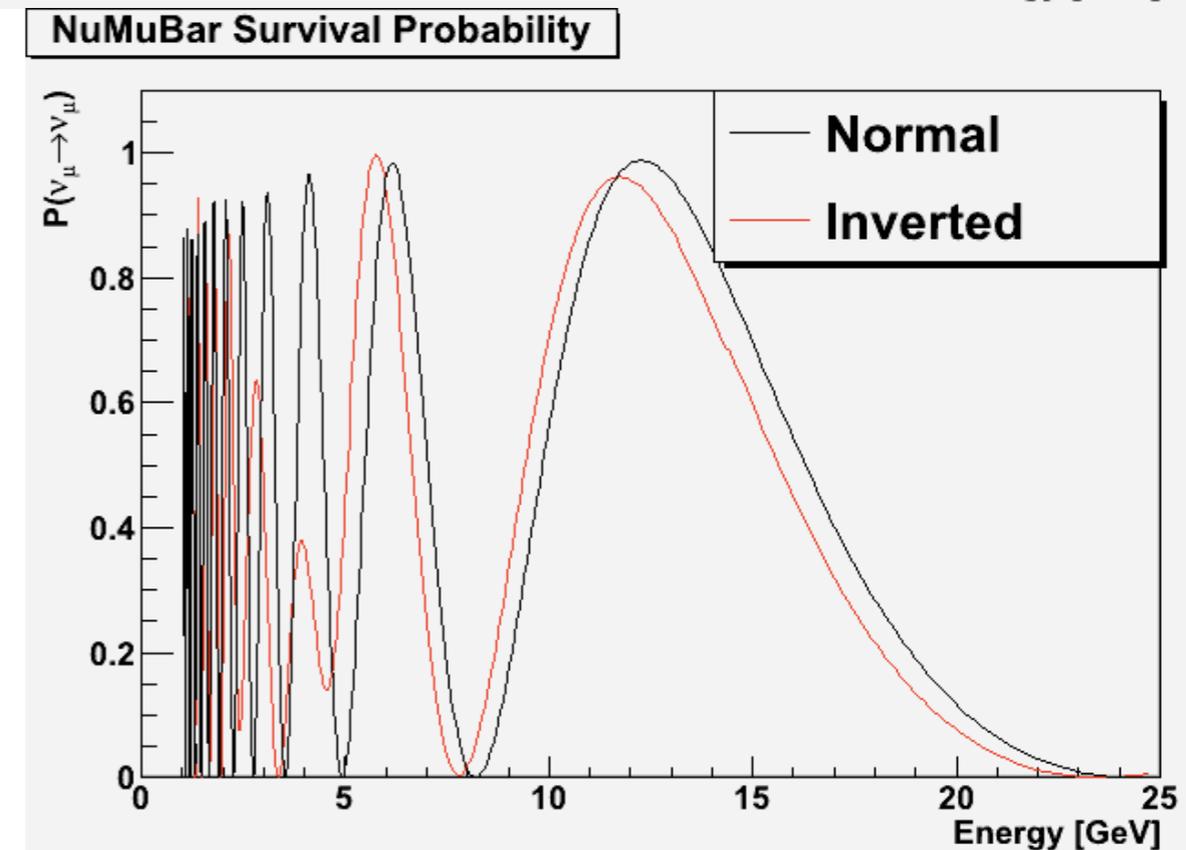
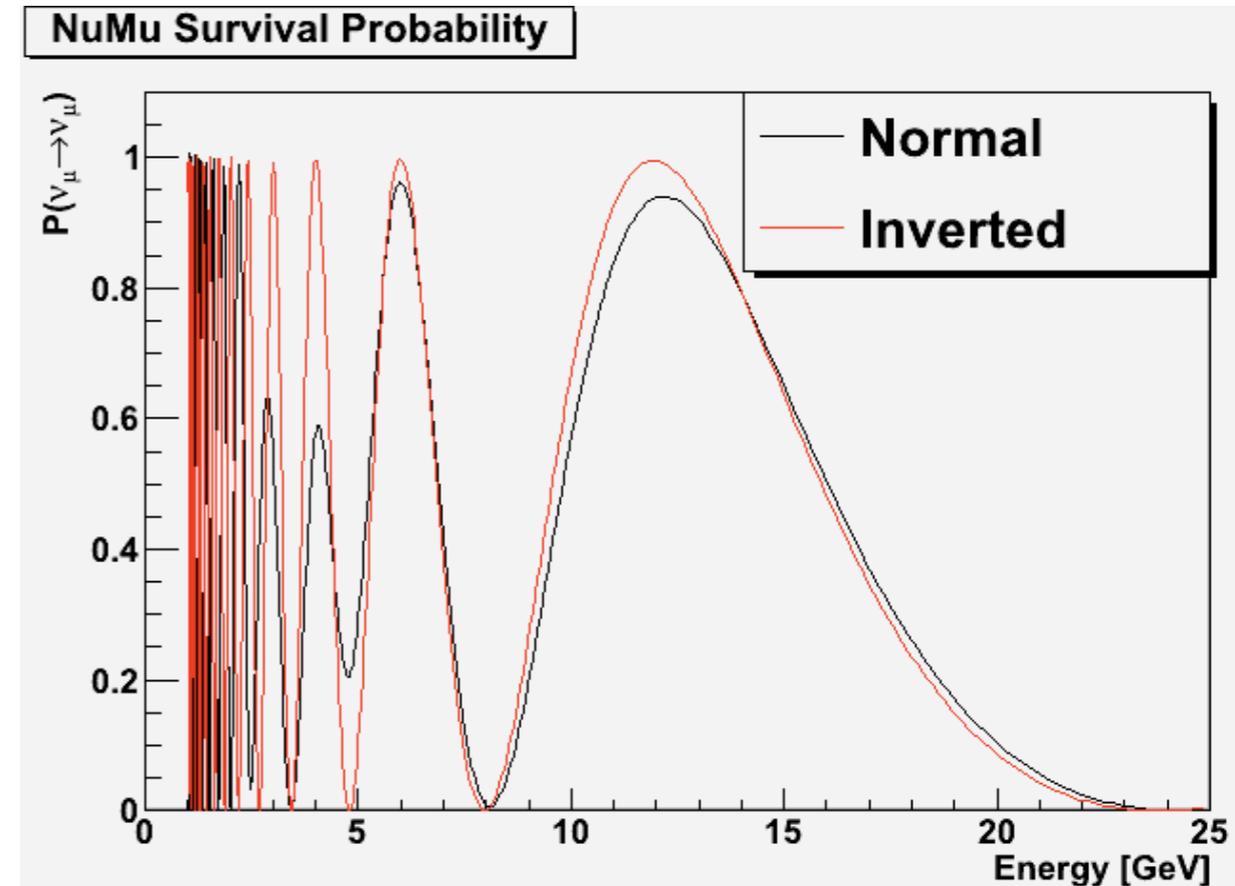
Possible sensitivity to neutrino mass hierarchy via matter effects if θ_{13} is large

