

# A review of future experiments

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## Outline:

- Neutrinos and Cosmic rays
- Energy scales of neutrino telescopes, next challenges
- 1 to 100 GeV: Low energy extensions: PINGU,...
- 0.1 to 10000 TeV: Neutrino telescopes for neutrino astronomy
- $10^{16}$  to  $10^{20}$  eV: Strategies for cosmogenic neutrino flux discovery

# Cosmic Rays and Neutrino Sources : neutrinos from accelerators

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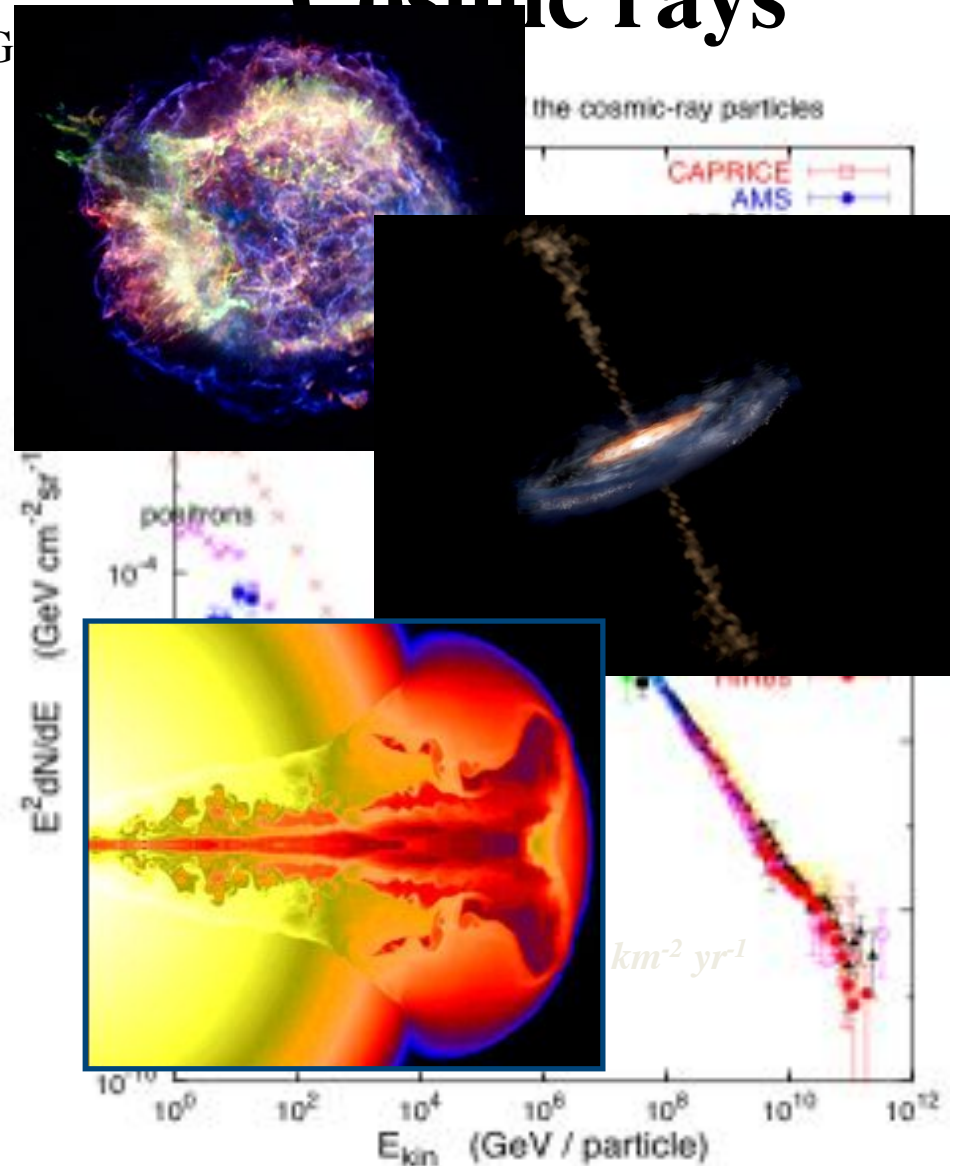
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## Cosmic ray interaction in accelerator region:

- SN remnants
- Active Galactic Nuclei
- Gamma Ray Bursts

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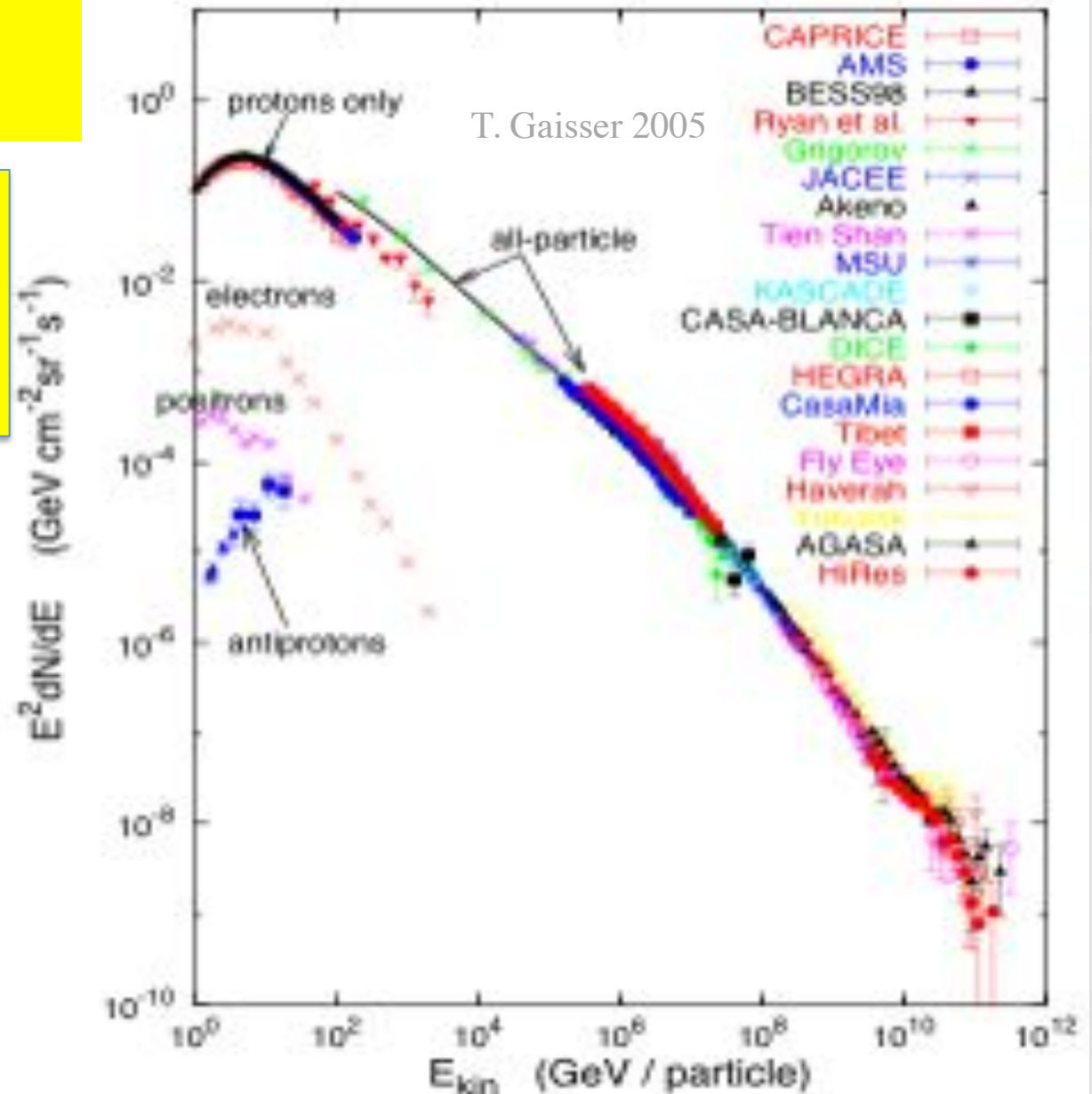
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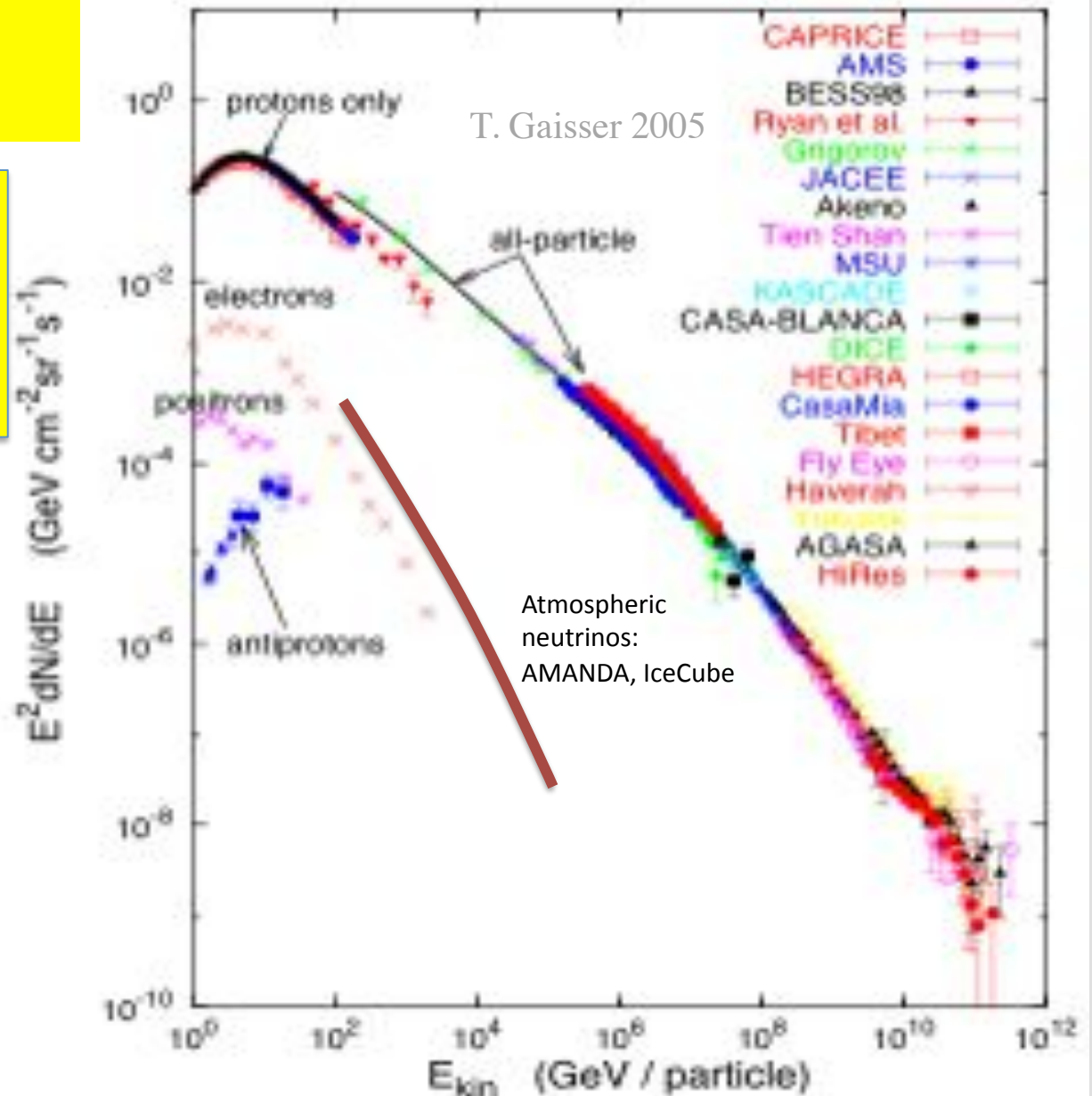
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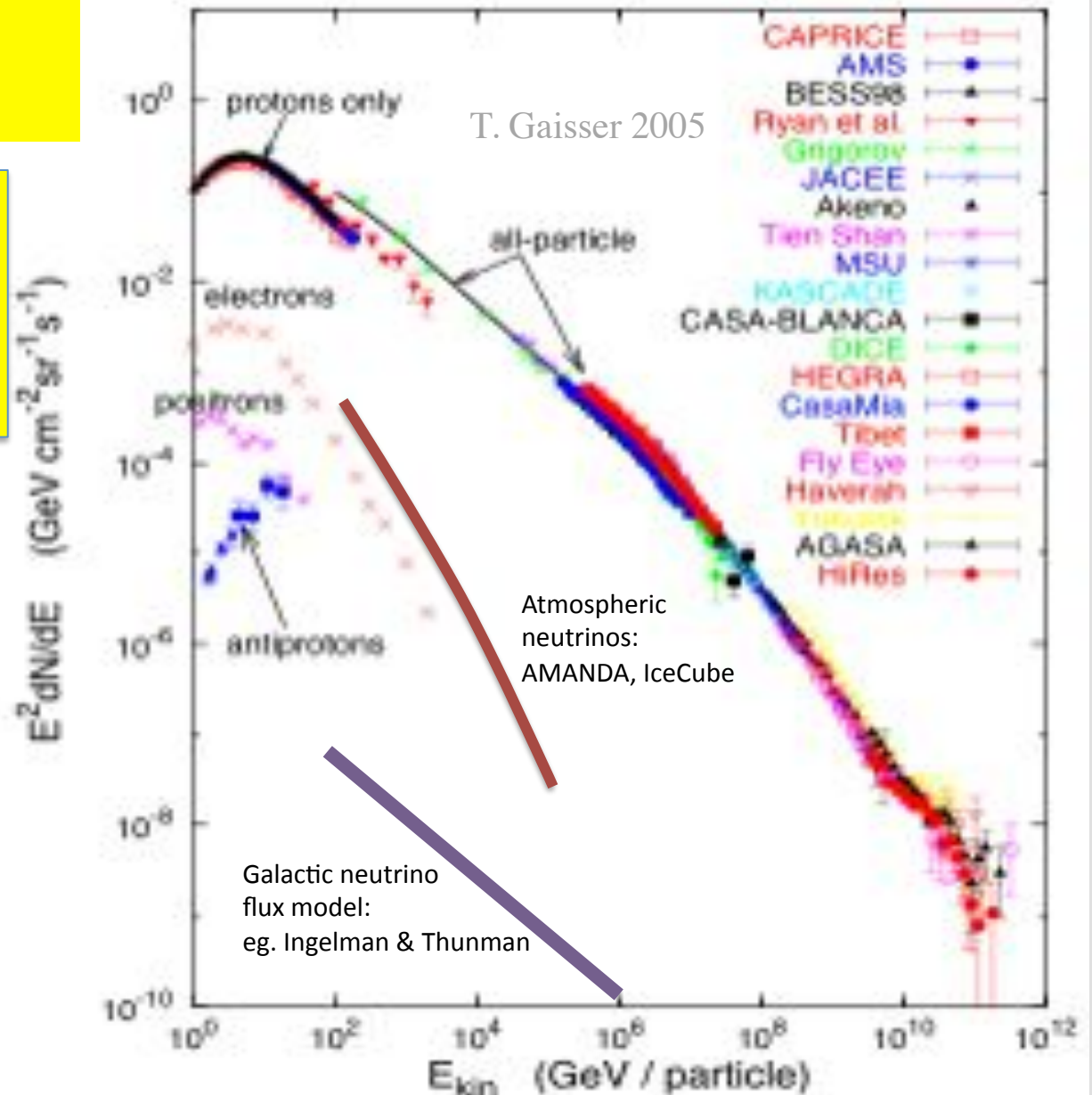
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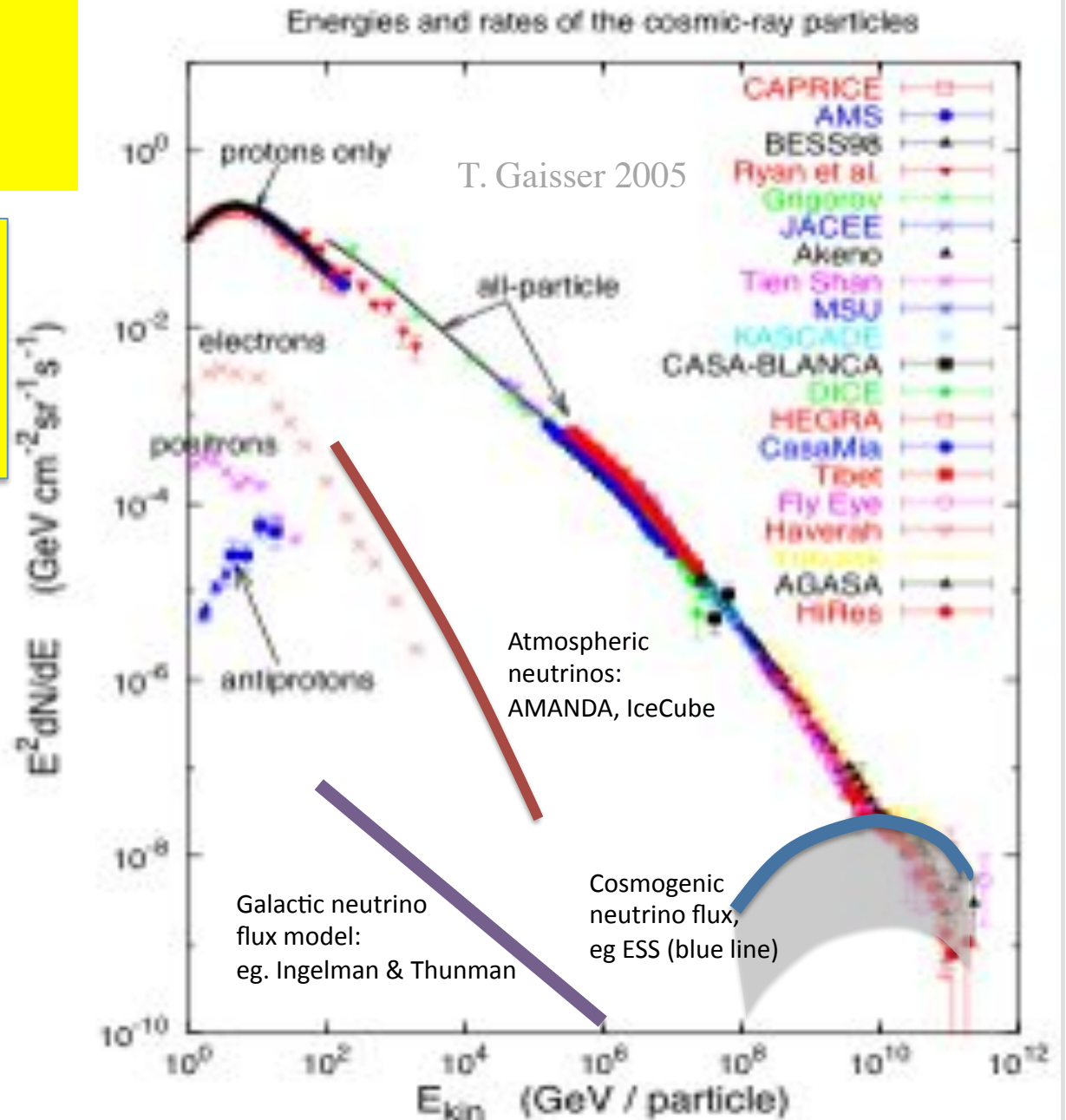
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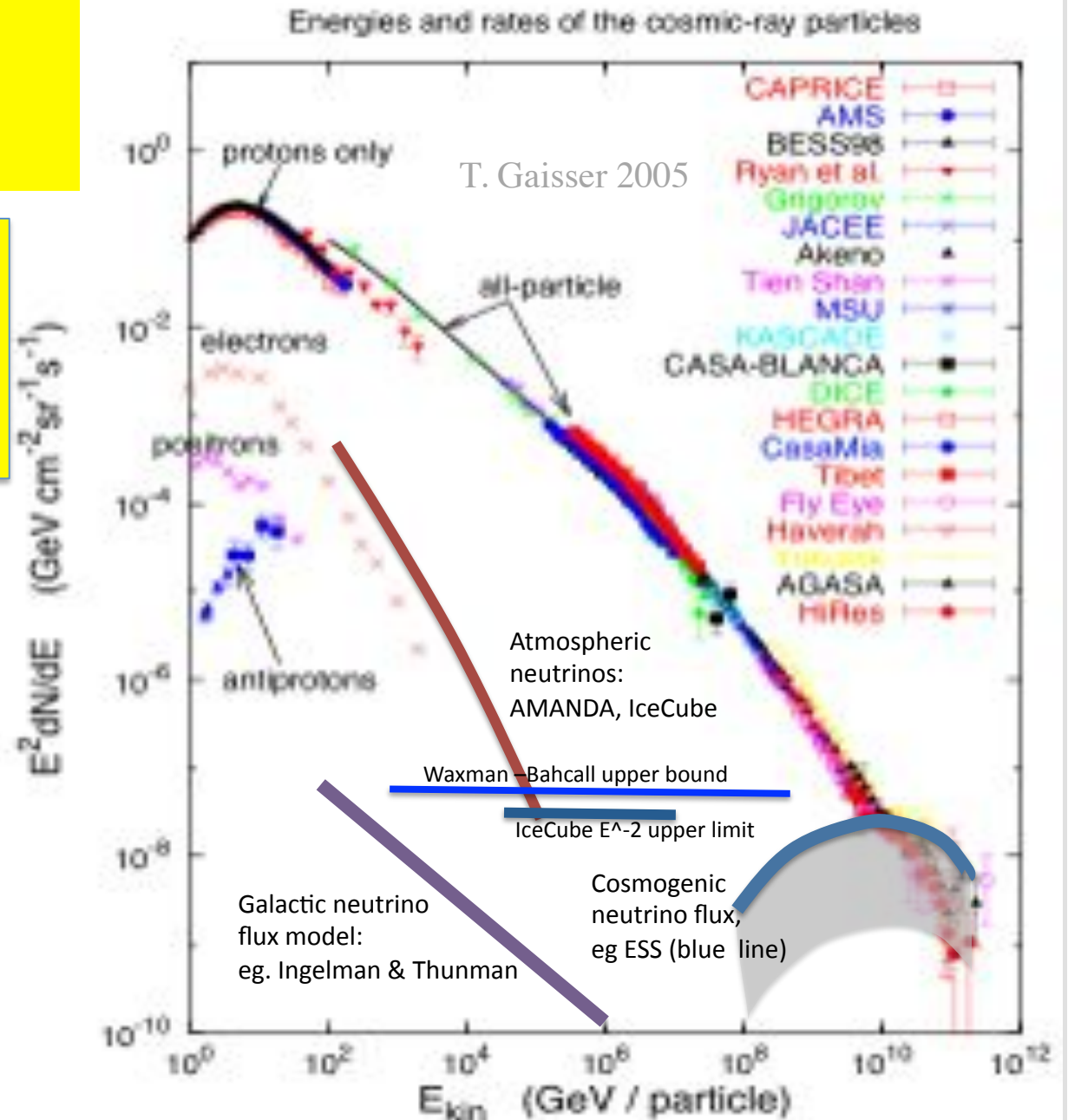
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# How to detect UHE high energy neutrinos?