Exploit asymmetries in the neutrino/anti-neutrino cross section, kinematics

Effect is largest at energies below 5 GeV (for Earth diameter baseline)

Control of systematics will be crucial

Recent results suggest that nature may be kind and provide a sufficiently large θ_{13}



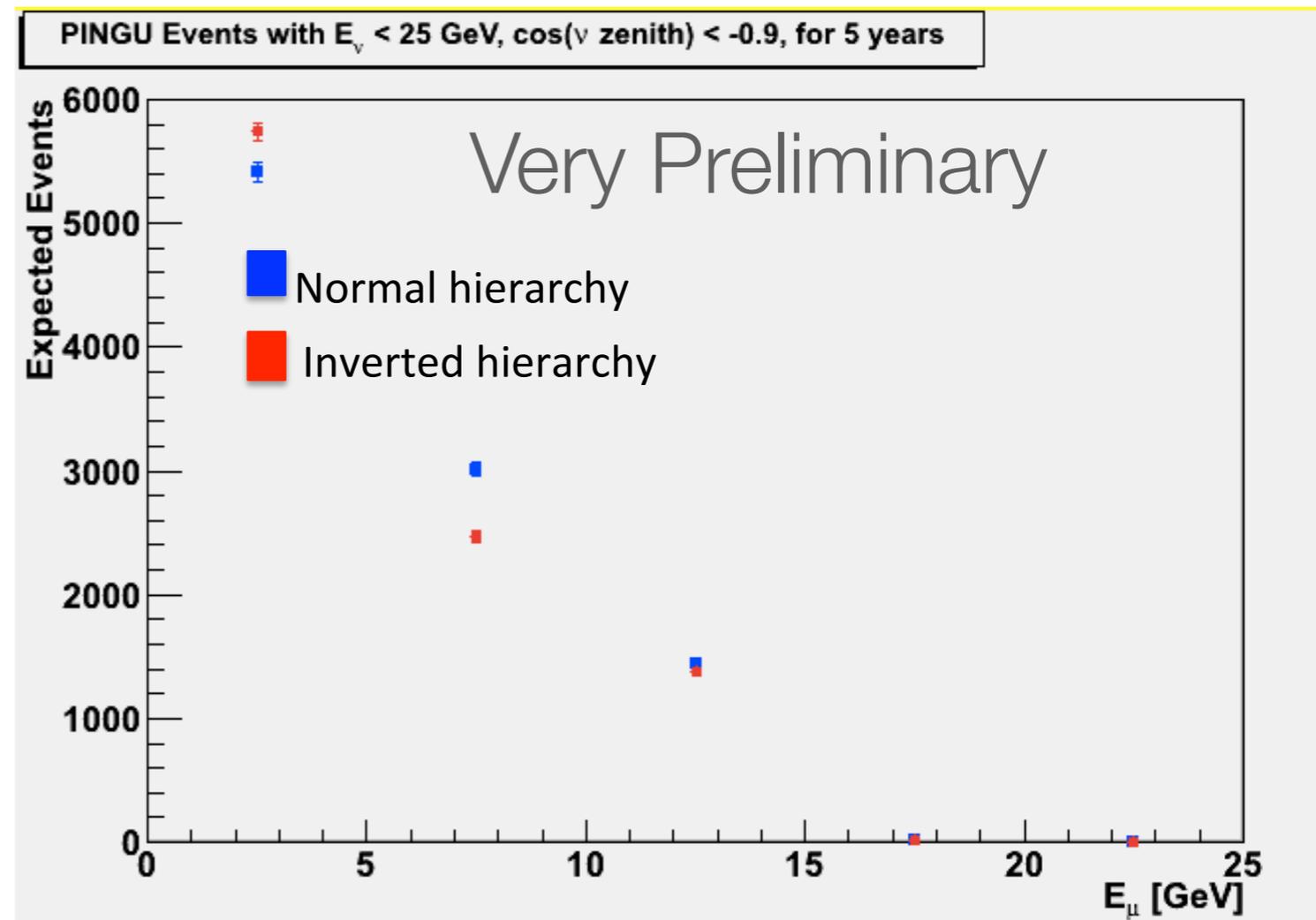
PINGU Neutrino Mass Hierarchy

Simulations of 20-string PINGU with 5 years of data and $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 0.1$

Assumes perfect background rejection, selecting events within 25 degrees of vertical

Up to 20% (10 sigma) effects in several energy/angular bins

The signal is potentially there **if** the systematics can be controlled



PINGU Long Baseline Studies

Tang & Winter <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1110.5908v1>

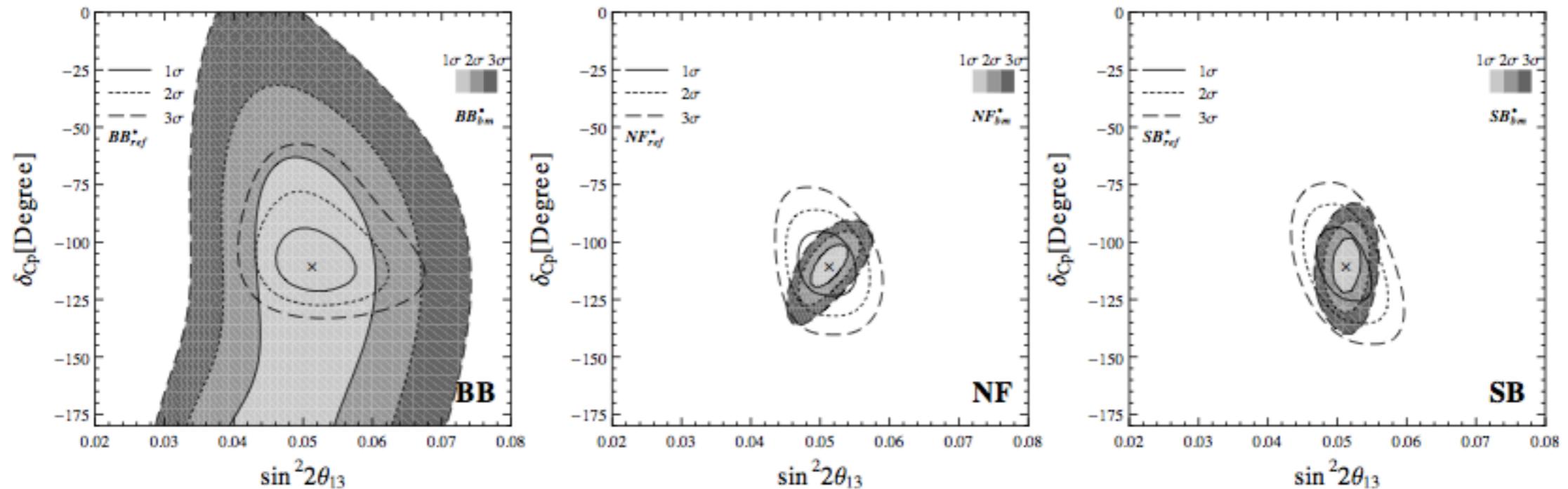
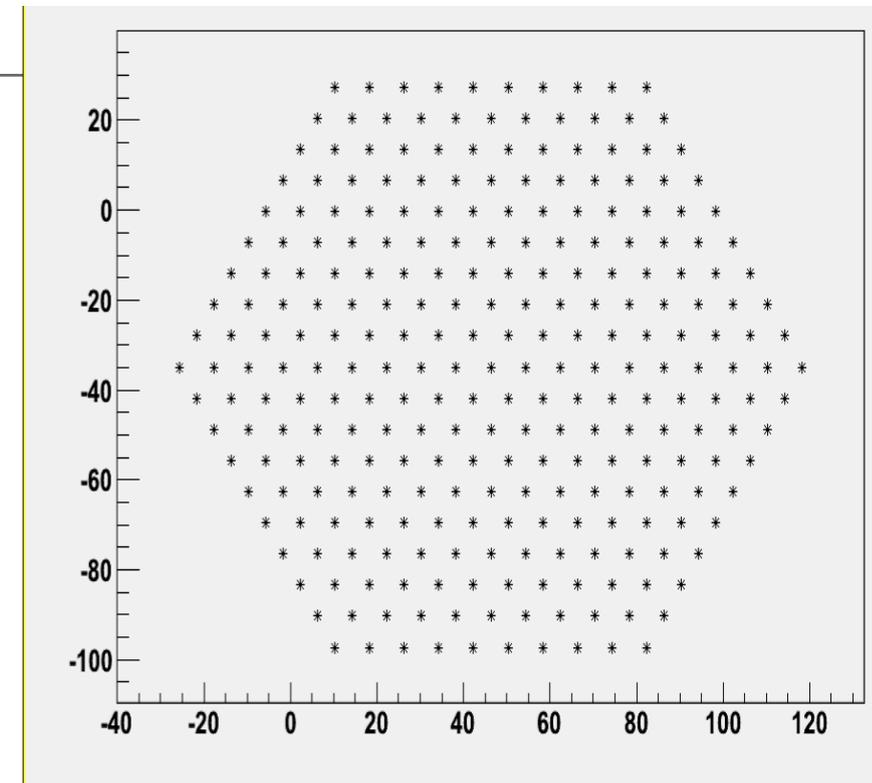


Figure 12: The precision measurements of CP phase δ_{CP} and $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ for three single-baseline neutrino experiments: Beta Beam (BB), Neutrino Factory (NF), and SuperBeam (SB). The contours represent the 1 σ , 2 σ and 3 σ confidence levels (2 d.o.f.). Filled contours represent the PINGU benchmark setups, unfilled contours the reference setups. The crosses mark the best fit value of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ and δ_{CP} . Here we assume the normal (true) hierarchy, the inverted (fit) hierarchy solution can be ruled out by the experiments.