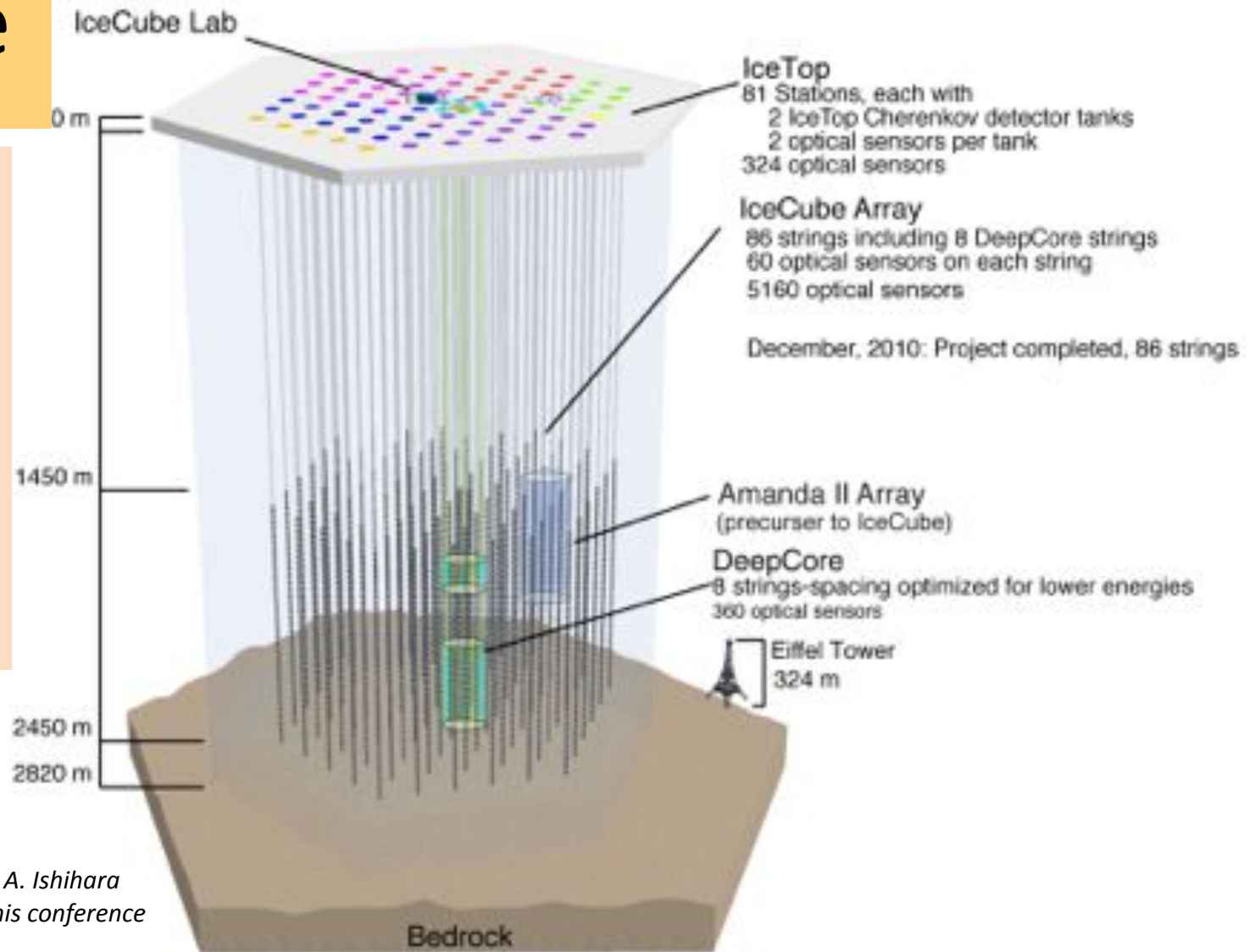
## The challenge:

- Fluxes are small
  - The cross section is small
    - Need to instrument/view very large target mass
  - Backgrounds from cosmic rays, cosmic ray muons are high
    - Need some overburden (or other good discrimination)
  - Need to use natural targets, which are free, but
    - need to deal with environmental challenges
    - no control of the medium
    - lack of infrastructure (access, power, communications)
    - possibly unstable backgrounds
- Challenges for Calibration



# IceCube

- Total of 86 strings and 162 IceTop tanks;
- Completion with 86 strings: December 2010
- Full operation with all strings since May 2011.



*For results:  
see talks by G. Sullivan and A. Ishihara  
and numerous posters at this conference*

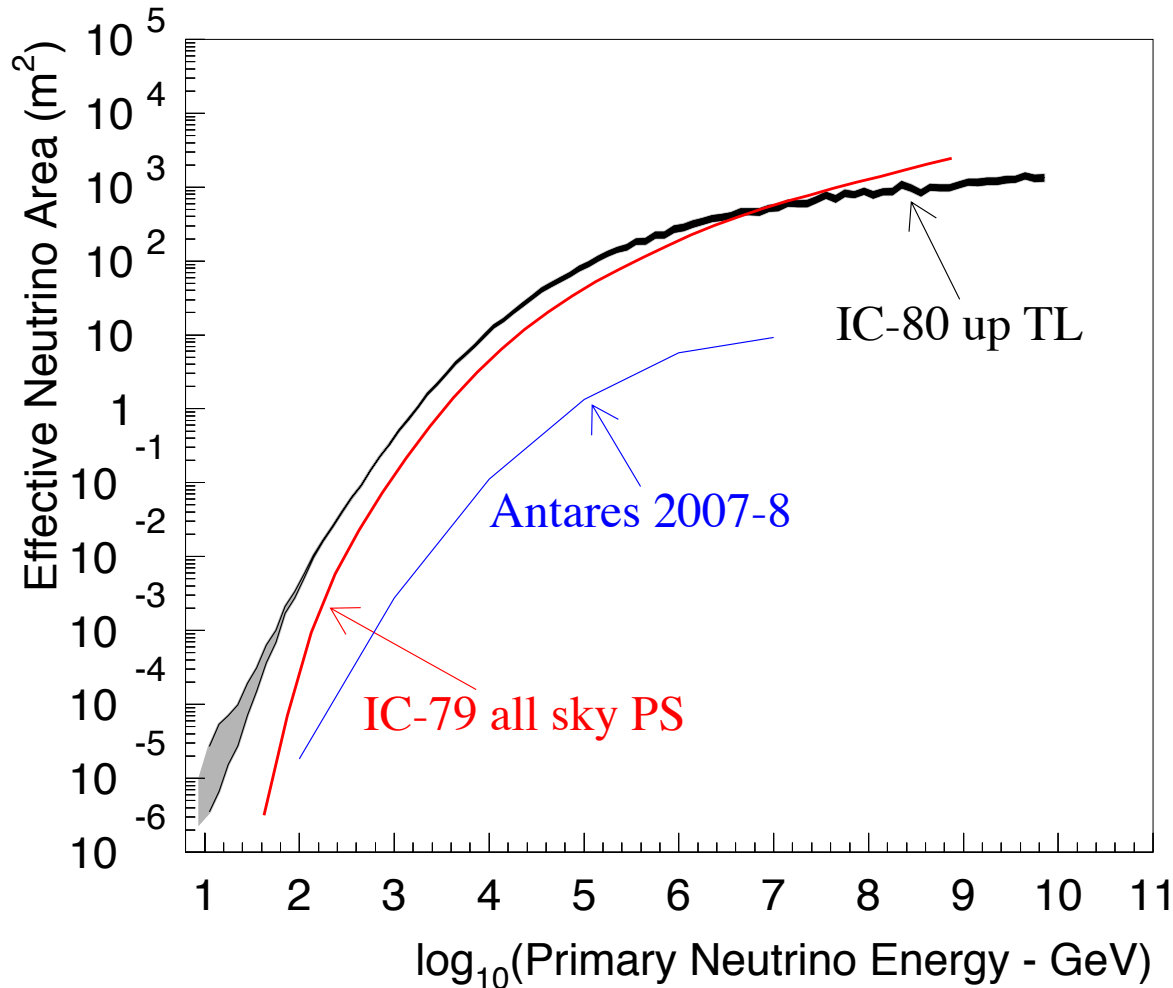
**Air shower of  $\sim 3E17$  eV  
Observed by IceTop,  
Then by Deep detector strings**

Run 110890 Event 19718500 [9000ns 9000ns]

# Energy scales and future detectors - from low to high energy

1. 1 – 100 GeV: IceCube extensions: PINGU and beyond
2. TeV – PeV plans for larger Water/ice Cherenkov detectors
  - KM3Net
  - Baikal upgrade
3. 10 PeV – 10 EeV detectors:  
Radio detectors: ARA, ARIANNA, more ANITA flights; Auger horizontal

**Wide energy range due to increase in effective area!**



Area at 100 TeV (1TeV)  
IceCube 86: 40m<sup>2</sup> (0.3m<sup>2</sup>)

Deep Core lowers threshold  
from 100 GeV to 10 GeV.

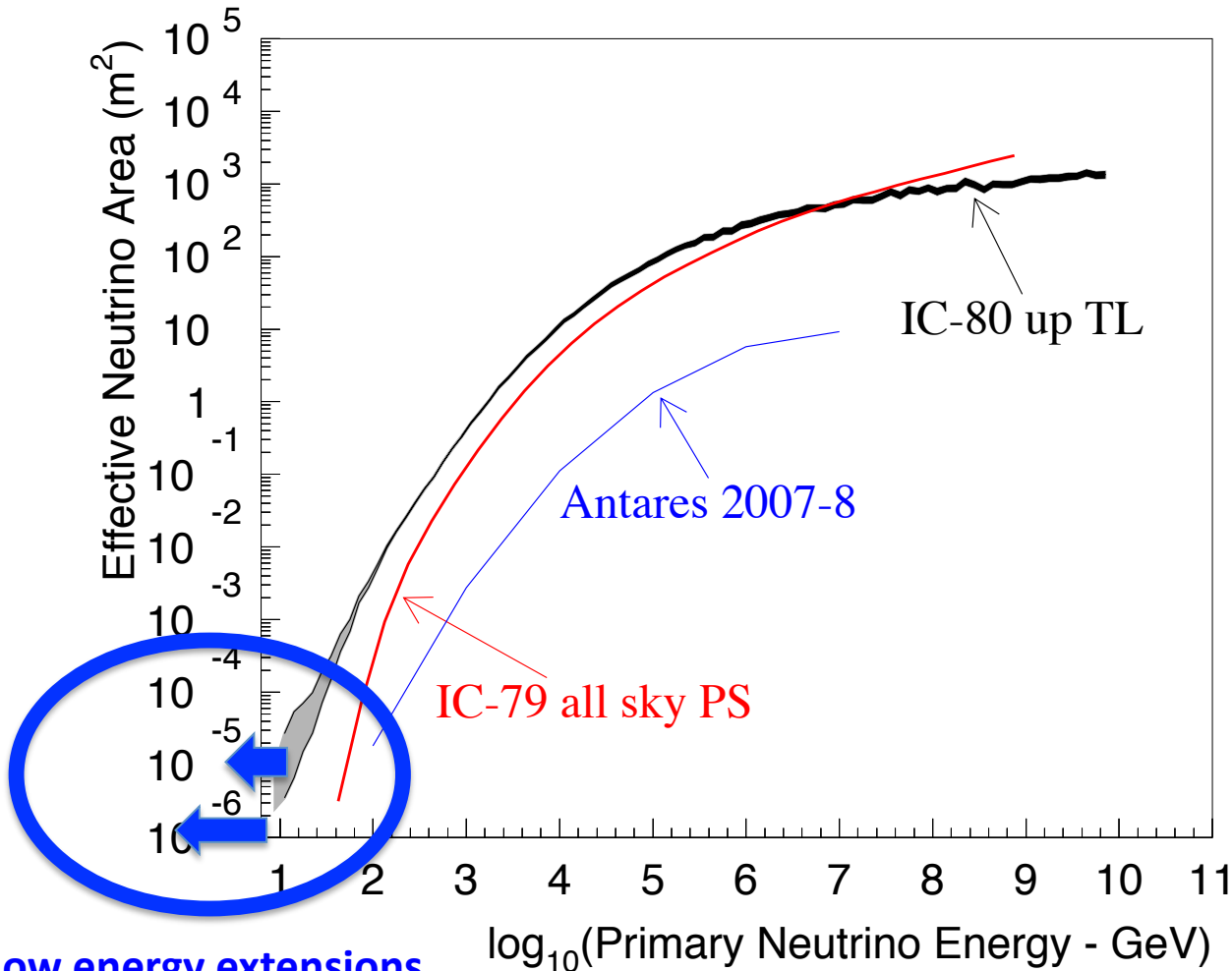
Effective area for  $\nu_{\mu}$   
Strong rise with energy:

- $\sigma \propto E_{\nu}$  (up to 100TeV)
- Increase of muon range with energy up to PeV
- Flattening above PeV energies.

# Water/ice Cherenkov detectors: Neutrino effective areas

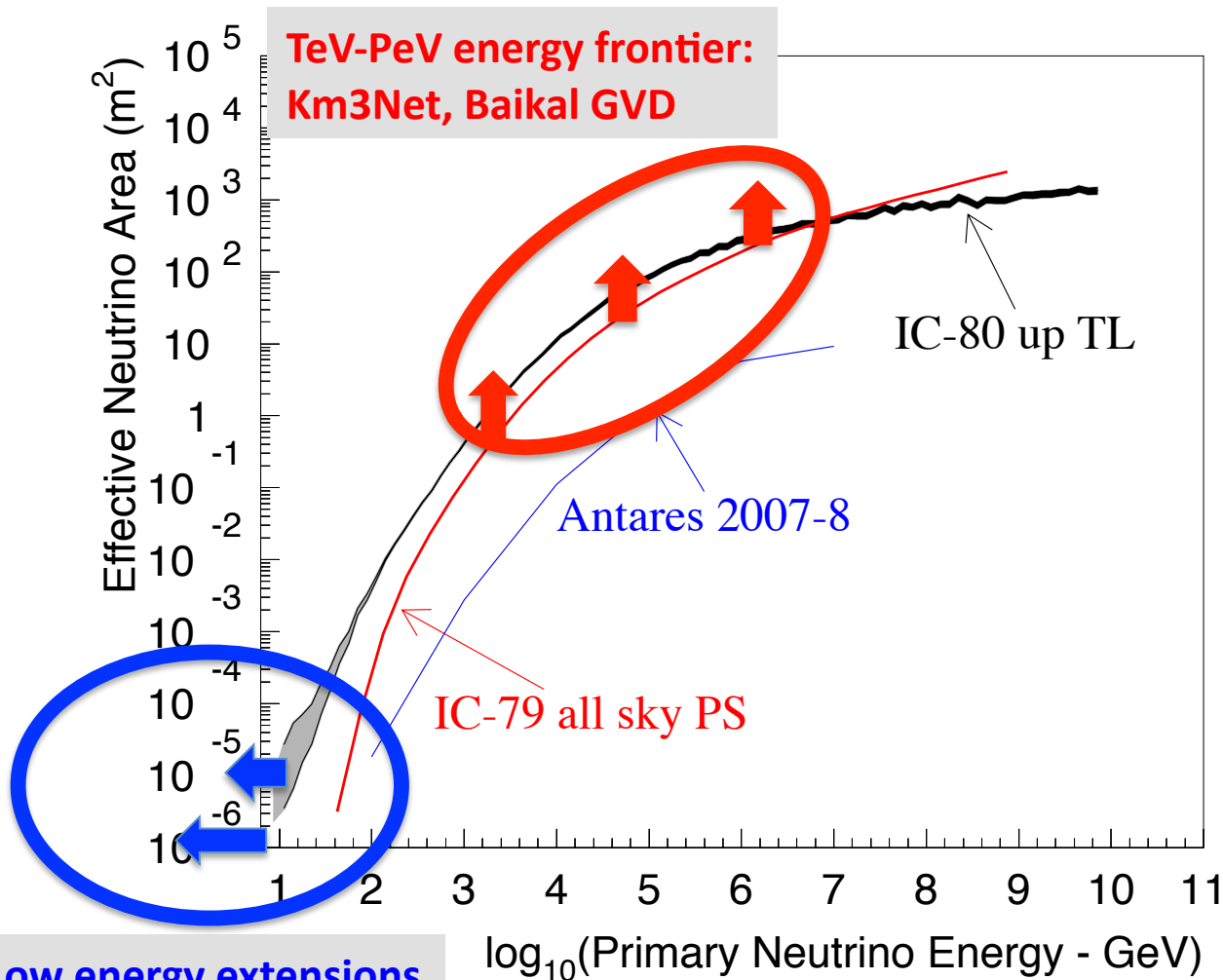
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PINGU: lower threshold  
from ~10 to few GeV



Low energy extensions  
to IceCube's DeepCore:  
PINGU, MICA

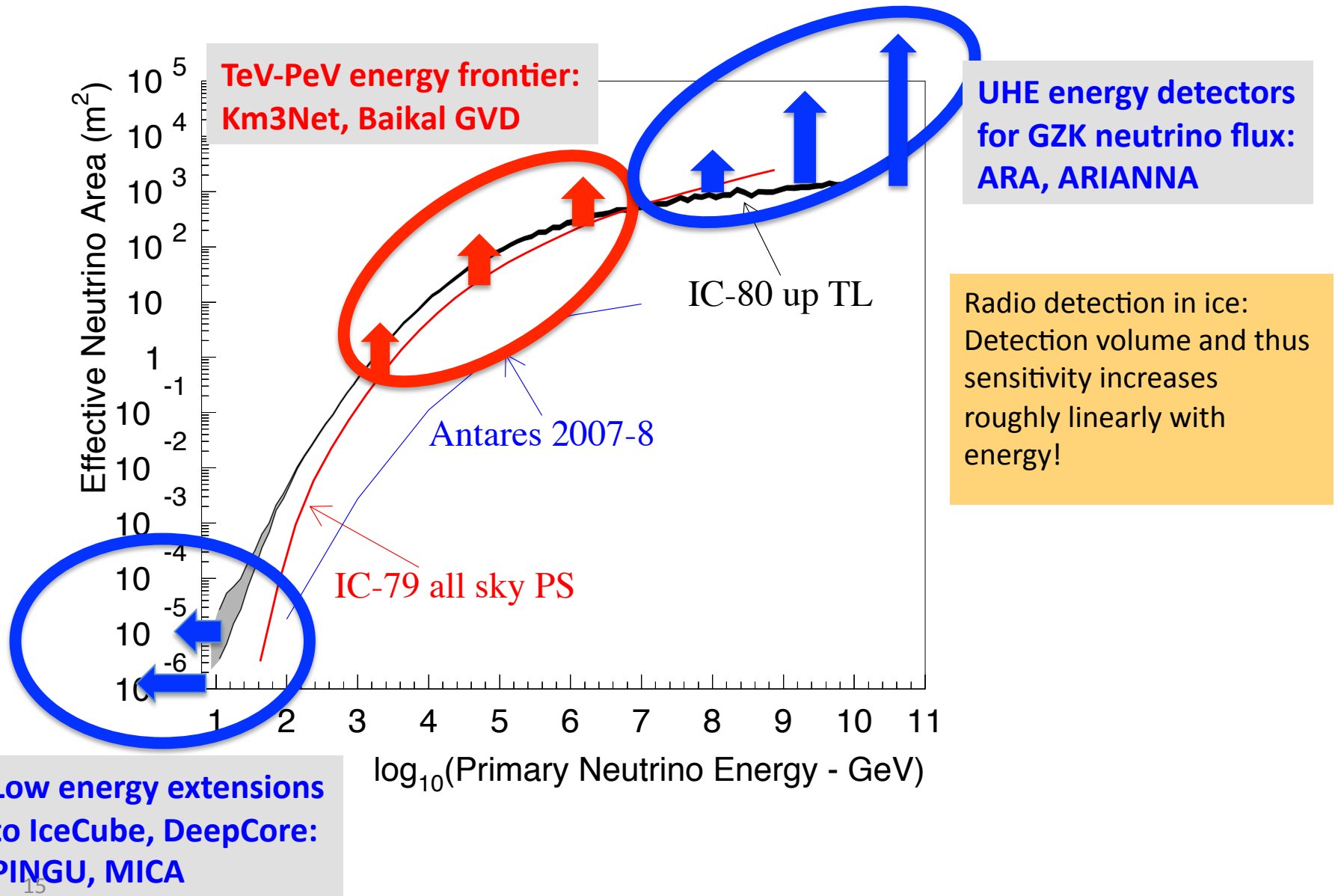
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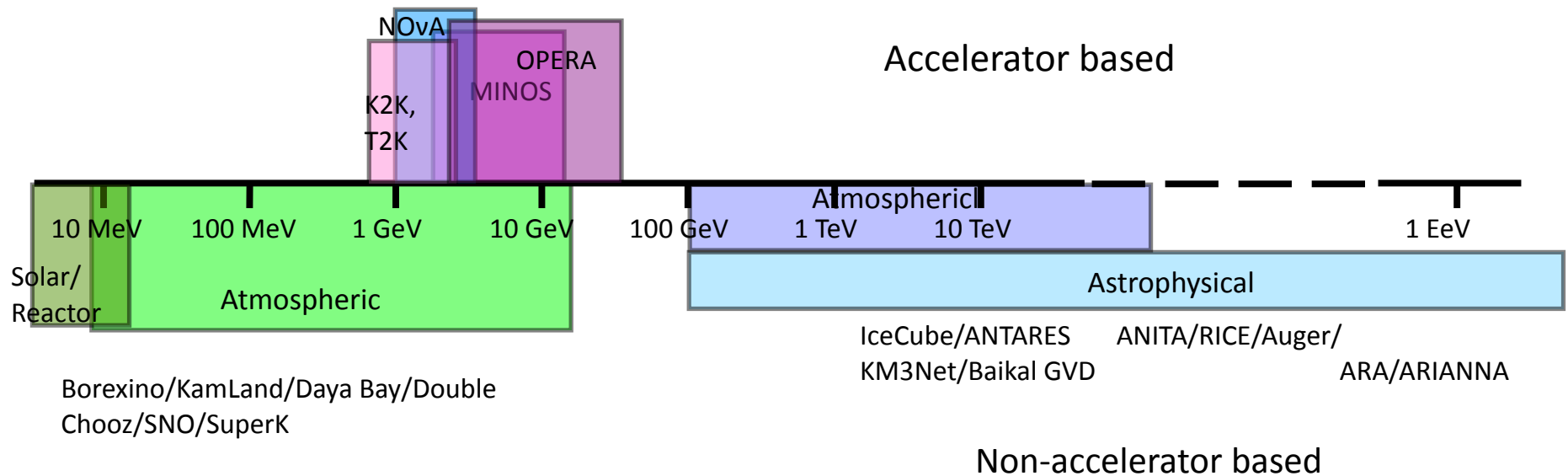
Big neutrino telescopes like KM3Net would establish larger detectors with more sensitivity from TeV to PeV in Northern hemisphere: Optimal view to Galactic Center (Southern Hemisphere)

Low energy extensions to IceCube, DeepCore: PINGU, MICA

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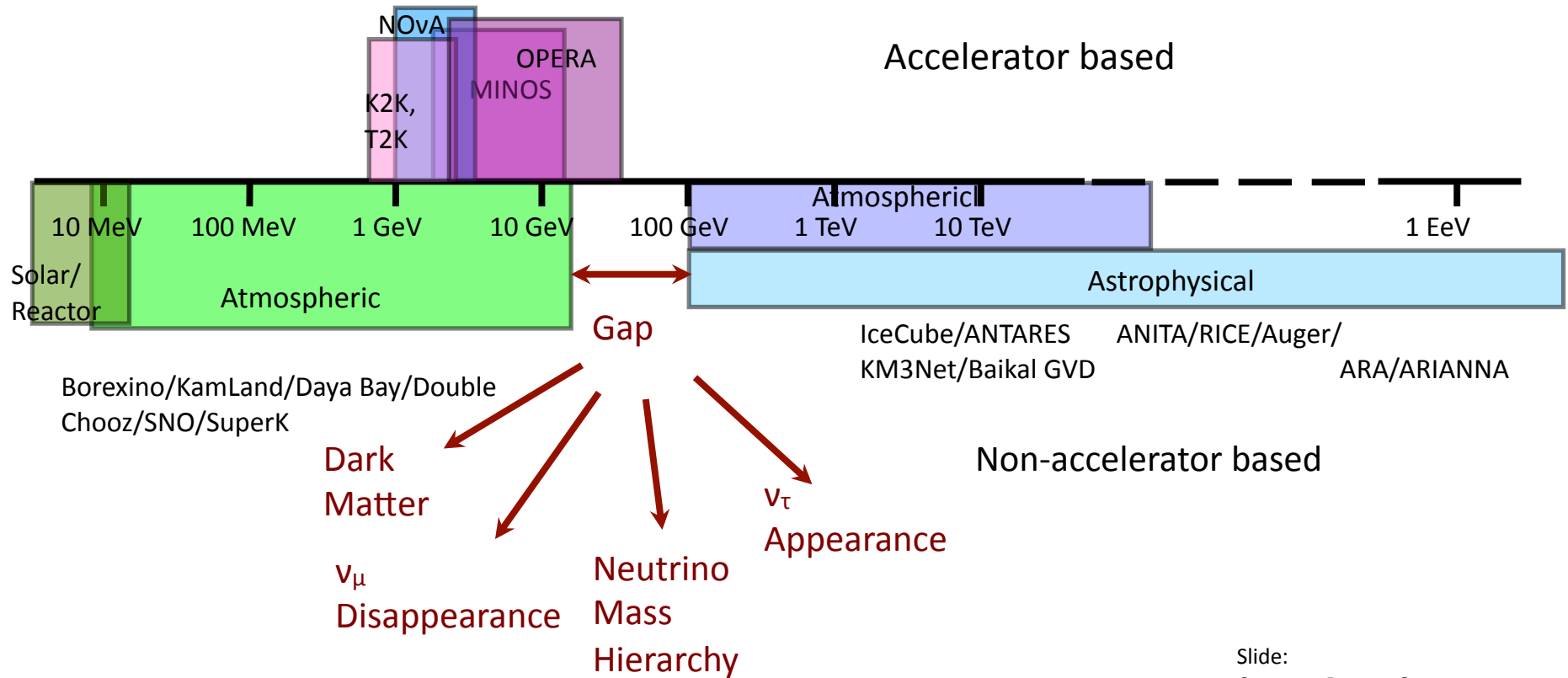


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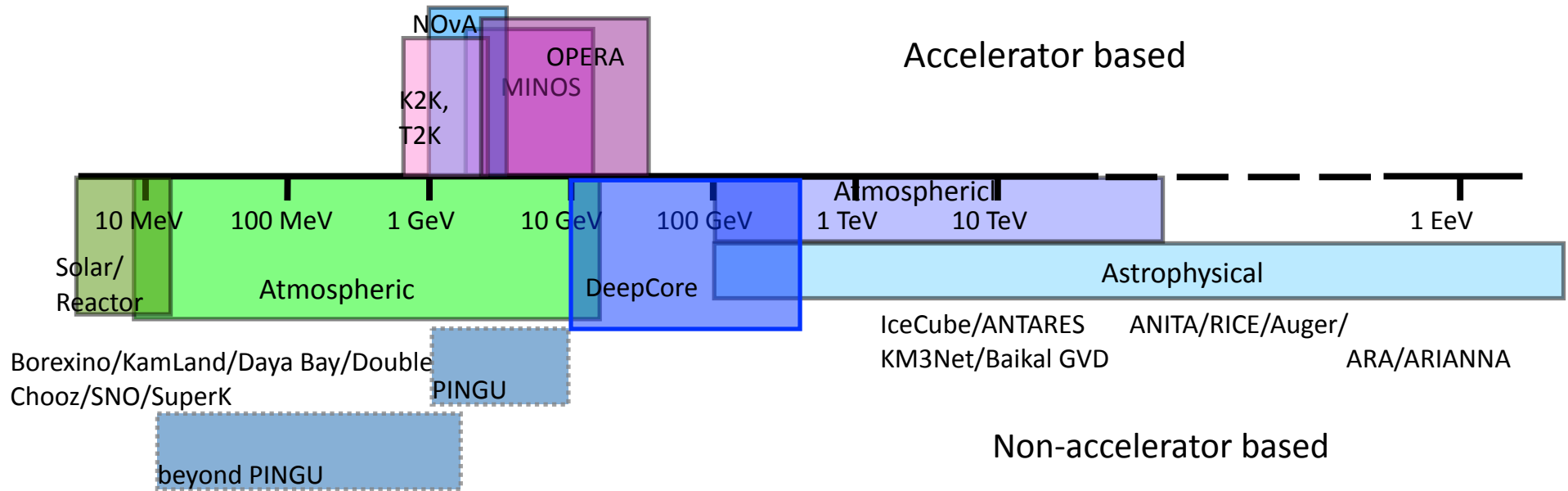
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# The Neutrino Detector Spectrum



~70 active members in feasibility studies:

IceCube, KM3Net, Several neutrino experiments

Photon detector developers

Theorists

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## IceCube-DeepCore

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

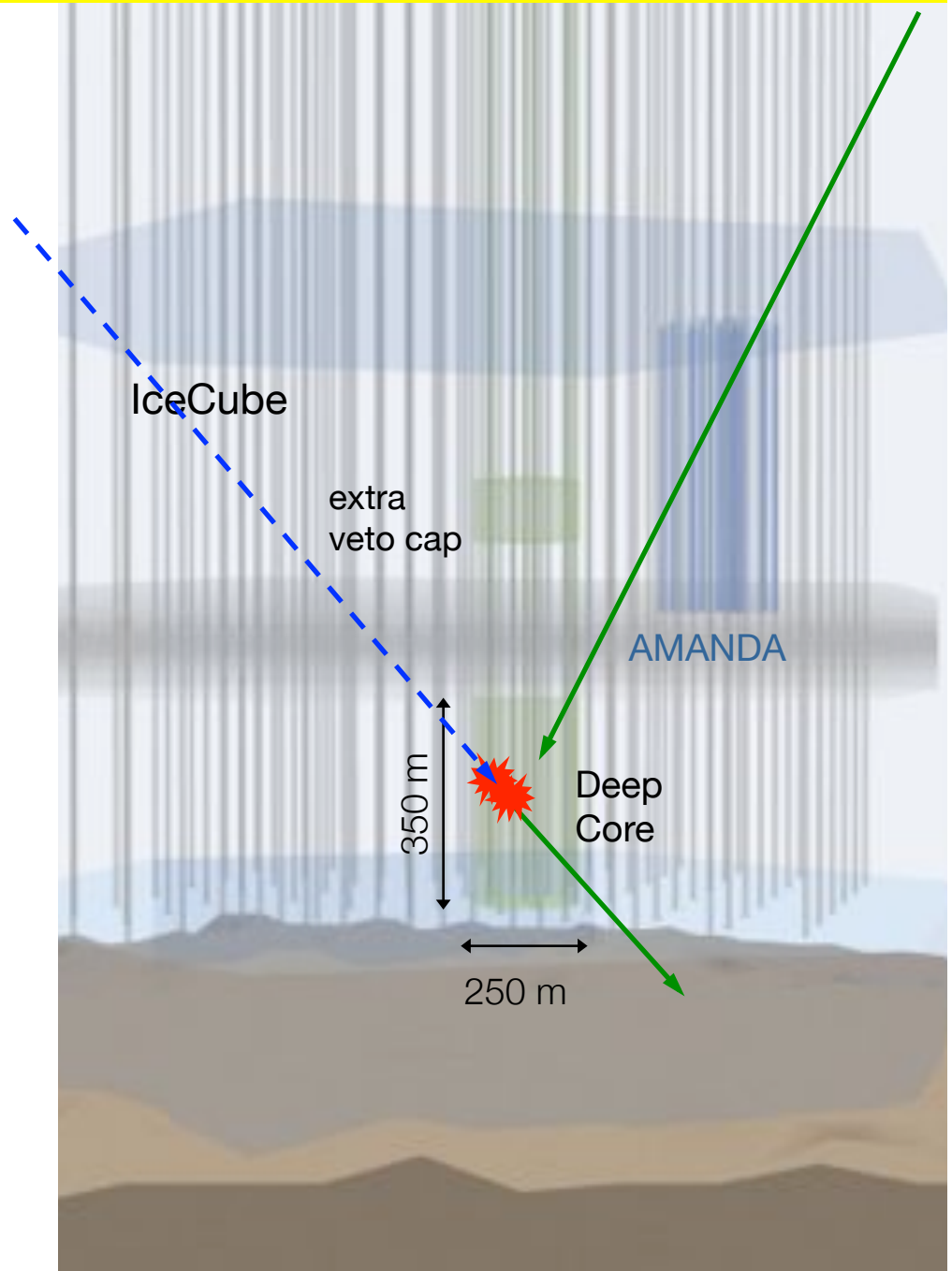
## IceCube - DeepCore:

### DESIGN

- Eight special strings in filled in the bottom center of IceCube
- ~5x higher effective photocathode density than regular IceCube
- Result: 30 Mton detector with ~10 GeV threshold, will collect  $\mathcal{O}(100k)$  physics quality atmospheric  $\nu/\bar{\nu}$

### VETO

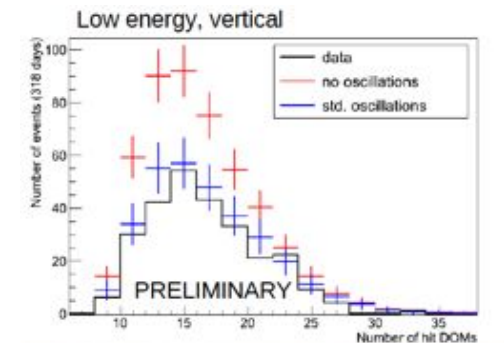
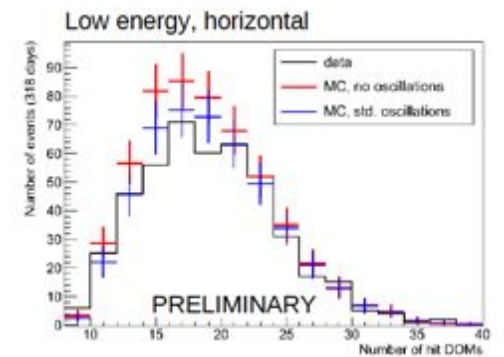
- IceCube's top and outer layers of strings provide an active veto shield for DeepCore
- Effective  $\mu$ -free depth much greater
- Atm.  $\mu/\nu$  trigger ratio is  $\sim 10^6$
- Vetoing algorithms expected to reach well beyond  $10^6$  level of background rejection



## From Deep Core to PINGU

### - Phased IceCube Next Generation Upgrade

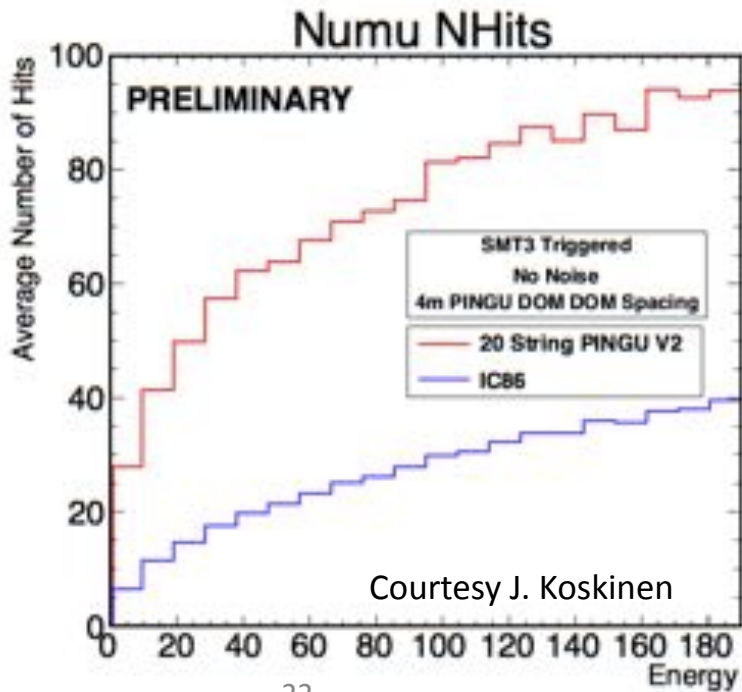
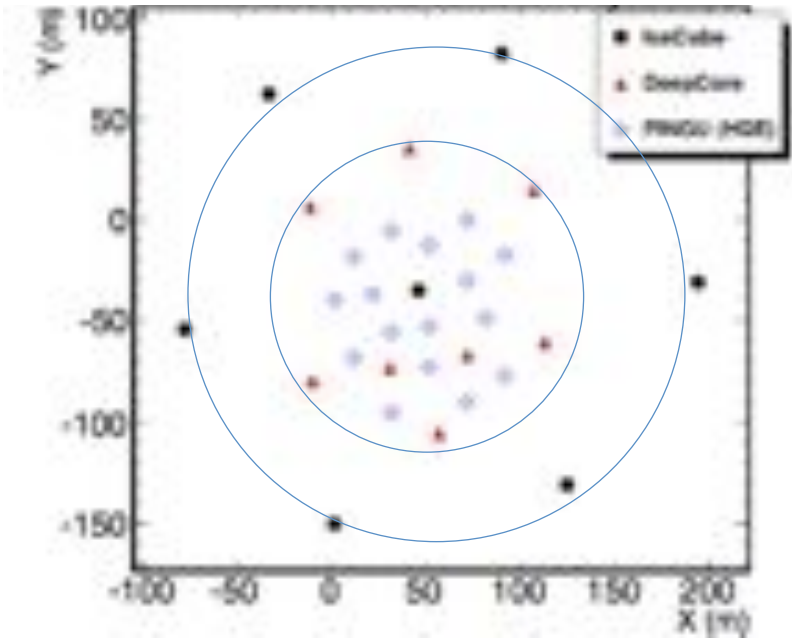
- A close look at neutrino events above  $\sim 10$  GeV; event identification and reconstruction possible.
- Science goals:
  - improve WIMP search,
  - neutrino oscillation measurements,
  - other low energy physics,  $\rightarrow$  e.g. mass hierarchy



# PINGU

- Phased IceCube Next-Generation Upgrade
- Add 20 strings with ~1000 optical modules inside the Deep Core region (~500PMT)
- Expected energy threshold ~ 1 GeV
- R&D opportunity for future developments