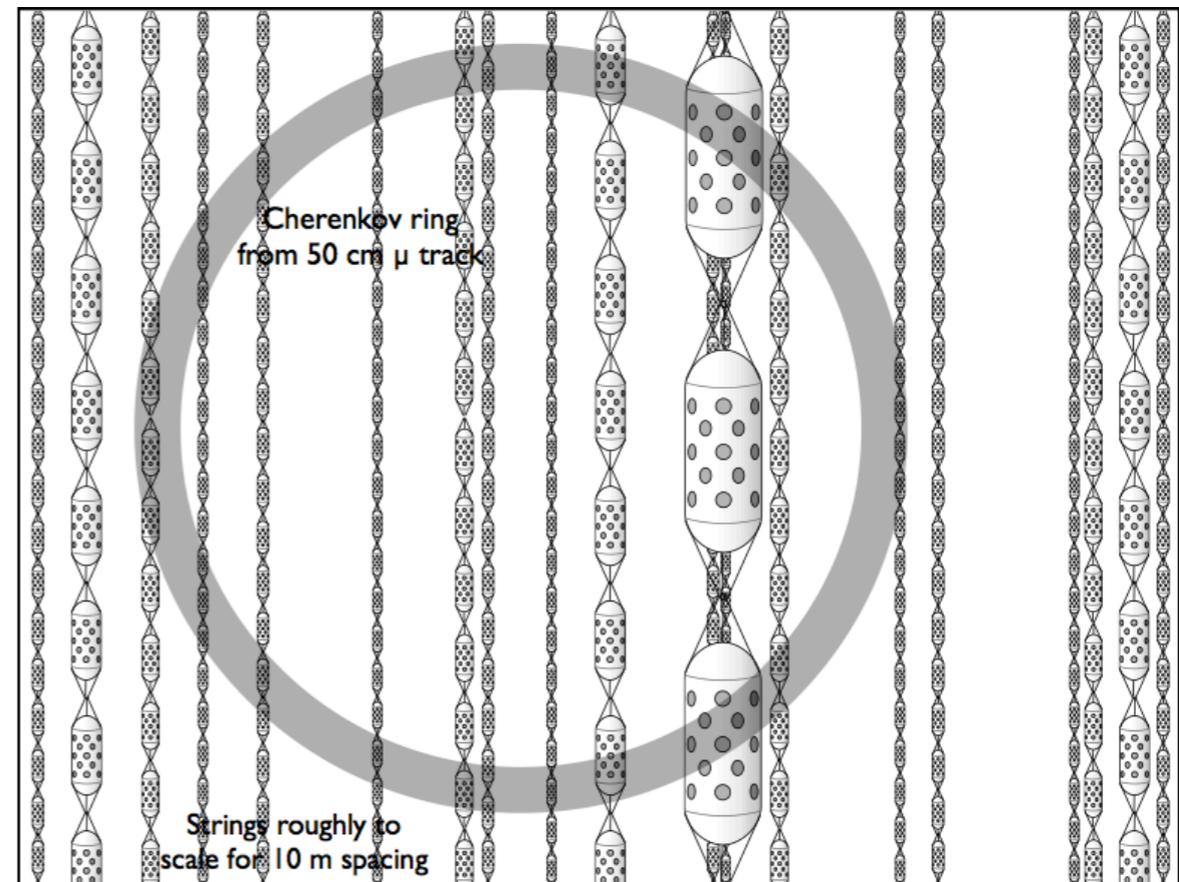
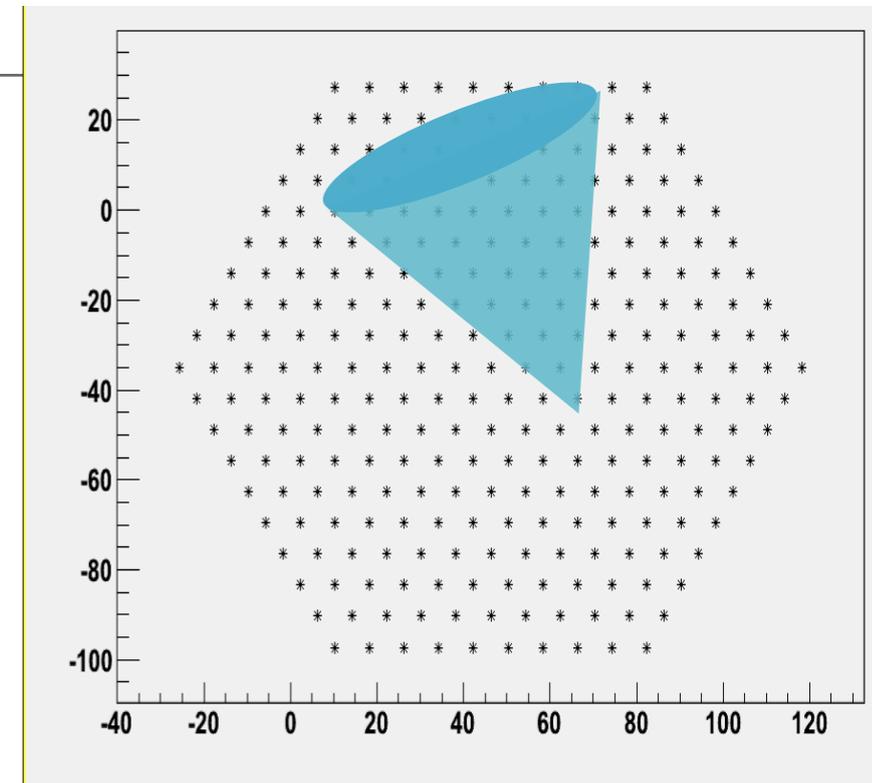