## PINGU geometry (more compact version also studied)



# Simulated event in DeepCore and PINGU

DeepCore Only

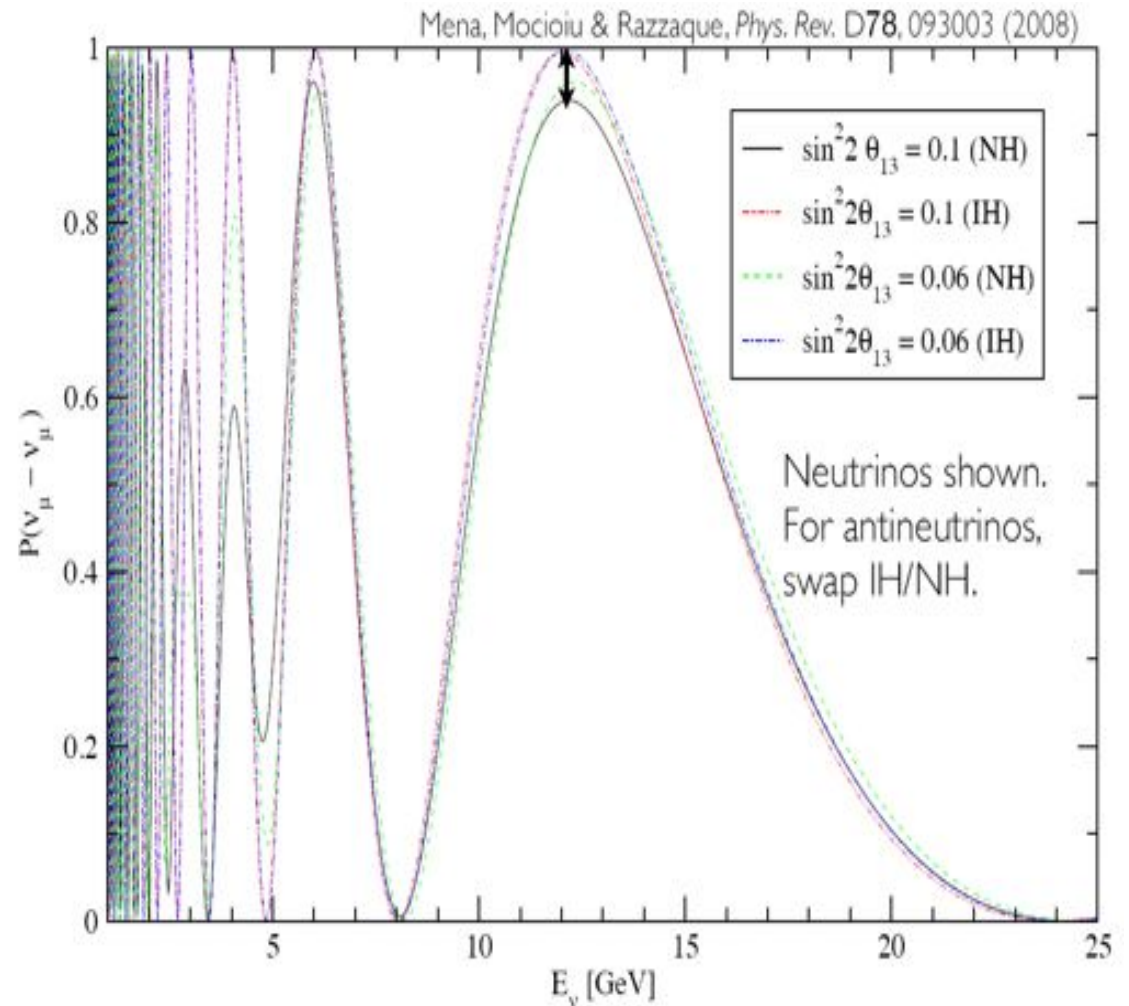
- 9.28 GeV Neutrino, 4.9 GeV muon, 4.5 GeV cascade
- Physics hits only, no noise

Courtesy J. Koskinen

DeepCore + PINGU

## Mass hierarchy in atmospheric neutrinos

- MSW effect in Earth induces difference  $\nu/\bar{\nu}$  in  $\nu$  oscillations
- Note: first maximum for  $\mu \rightarrow \mu$  is at 12 GeV for  $L = d_{\text{Earth}}$
- Could be measurable since at these energies  $\sigma(\nu) \approx \sigma(\bar{\nu})$
- Advanced analysis: “oscillograms” (A. Smirnov et al.)

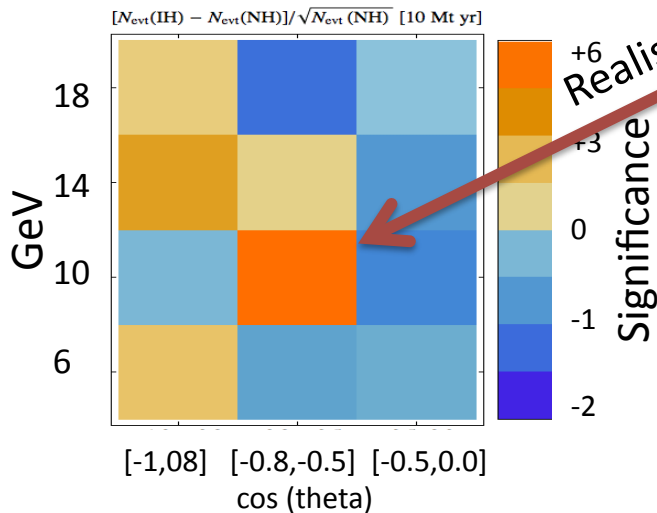




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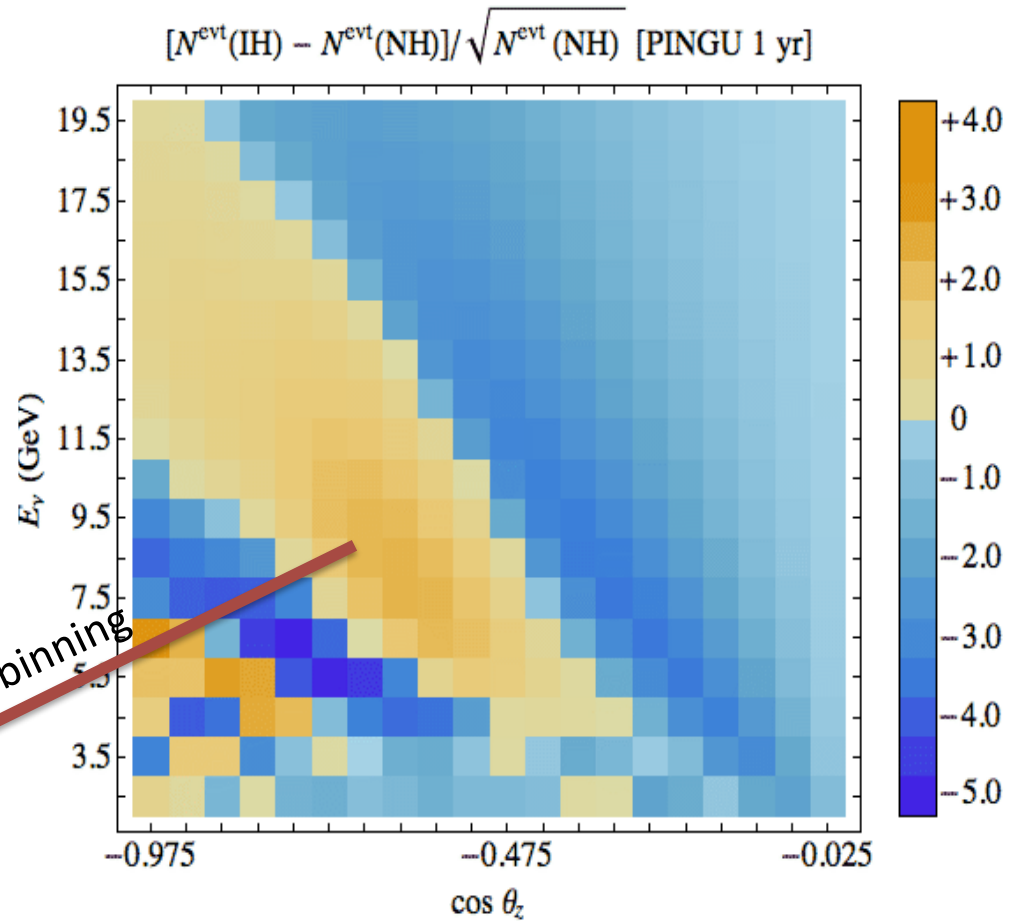
Figure and Analysis from:  
 Akhmedov, Razaque, Smirnov, arXiv: 1205.7071  
 See poster by E. Resconi et al. (IceCube and PINGU)

- Expected significance for observed number of events for IH vs NH are shown in energy vs. zenith plot
- If required energy and directional resolution is achievable:  
 → high statistical significance



Assumed above:

- Energy resolution: 4 GeV,
- Angular resolution: 0.3 in cos(theta)
- Exposure: 10 Mt yr



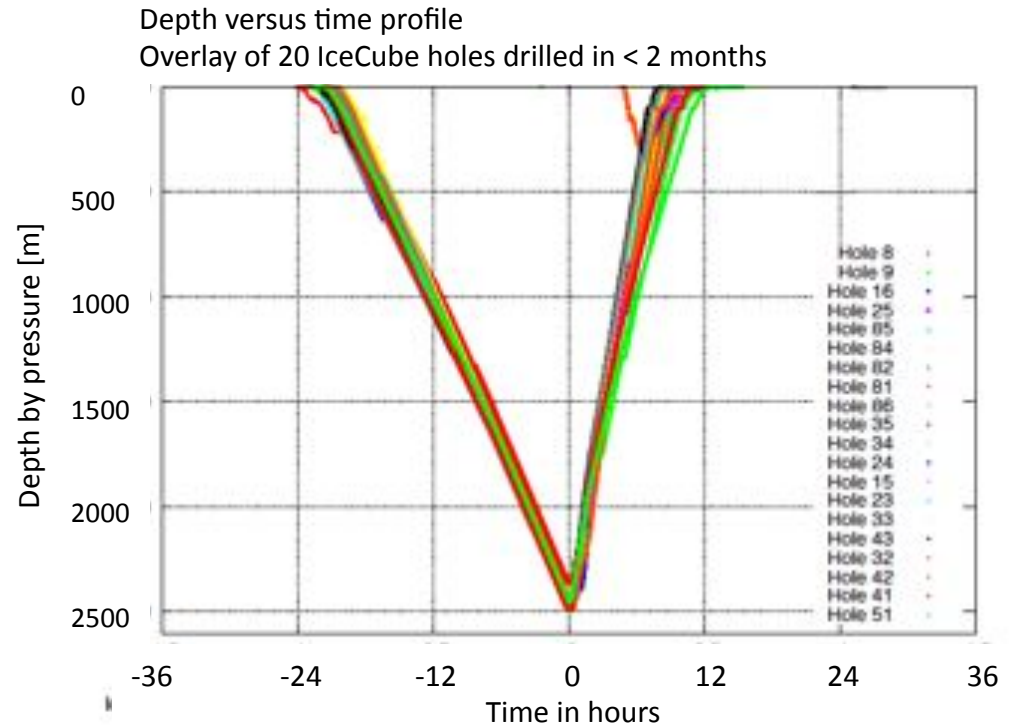
Realistic binning

Conclusion (Akhmedov et al.):

“Our preliminary estimates show that after 5 years of PINGU 20 operation the significance of the determination of the hierarchy can range from 3 to 11 (without taking into account parameter degeneracy), depending on the accuracy of reconstruction of neutrino energy and direction.”

## Drilling and installation in ice

- Optical properties of ice is well understood.
- Drilling and deployment method well established.
  - 32 h of drilling/string
  - 20 holes in 2 month season
- Cost to deploy PMT in ice:
  - drilling
  - Glass pressure housings, etc

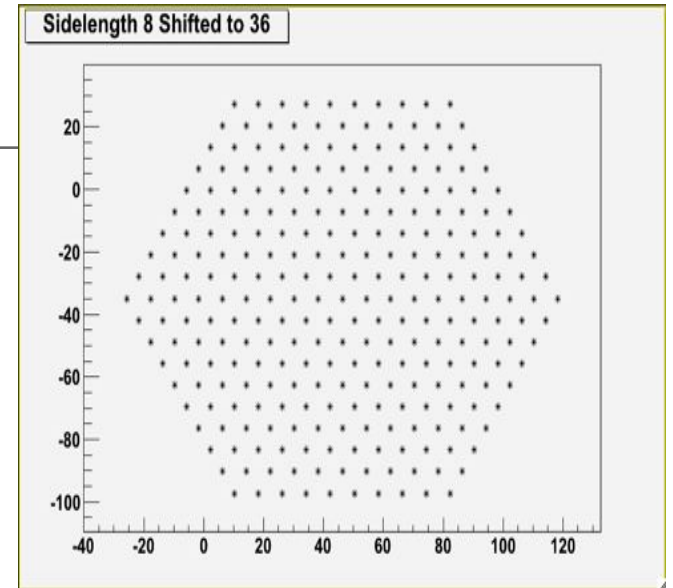
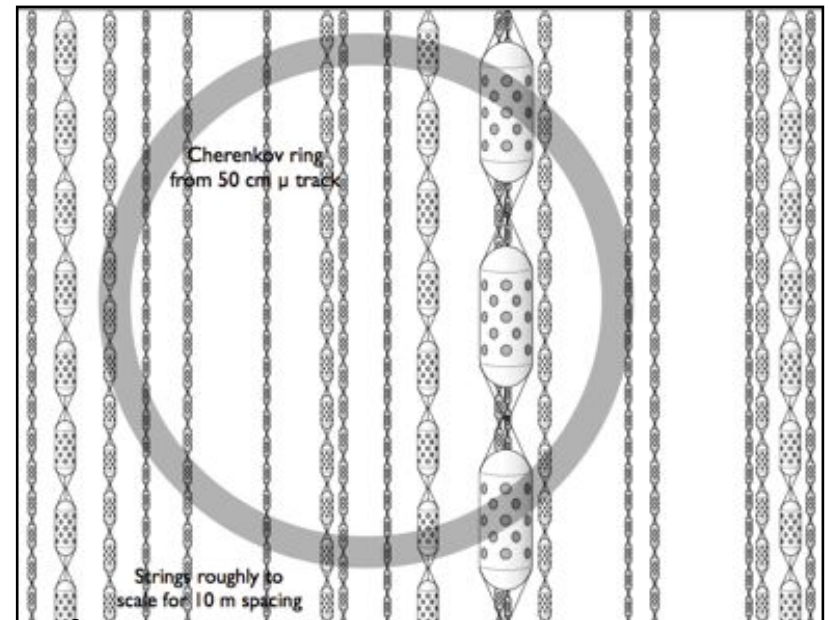
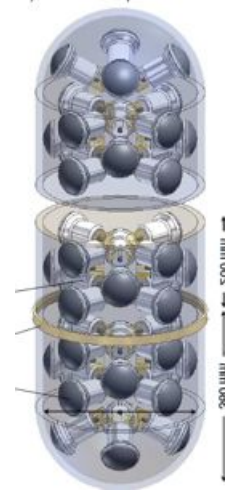


# beyond PINGU Conceptual Detector

- O(few hundred) strings of detectors within DeepCore fiducial volume
- Goals: ~5 Mton scale with energy sensitivity of:
  - O(10 MeV) for bursts
  - O(100 MeV) for single events
- Physics extraction from Cherenkov ring imaging in the ice

Exploration of possibilities for:

- Proton decay  $p \rightarrow \pi^0 + e^+$
- Supernova to 5 Mpc



→Poster at this conference

by L. Classen, O. Kalekin, U. Katz, P. Kooijman, E. de Wolf.

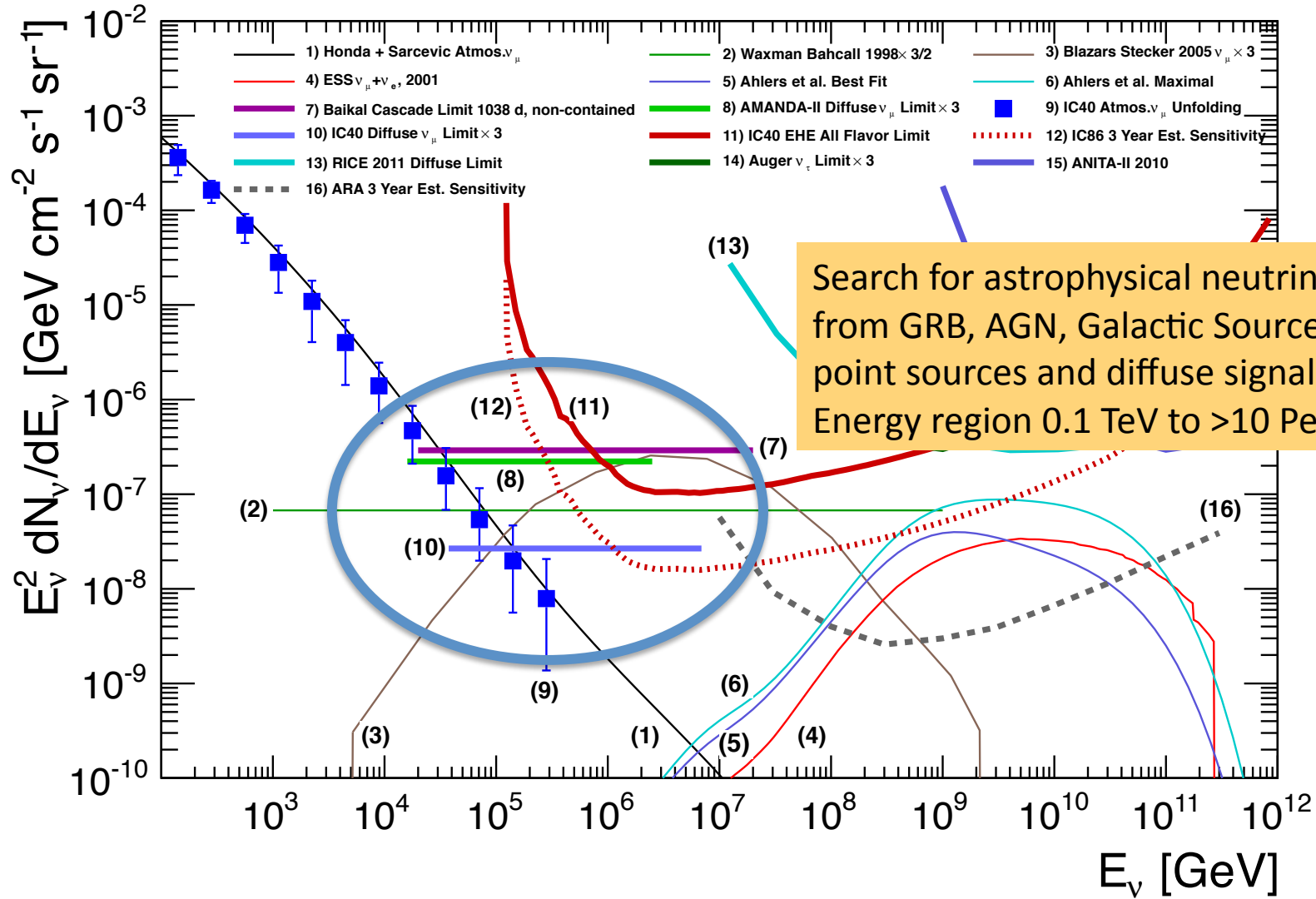
# Simulated event, 1 GeV in 230 string dense array

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Type: NuE  
E(GeV): 1.00e+00  
Zen: 72.03 deg  
Azi: 30.65 deg  
NTrack: 0/0 shown, max E(GeV) == 0.00  
NCasc: 1/1 shown, max E(GeV) == 1.00
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Nu\_e cascade, energy 1 GeV  
vertex @ depth= 2248  
number of DOMs fired: 311  
number of DOMs on time (10ns): 105

Notes:  
effective scattering length: 47m  
absorption length at 400nm: 170m  
string spacing: ~7.5 m  
density: one 10inch PMT/m