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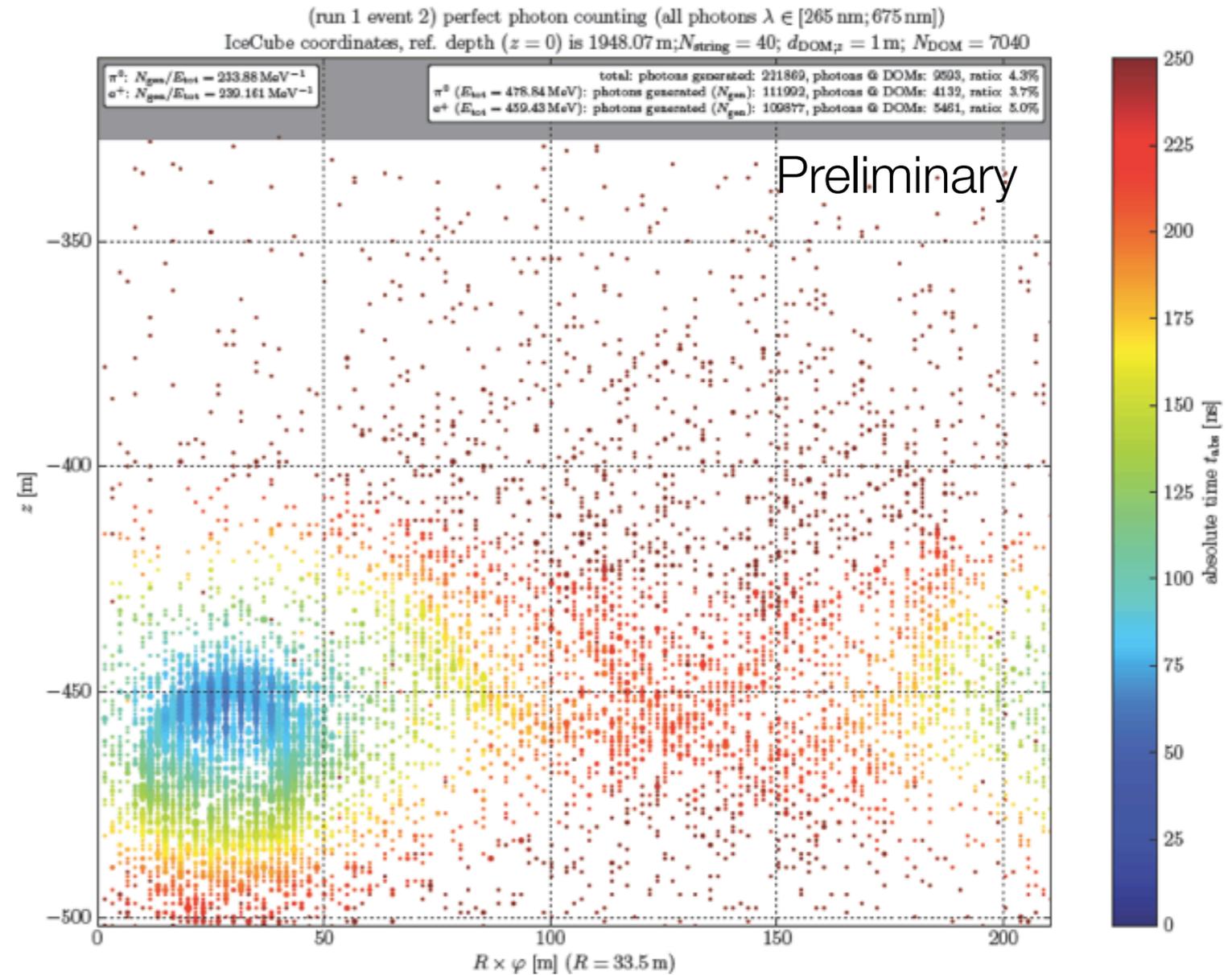


MICA Physics

- Proton decay
 - Studying sensitivity to $p \rightarrow \pi^0 + e^+$ channel
 - Requires energy threshold of ~ 100 's of MeV
 - Background limited - depends on energy resolution, particle ring ID
- Supernova neutrinos
 - Need to reach well beyond our galaxy to get statistical sample of SN neutrinos
 - Background levels may be too high for a ~ 10 MeV threshold for individual events, but still allows for observation of bursts of events
- Plus improvements for WIMP, oscillation analyses over PINGU-I & DeepCore

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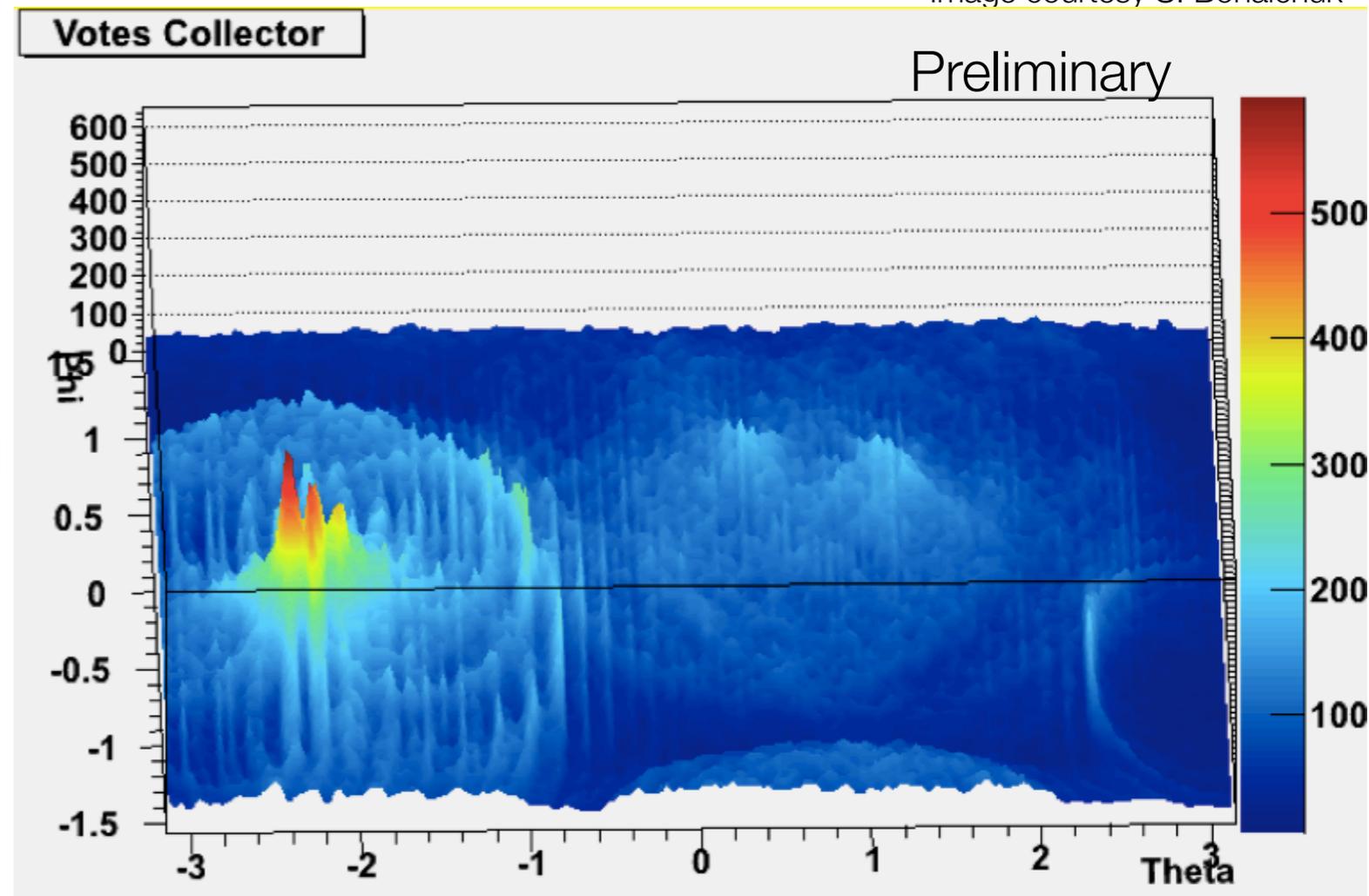