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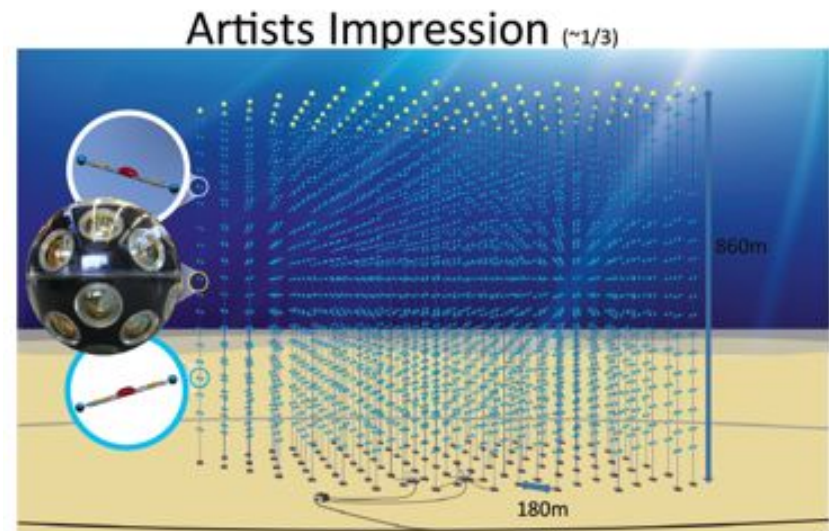
## The next generation neutrino telescope in the Mediterranean

KM3NeT

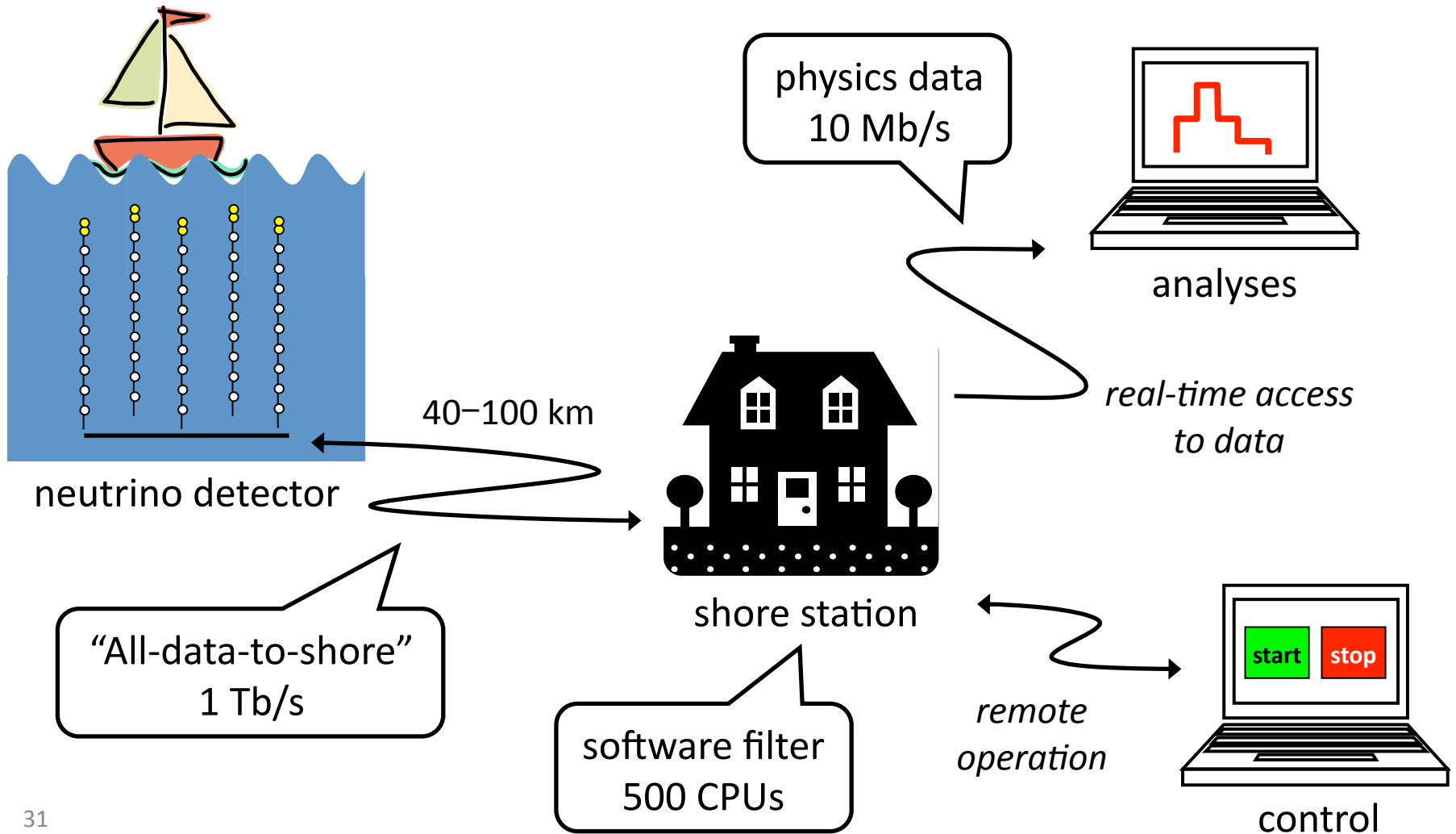
Based on update from: Uli Katz, Erlangen and Maarten DeJong, NIKHEF

### Scientific focus: Observation of Galactic neutrino sources

- Geographical location
  - Mediterranean Sea
  - Field of view includes Galactic centre
- Optical properties of deep-sea water
  - Excellent angular resolution
- Envisaged budget 220–250 M€
  - Full detector (according to design study):
    - 12800 Optical Modules 610 strings
    - Instrumented volume:  $\sim 5 \text{ km}^3$
    - string spacing and geometry not completely final yet
  - Large effective neutrino area



# Architecture



# Multi-PMT optical module

KM3NeT



← 17 inch →

- 31 x 3" PMTs
  - Cathode area  $\sim 2.4 \times 10''$  PMTs
- low power HV circuit
  - 10 mW / PMT
- calibration
  - LED and piezo inside glass sphere
- FPGA readout
  - sub-ns time stamping
- fibre-optic modulator
  - no lasers off-shore

Use of many small PMT

- cost per cathode area seen comparable to large hemispherical PMT, eg 10 inch.
- directional information

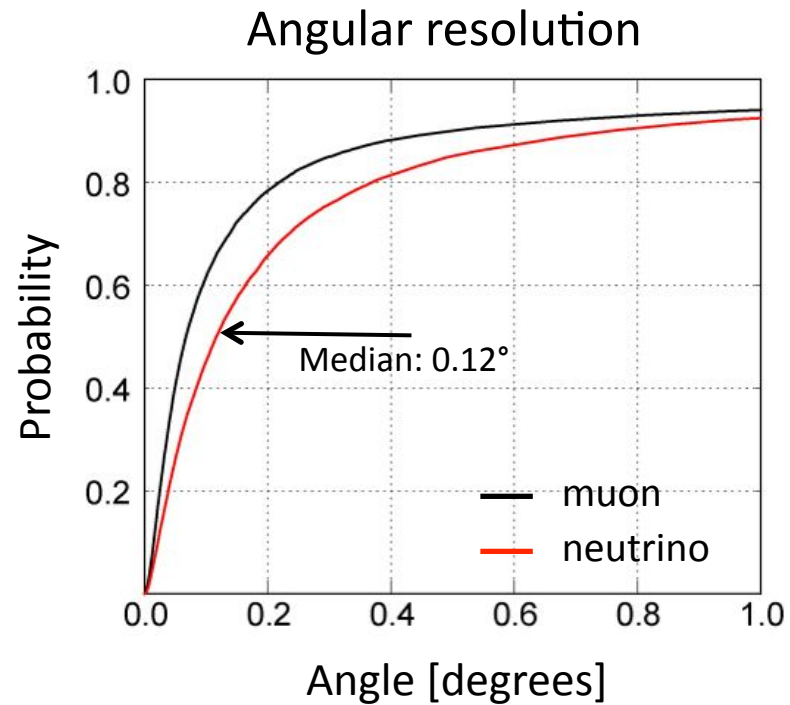
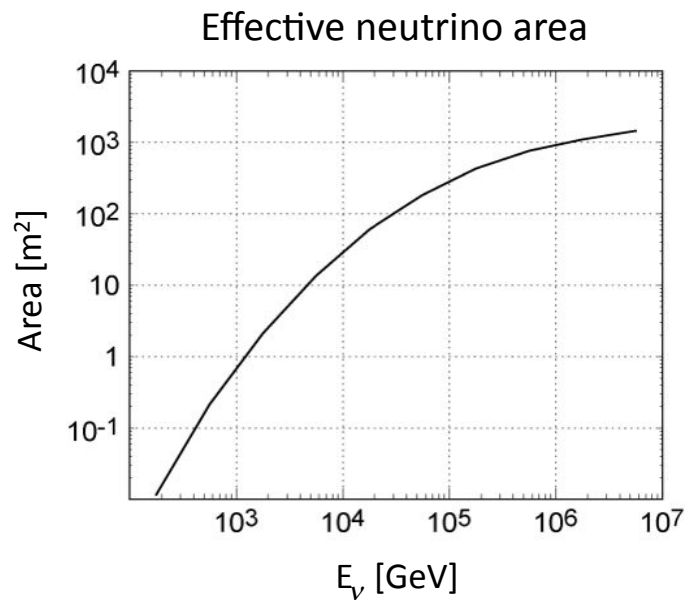


# Performance



Reference design with 12800 modules  
on 610 strings.

*total photocathode area  
about 6 x IceCube*



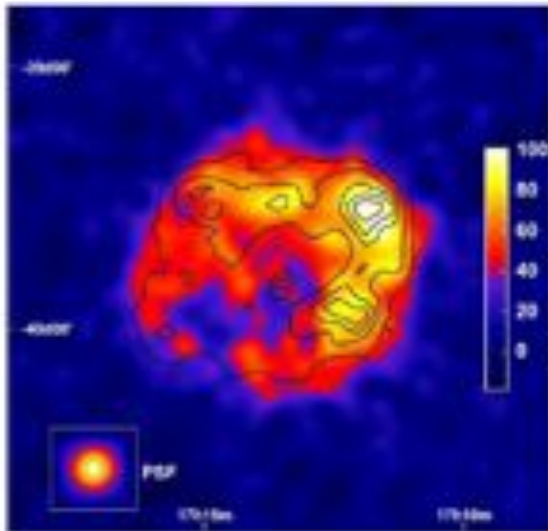
# Galactic sources



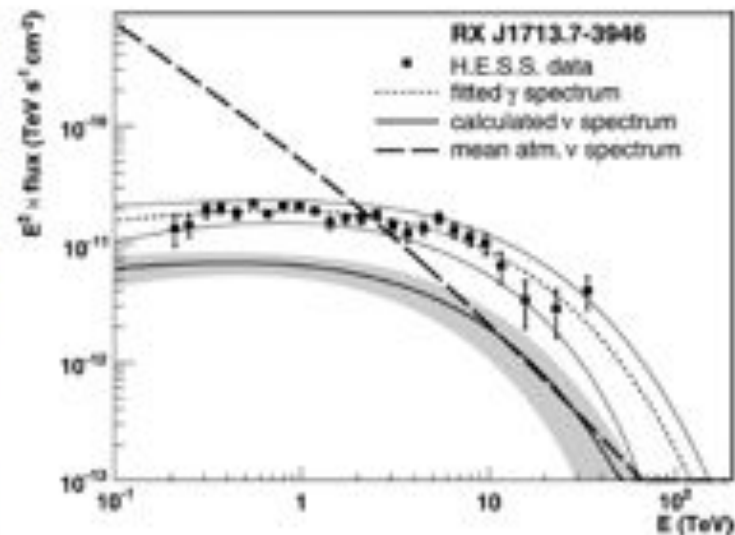
KM3Net will have optimal view of Southern hemisphere with galactic sources

Supernova remnants as “*origin of cosmic rays*”

## Supernova remnant RX 1713



Observed gamma rays from supernova remnant RXJ 1713 at TeV energies.



Energy spectrum in gamma rays and predicted neutrino flux

– KM3Net can make 5 (3) sigma discovery in 5 (2.5) years

# KM3Net Summary and Status



- Science case
  - discovery potential for Galactic sources
  - provides for independent observation of a possible discovery by IceCube with improved significance within reasonable amount of time
  - continuous and long-term measurements in the areas of oceanography, geophysics and marine biological sciences
- ANTARES detector proved feasibility of (high-energy) neutrino astronomy in Mediterranean Sea
  - see presentation P. Coyle at this conference
- Major investments paved the way for KM3Net
  - site preparations, shore stations, ROV, assembly lines, prototyping, logistics, ...
- Planning
  - start capital of 40 M€ available
  - deployment of first multi-PMT optical module this summer at Antares site
  - first phase of construction will start later this year in Italy and France
  - complete construction by 2020; final site locations and construction schedule subject to future funding

# GVD – a km<sup>3</sup> Neutrino Telescope in Lake Baikal

**Zh.-A. Dzhilkibaev, INR (Moscow),  
for the Baikal Collaboration  
Dubna, 8 December, 2011**

# 1 TeV to 10 PeV: future optical neutrino telescope arrays

## BAIKAL-GVD (minimal configuration)

### Layout

96 Strings  $\times$  24 OM

String: 2 Sections  $\times$  12 OM

Clusters with 8 strings

**2304 Optical Modules in total**

### Optimization results

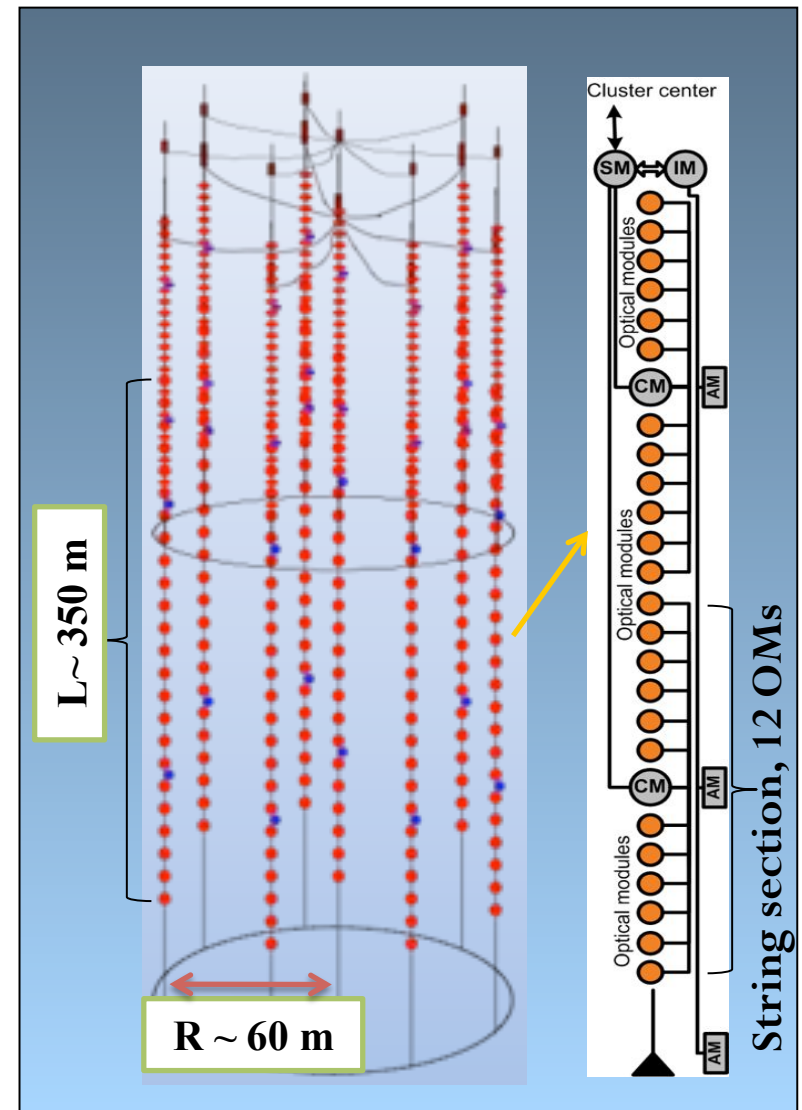
**Z = 15 m** – OMs spacing on strings

**R = 60 m** – the Cluster radius

**H = 300 m** - the distance between Clusters.

### Trigger conditions

Hardware: coincidences of nearby OMs  
+ software trigger



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## KM scale: Baikal GVD 4

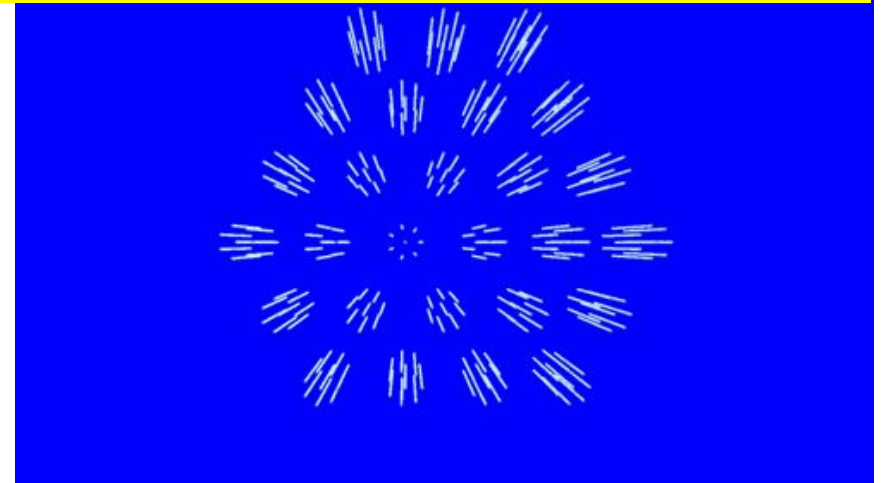
Instrumented volume: 1.5 km<sup>3</sup>

Depth: 600-1300 m (705 m long strings)

10368 Optical Modules,

216 Strings: 48 OM/Str, 3 Sec./Str

27 Clusters.: 8 Str/Cluster

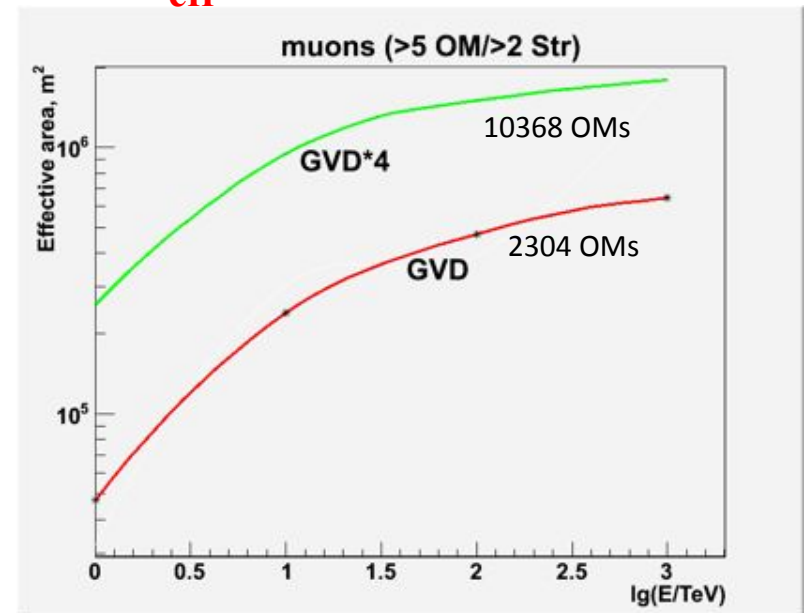
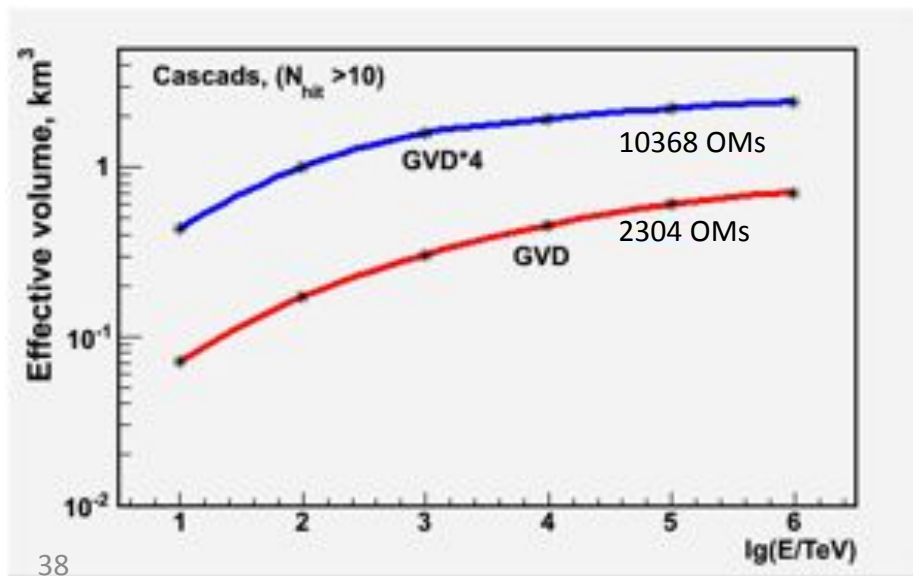


Cascades: (E>10 TeV):

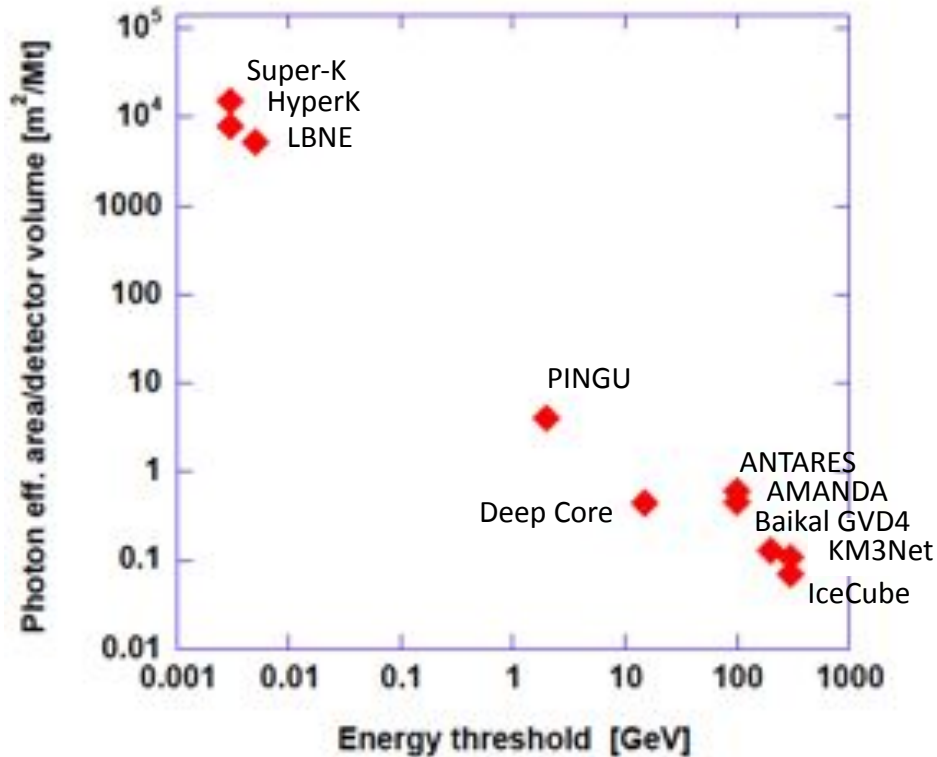
$V_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.4\text{--}2.4 \text{ km}^3$

Muons: (E>1 TeV):

$S_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.3\text{--}1.8 \text{ km}^2$



# Water Cherenkov detectors PMT coverage vs threshold



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**Number of PMT**

**x Cathode area**

**x Quantum efficiency**

**= equivalent area of 100% photon detection.**

(collection efficiency not included here.)

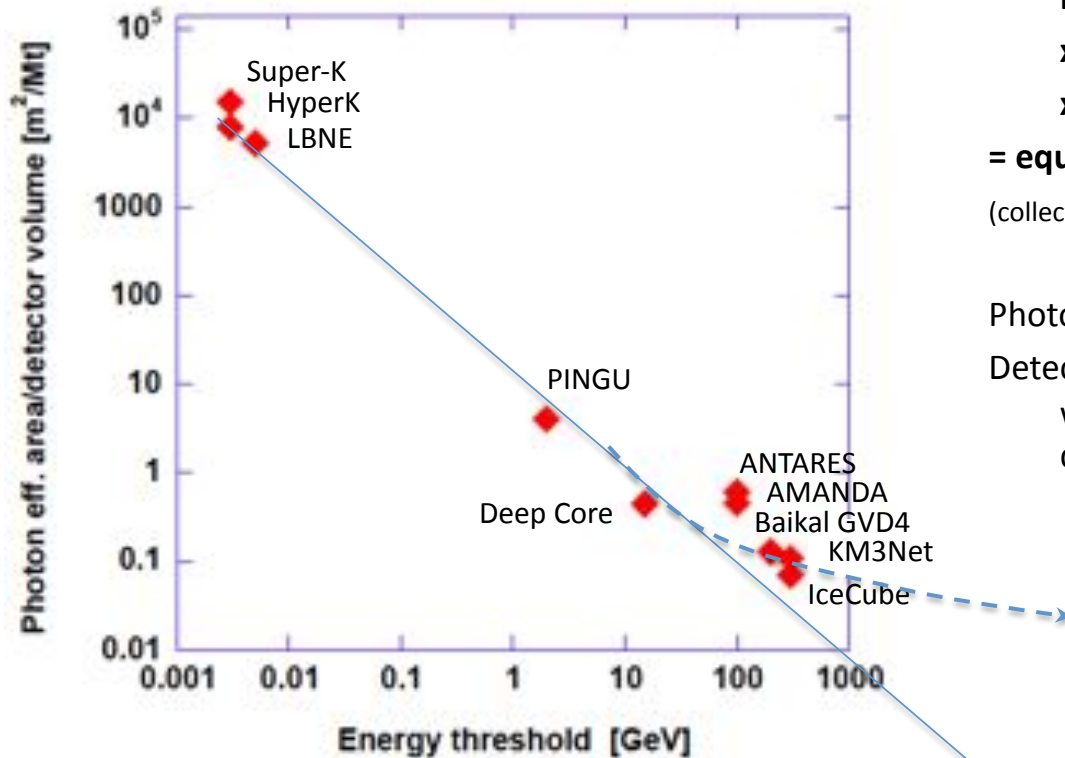
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	IceCube	DeepCore	PINGU	AMANDA	ANTARES	KM3Net	BAIKAL GVD4	LBNE	SuperK	HyperK
String spacing [m]	125	75	25	70	45			7.5		
PMT spacing [m]	17	7	4	12	15					
Instrumented mass [Mt]	1000	20	6	12	16	5000	1500	0.2	0.04	1
Total No of PMT, OMS	5160	500	1400	677	885	12800	10368	29000	11410	100000
Cathode area	530	530	530	300	530	1271	530	1080	2400	2400
No. of PMT or OMs/Mton	5	25	233	55	57	3	7	145000	285250	100000
Photon eff. area/mass [m <sup>2</sup> /Mt]	0.07	0.46	4	0.409	0.603	0.114	0.128	5481	17115	8400
Energy "threshold" [GeV]	300	15	2	60	40	300	200	0.005	0.003	0.003

Footnote/Disclaimer: Some figures are estimates. Definitions of threshold vary somewhat within factor of two in some cases. Threshold for nu telescopes above Deep Core are for muon neutrinos only.

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Continue this strategy to >PeV energies?

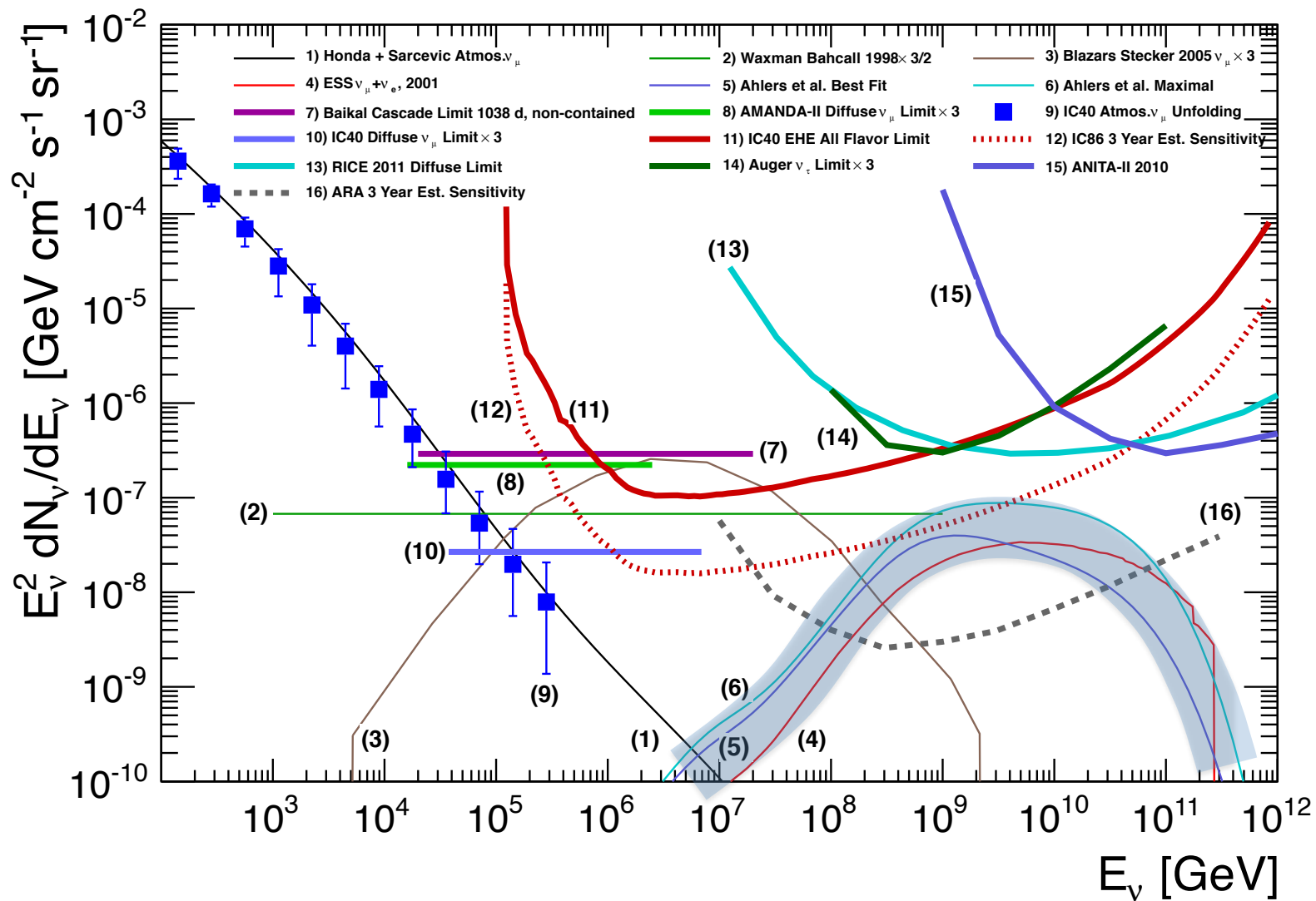
Not practical to extend this path, reducing the PMT density by orders of magnitude.

Attenuation of light and infrastructure cost will dominate at some point.



# The cosmic energy frontier, $10^7$ to $10^{11}$ GeV

## Cosmogenic or *GZK* neutrinos



## The Challenge

- Need detection rates such that the the normalization of the GZK neutrino flux can be reliably determined.
- Requires more than 100 times better sensitivity than published results and more than 10 times the sensitivity of IceCube at  $1E18$  eV.
- Alternatives to water/ice based optical Cherenkov detectors:
  - Radio detection in the Antarctic ice

*Other alternatives have been and are being pursued, eg. acoustic detection, radio telescopes pointing at the moon, and other.*

*They seem less competitive in the foreseeable future, one problem being too high thresholds.*

*I am not covering any of these.*

Future projects with based on Askaryan radio signature in ice.

### **ARA:**

Location: South Pole

Area: 150 – 200 km<sup>2</sup>

embedded detector

Ice sheet: 2.8 km

Prototype array in installation

### **ARIANNA:**

Location: Ross Ice Shelf

Area: 1000km<sup>2</sup>

Shelf thickness: 600m

Surface detector

# 10<sup>7</sup> to 10<sup>11</sup> GeV: Radio ice Cherenkov detection

Detection principle: Coherent radio emission from e.m. cascade

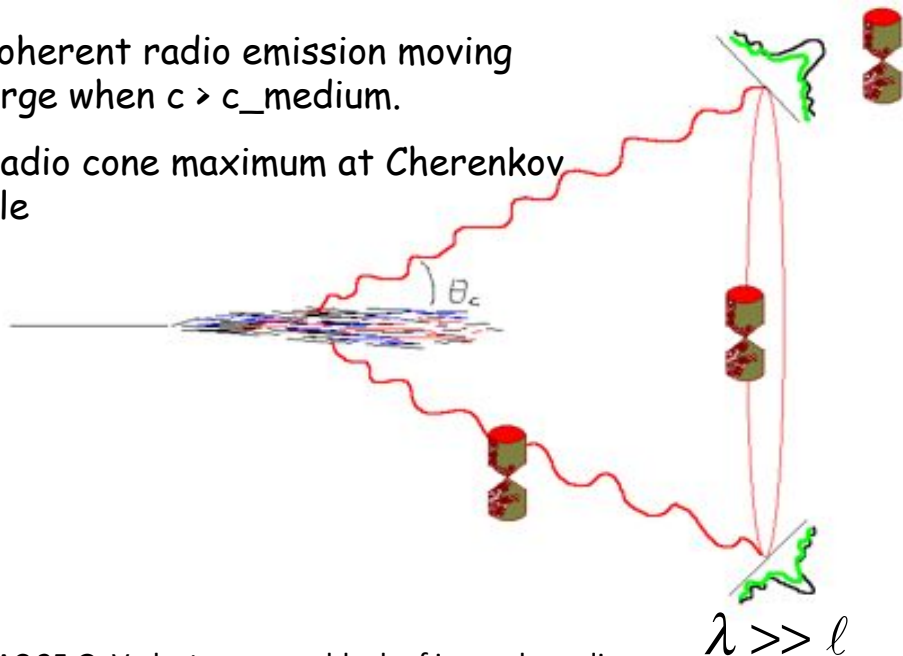
Gurgen Askaryan, 1962  
proposes radio detection of showers

Principle:

Charge asymmetry in particle shower development produces a net charge of cm extension.

→ coherent radio emission moving charge when  $c > c_{\text{medium}}$ .

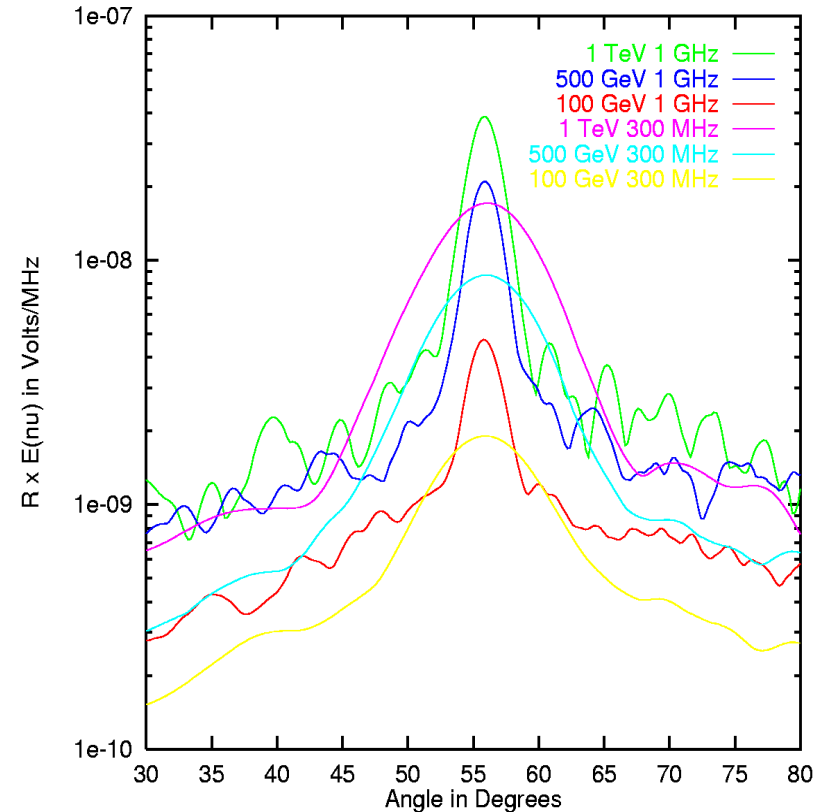
→ Radio cone maximum at Cherenkov angle



SLAC 25 GeV electrons on a block of ice make radio pulses in good agreement of theory with data:  
D. Saltzberg *et al.*, PRL **86**, 2802 (2001)

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cone narrows for higher frequencies  
- analogous to single slit diffraction



see eg.: J. Alvarez-Muniz *et al.*, *Astrop. Phys.* 35 (2012) 287-299 and references therein

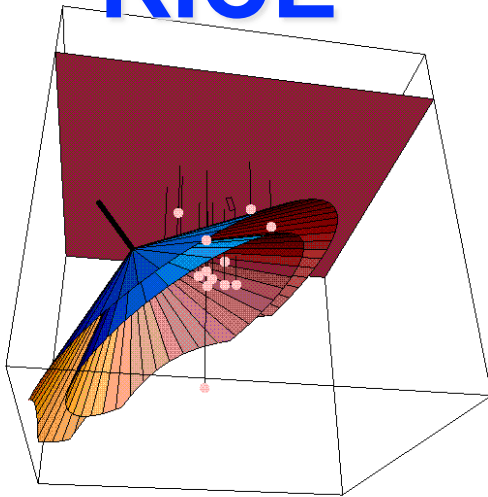
Add coherently!

# $10^7$ to $10^{11}$ GeV: Radio ice Cherenkov detection

## Existing and previous instruments using radio in Polar ice

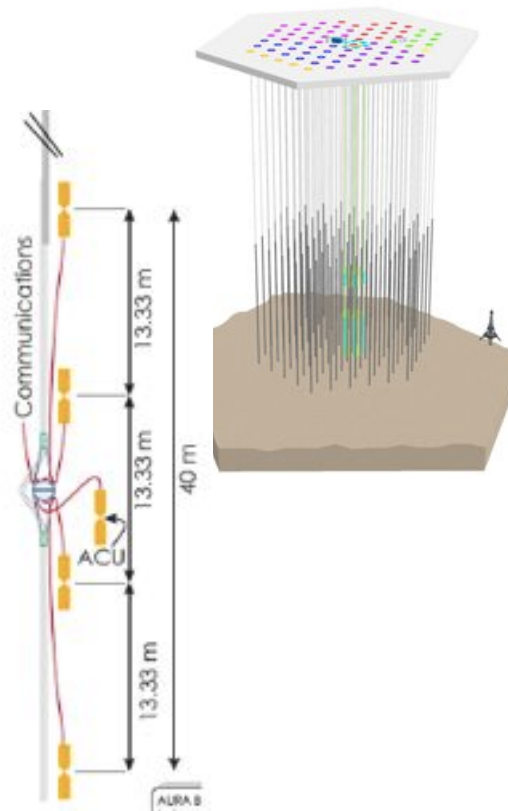
*Experiences for ARA, Collaborators from all three experiments joined ARA*

### RICE



- array of single dipole antennas deployed between 100 and 300m near the Pole
- much of the instrumentation was deployed in AMANDA holes
- Pioneered technique in the ice

### Special radio detectors and pulsers in IceCube



### ANITA

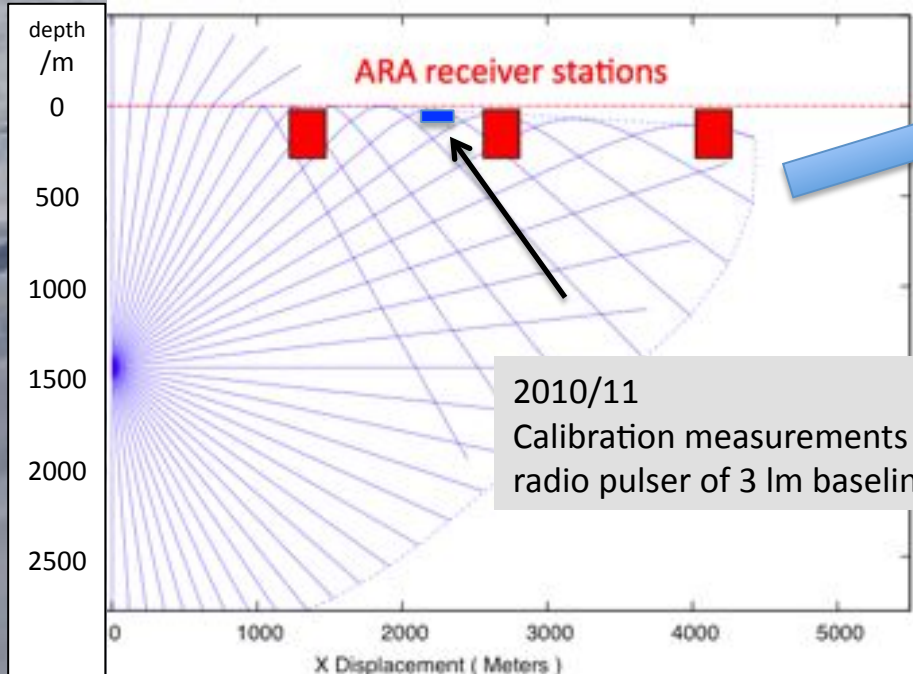


- balloon payload of horn antennas
- surveys the ice cap from high altitude for RF refracted out of the ice
- → high fidelity data acquisition system  $>Gs/sec$  waveform capture