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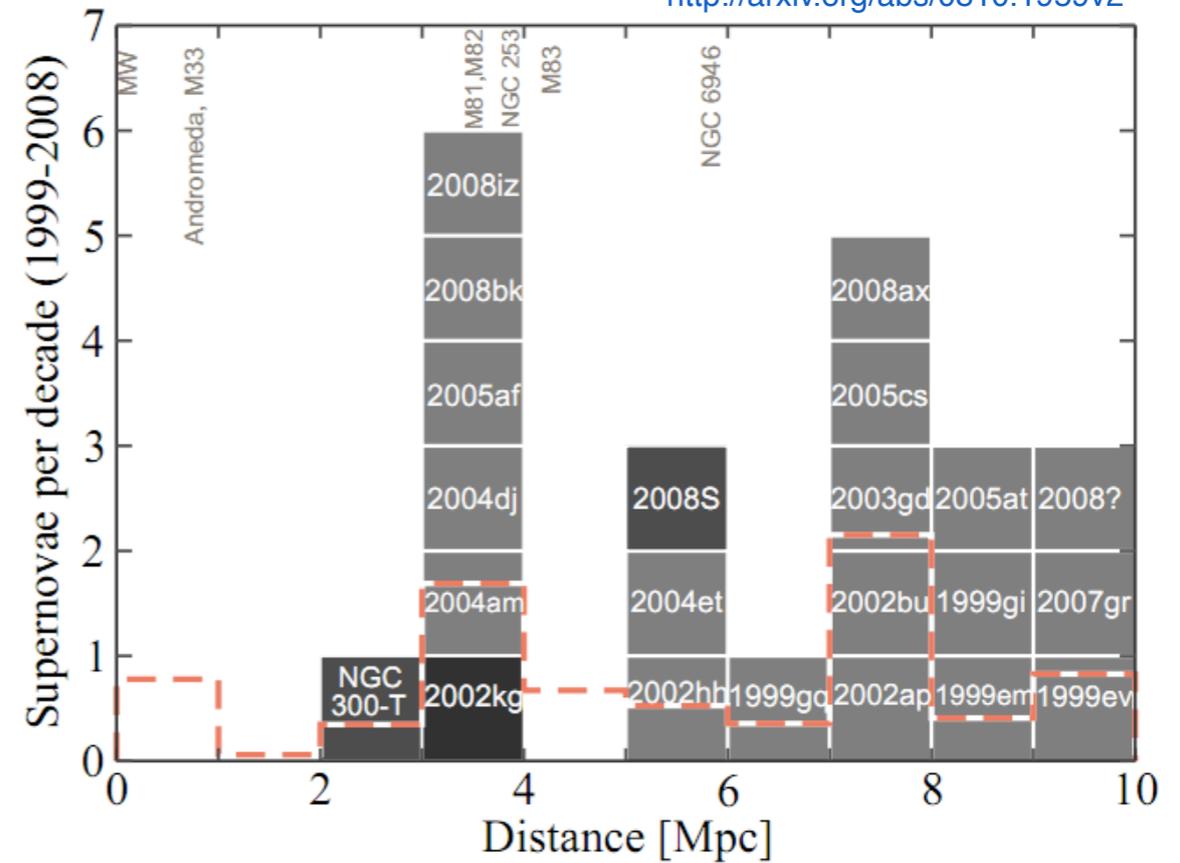
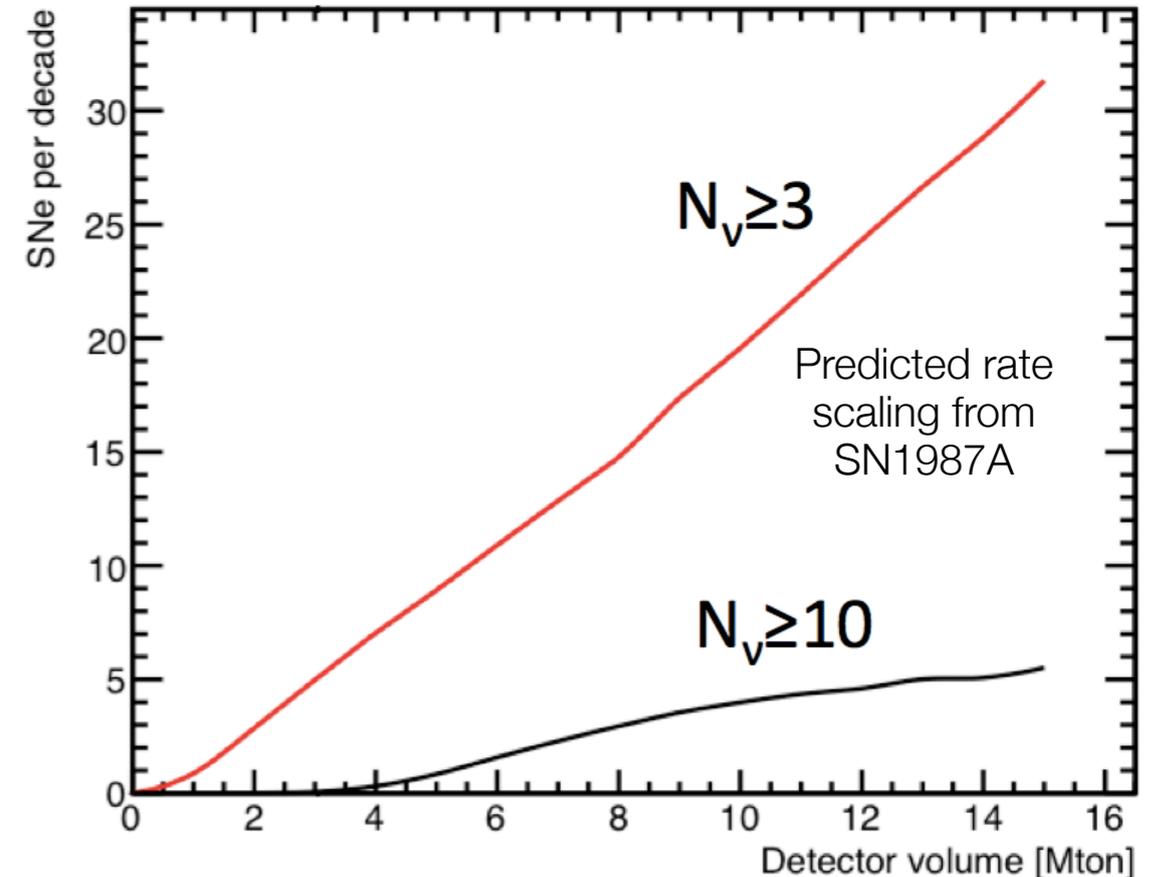
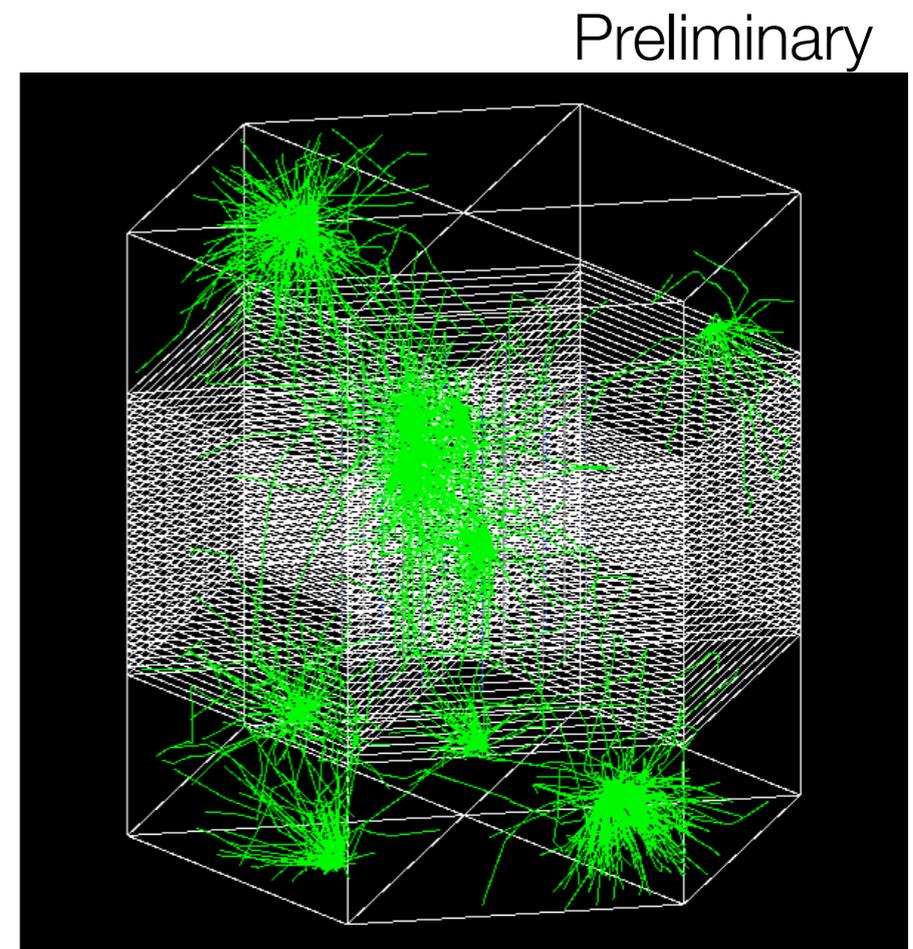