# $10^7$ to $10^{11}$ GeV: Radio ice Cherenkov detection

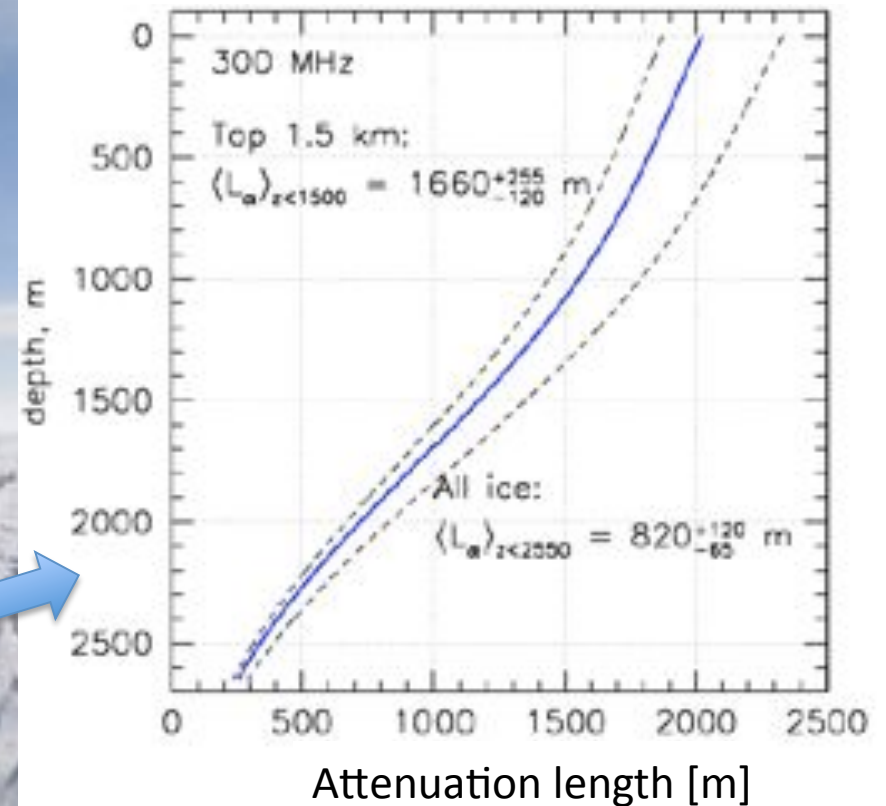
South Pole glacial ice – 2.8km, cold and RF transparent

- Thickness: 2800m
- Temperature:  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$  at top,  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  at 1500m
- Attenuation length at 300MHz:  $\sim 1.7$  km at depths 0 – 1.5 km.  
→ Slightly better than expected
- Very low electromagnetic noise



2010/11  
Calibration measurements with embedded radio pulser of 3 km baseline.

from: Allison et al., *Astropart.Phys.* 35 (2012) 457-477  
arXiv:1105.2854



$10^7$  to  $10^{11}$  GeV: Radio ice Cherenkov detection

# Askaryan Radio Array (ARA)

- a very large radio neutrino detector at the South Pole

Ref: Allison et al., *Astropart.Phys.* 35 (2012) 457-477,  
arXiv:1105.2854 (Design and performance paper)

Poster session at this conference:

→ H. Landsman, ARA Design and Status

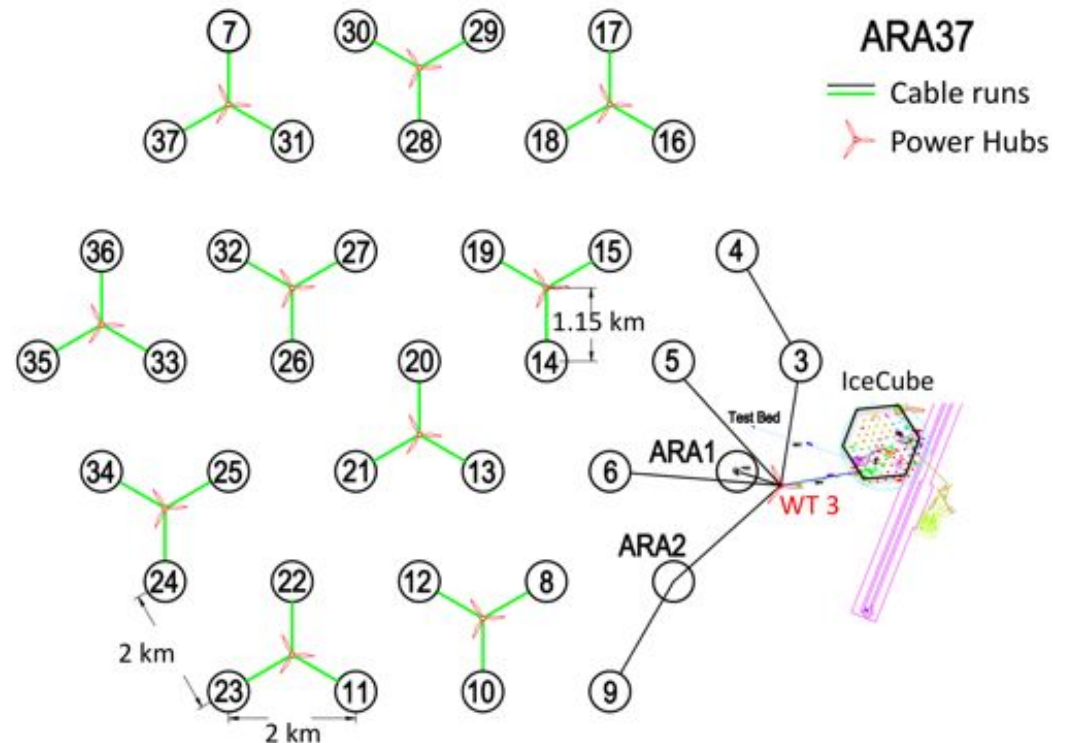
→ J. Davies, ARA prototype and first station

## Scientific Goal:

- Discover and determine the flux of highest energy cosmic neutrinos.
- Understanding of highest energy cosmic rays, other phenomena at highest energies.

## Method:

Monitor the ice for radio pulses generated by interactions of cosmic neutrinos with nuclei of the 2.8km thick and radio transparent ice sheet at the South Pole



Areal coverage:  $\sim 150 \text{ km}^2$

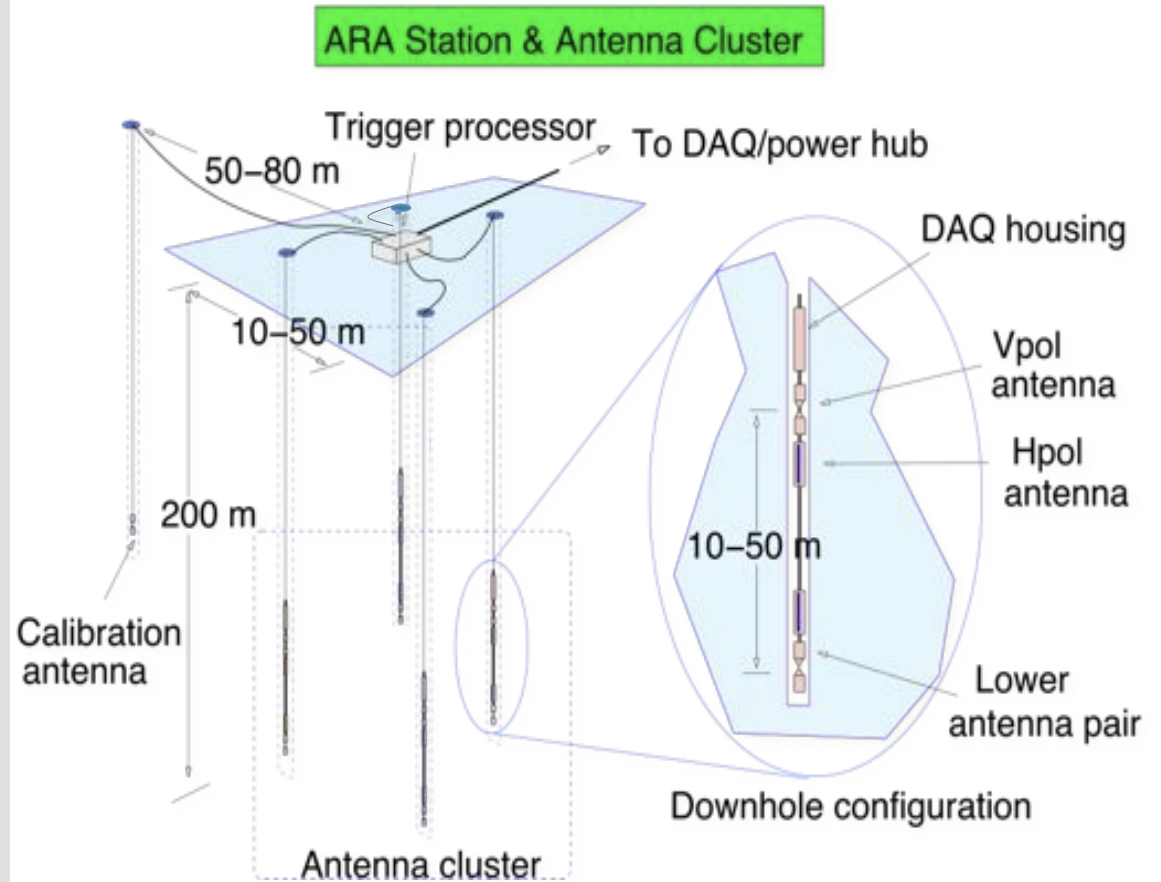
# ARA station geometry

Design goals and choices:

- Every station is a fully functioning detector.
- Lower energy threshold: nearby events (300m) can be reconstructed.

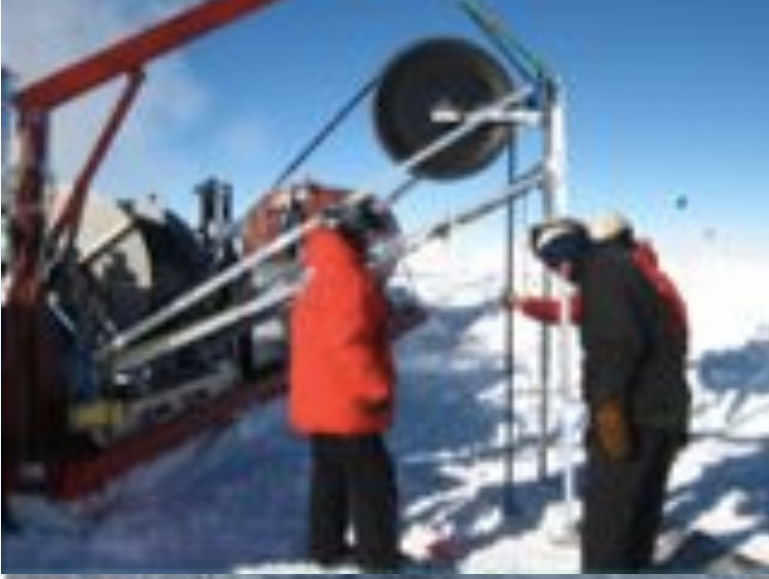
Background rejection:

- Embedded strings: Allow good vertex resolution and high vertical resolution for background rejection
- Depth at 200m: below firn, Increase acceptance (factor 1.5 compared to 100m).



$10^7$  to  $10^{11}$  GeV: Radio ice Cherenkov detection

# ARA field activities on the ice



Status:

2011/12 season: Second test detector deployed.

2012/13: Plan for two more stations

- 3 stations Comparable to sensitivity of IceCube at  $1E18eV$

Goal for full array by 2016/17



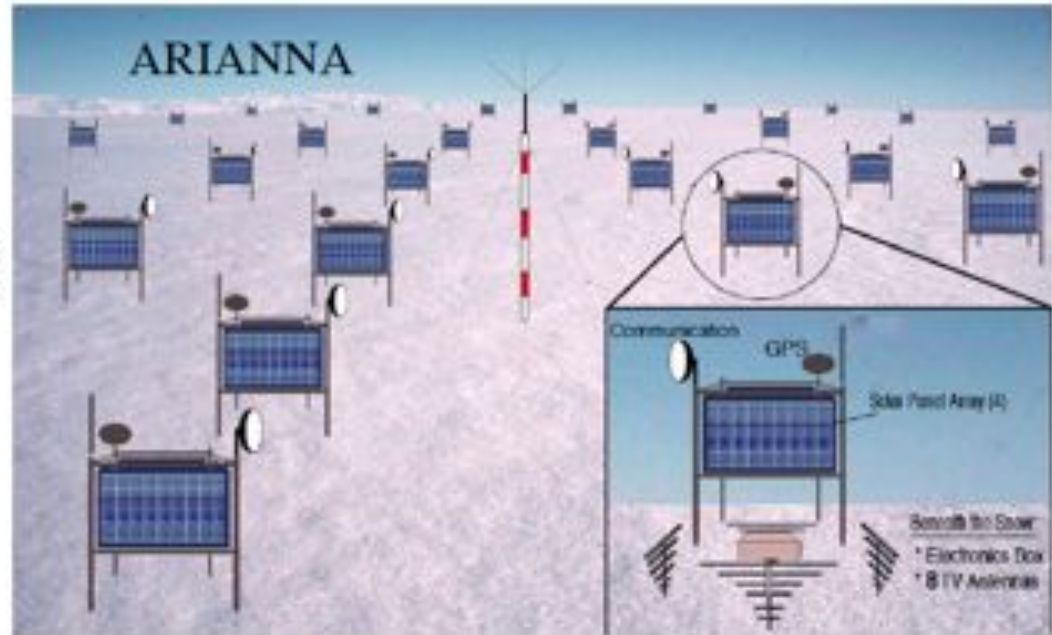


# $10^7$ to $10^{11}$ GeV: Radio ice Cherenkov detection

## ARIANNA

L. Gerhardt et al., Nucl.Instrum.Meth. A624 (2010) 85-91

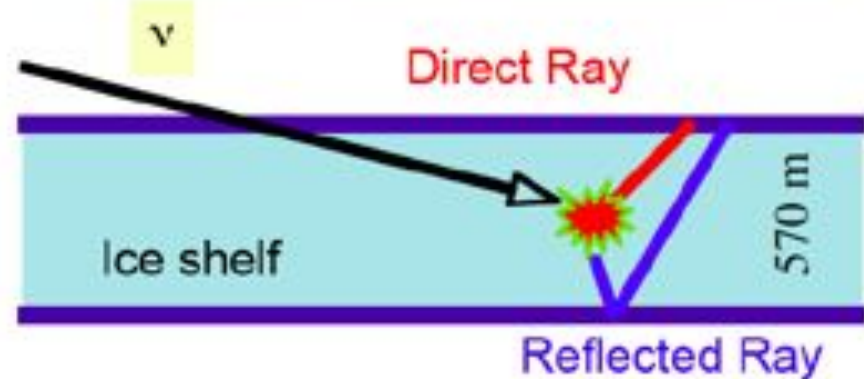
31 x 31 array  
[30 km x 30 km]



## ARIANNA

US, S. Korea, England,  
New Zealand

Barwick, astro-ph/0610631

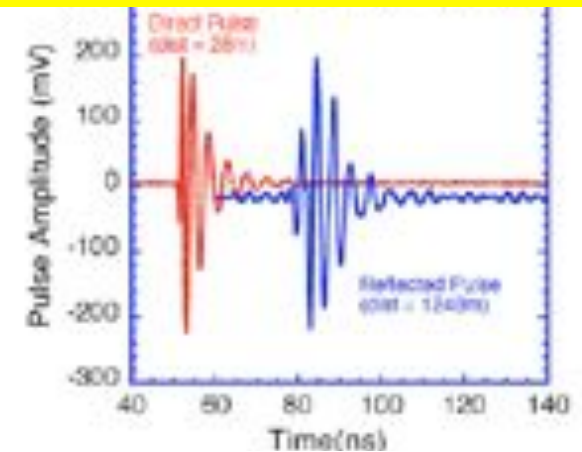


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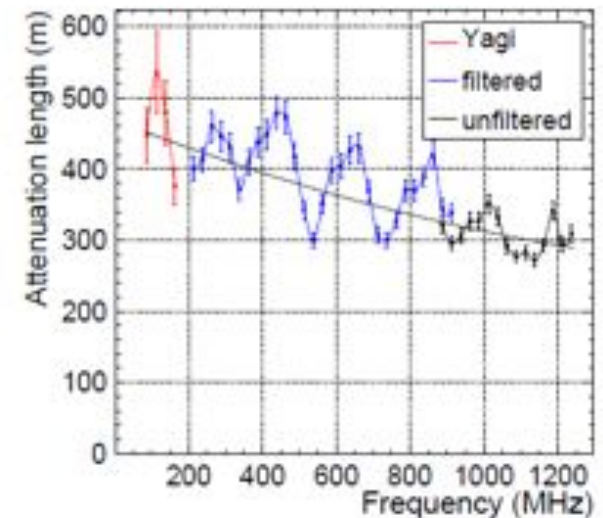
## ARIANNA: Field studies - ice properties

courtesy: Spencer Klein

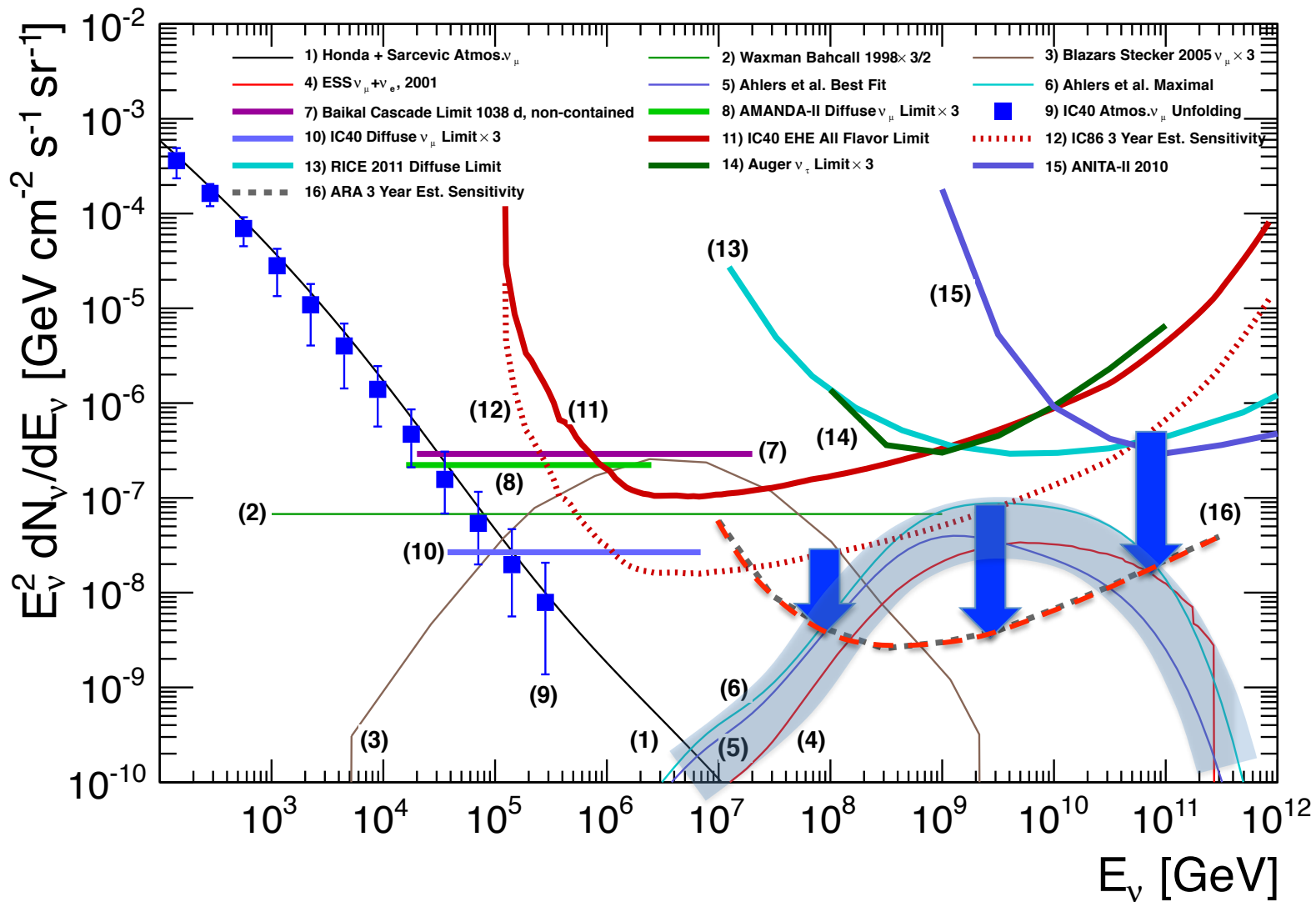
- Measure reflected signals from ice-water interface
  - Horn antennas
  - Ice thickness 572 m
- Signal loss at interface and in-transit
- Absorption length 300-500 m
  - With conservative assumption – full reflection at interface
    - Ice-water interface attenuation < 3 db
  - Systematic uncertainty 15-55 m
- 183 MHz oscillations not well understood