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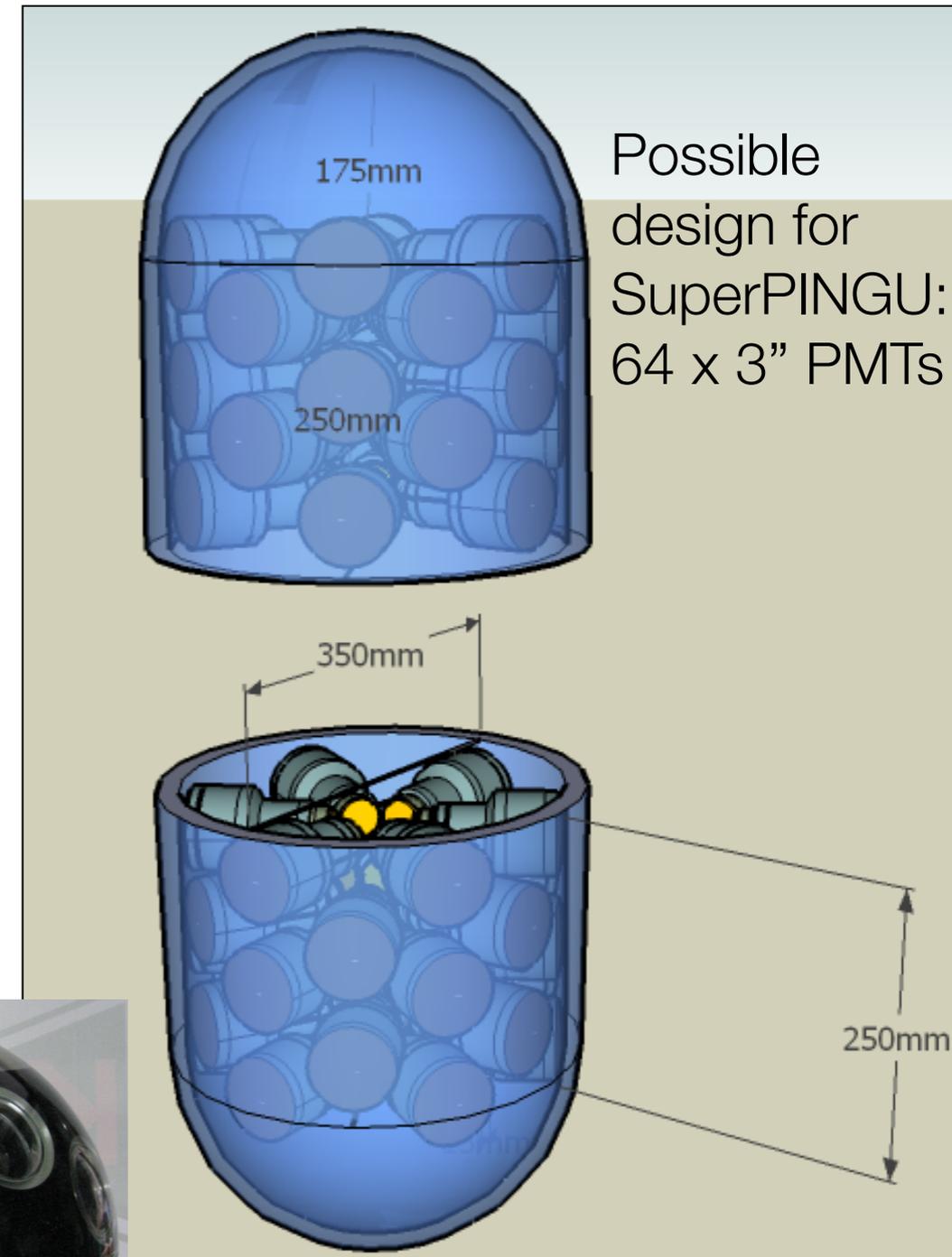
Figure: Lukas Schulte/Mainz

MICA Detector R&D

Courtesy E. de Wolf & P. Kooijman

Composite Digital Optical Module

- Glass cylinder containing 64 3" PMTs and associated electronics
 - Effective photocathode area $>5x$ that of a 10" PMT
 - Diameter comparable to IceCube DOM so (modulo much tighter vertical spacing) drilling requirement would also be similar
 - Single connector
- Might enable Cherenkov ring imaging in the ice



Summary

- IceCube completed construction in December 2010 on schedule and within budget.
- The detector is exceeding the initial performance goals. It now has sensitivity to neutrinos of all flavors in a very wide energy range (10 GeV to 10^9 GeV) in both hemispheres. Recent results have started stringently testing the models for astrophysical neutrinos.
- DeepCore has been running for 1 year and has just commenced taking data in its final configuration. First results are now appearing!
- Expect significant improvement in sensitivity to dark matter, potential for neutrino oscillations. Preliminary analysis suggests we may have detected atmospheric electron neutrinos for the first time in a high-energy telescope.
- Towards the future, South Pole ice may prove to be an attractive alternative for large-scale precision neutrino detectors. Feasibility studies underway - stay tuned (or join in)!