Signal reflection  
from interface

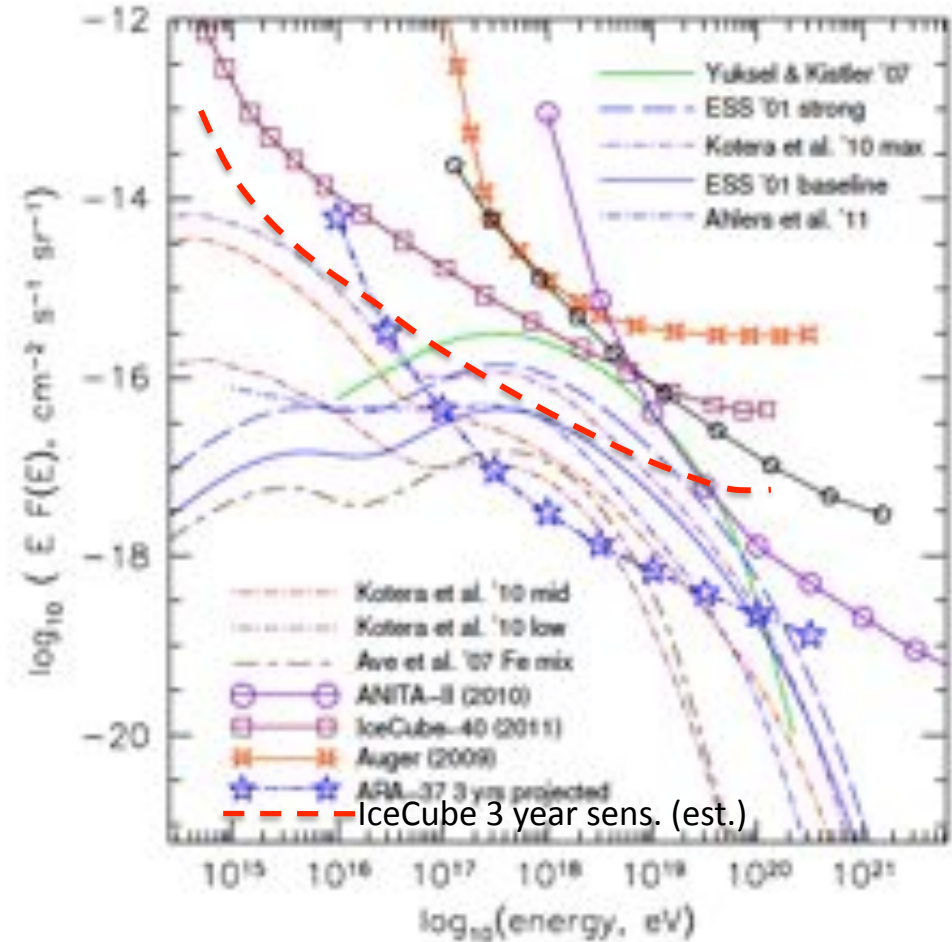


# 10<sup>16</sup> – 10<sup>20</sup> eV energy scale



# Search for cosmogenic (GZK) neutrino flux

- 3 years of IceCube has a good chance of seeing a few events.
- → A larger detector and different technology is needed to have good prospects of measuring this flux!



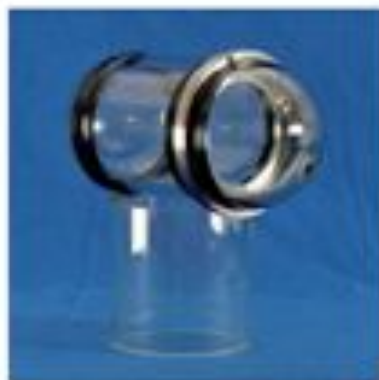
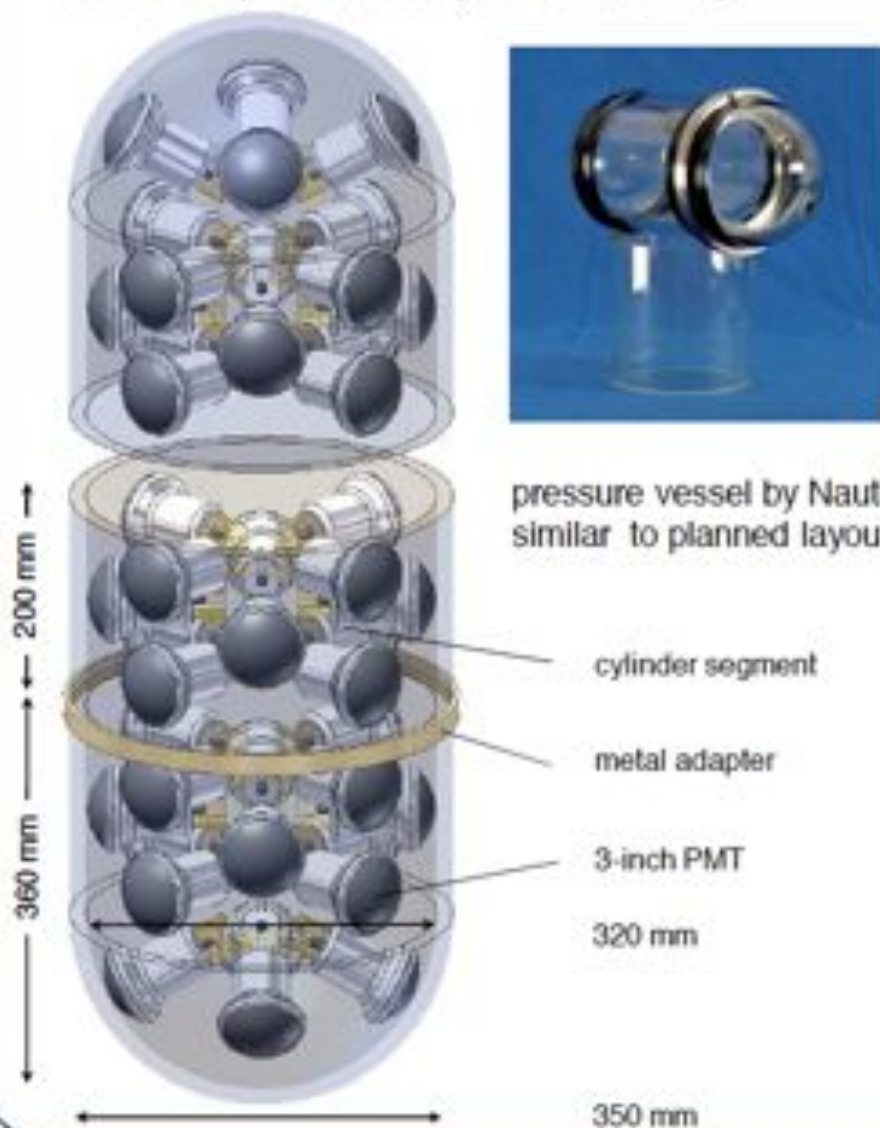
# Summary

- Big quantum leap in sensitivity with the realization of IceCube.
- Future detectors on three energy scales with different science goals
  - GeV energies: PINGU precision atmospheric neutrino physics with multi Mton target
  - TeV to PeV energies: Projects with goals to expand sensitivity overall and especially towards Southern hemisphere, eg Galactic Center
  - 100 PeV to 100 EeV: Radio ice Cherenkov neutrino detectors using Antarctic Ice are in prototype/ 1<sup>st</sup> phase to detect cosmogenic neutrino flux
    - ARA, a full large radio array (150km<sup>2</sup>) for highest energy (GZK) neutrinos will surpass IceCube substantially in sensitivity with scalable technology.
    - ARIANNA on Ross Ice Shelf
    - Background rejection critical
    - Realistic chance to clarify cosmogenic neutrino flux level in this decade.

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currently considered layout of PINGU/MICA  
multi-PMT optical module (44 × 3-inch PMT)



pressure vessel by Nautilus,  
similar to planned layout

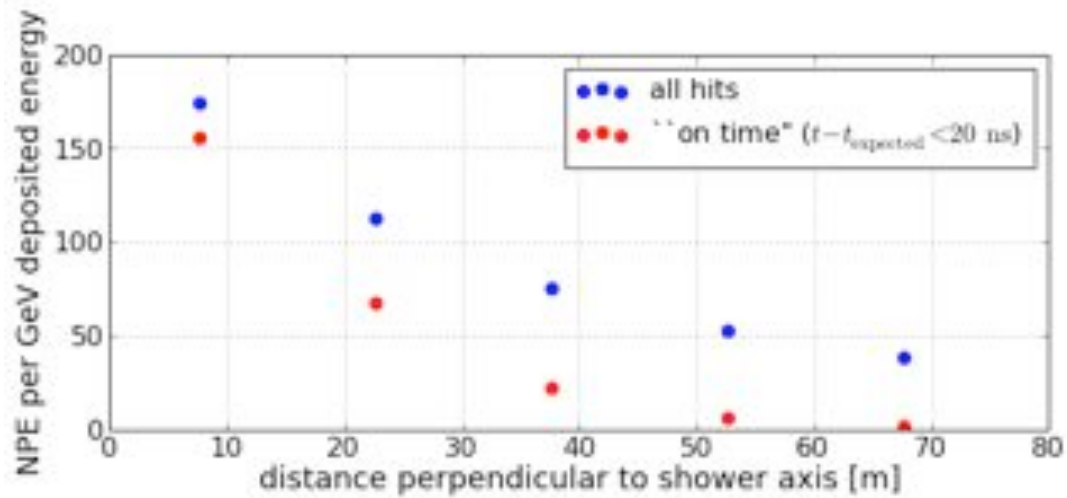
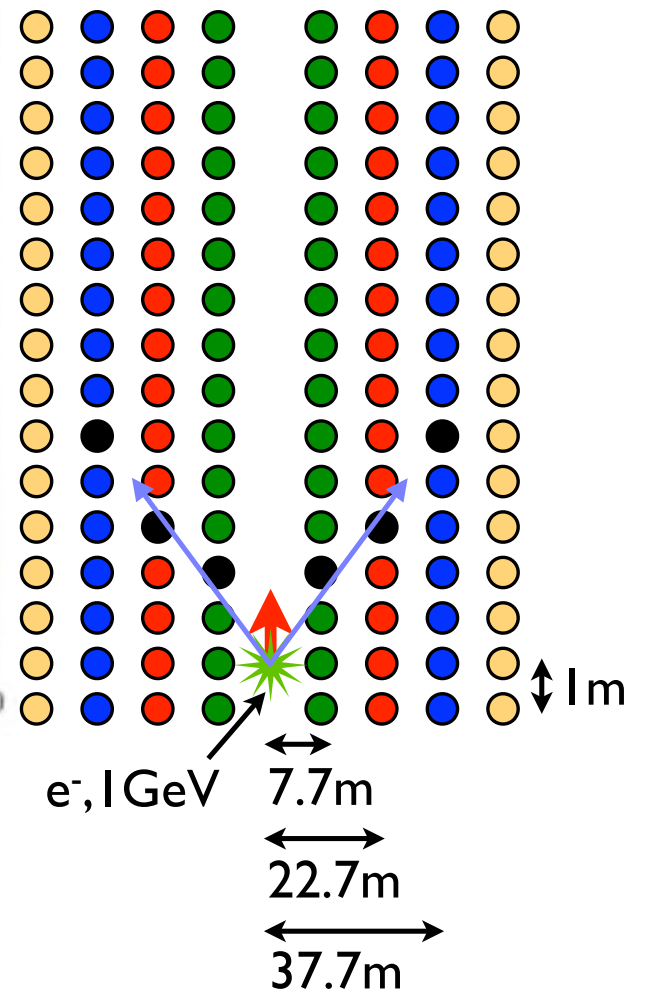
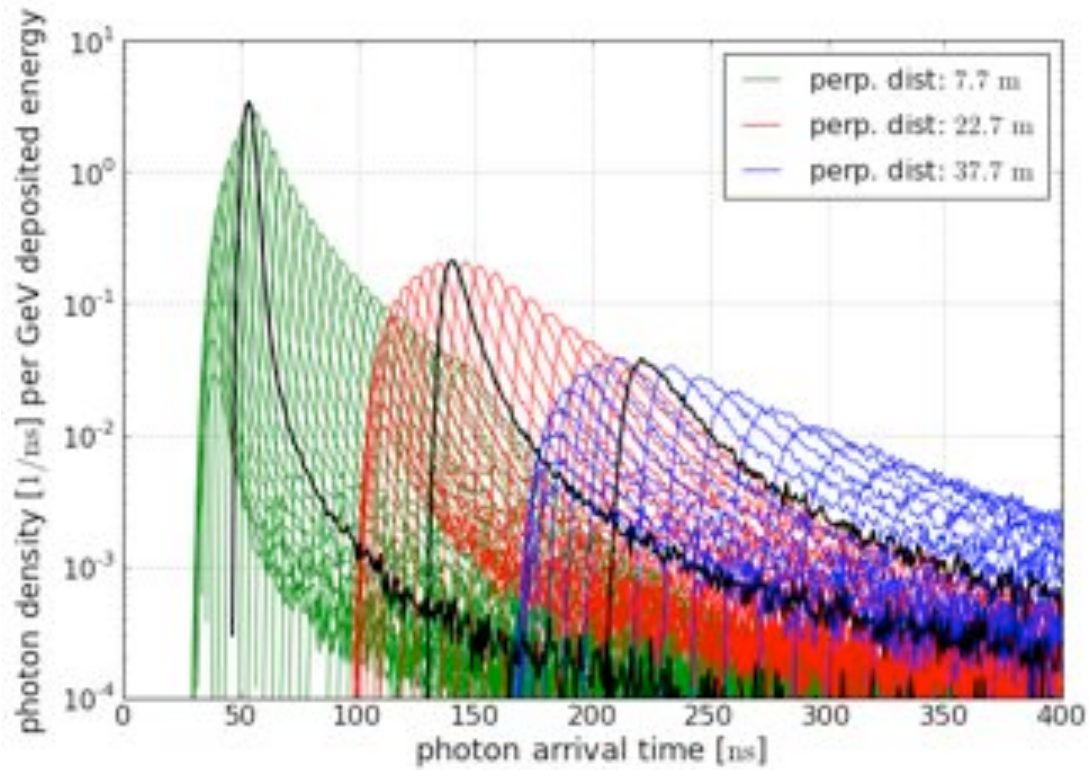


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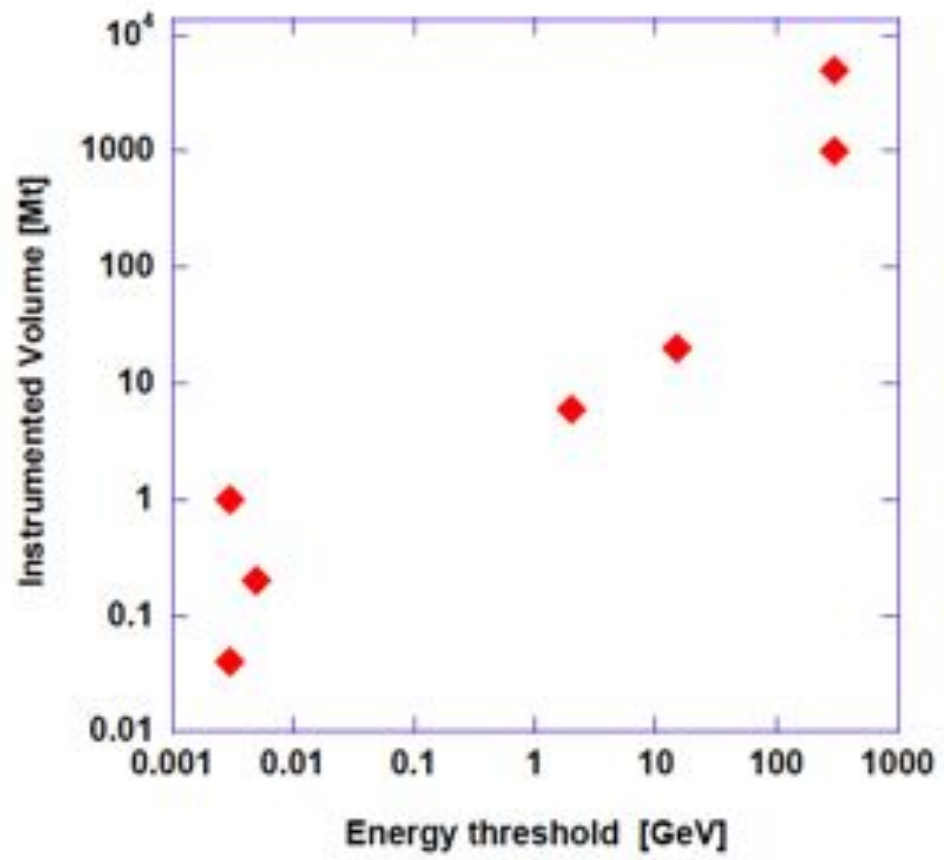


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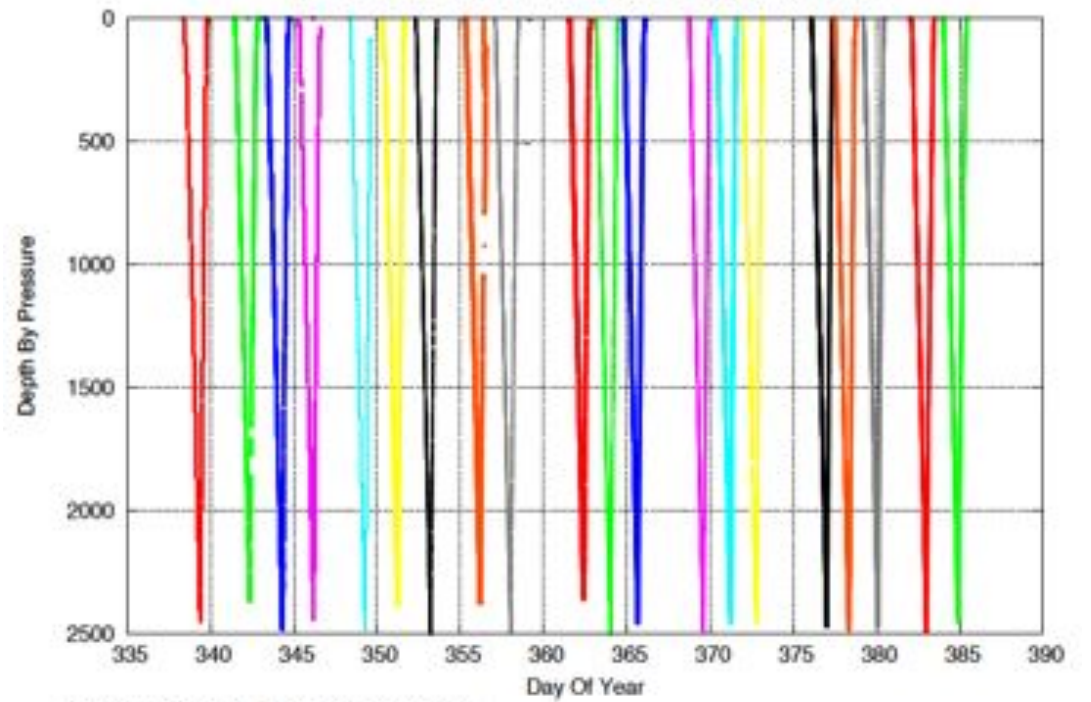
available 3-inch PMT prototypes,  
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