IceCube Upgrade and Gen2 Software Efforts

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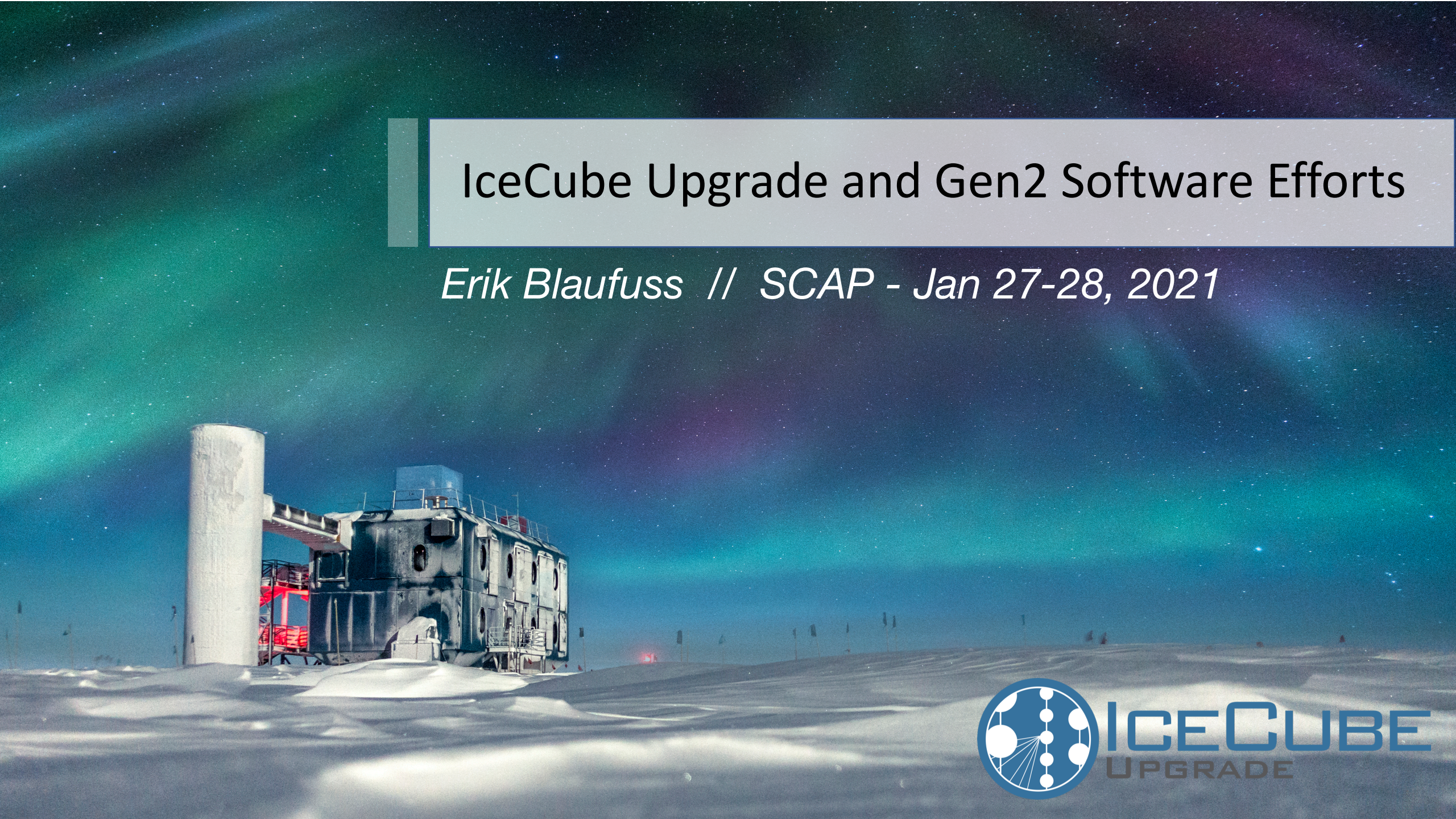
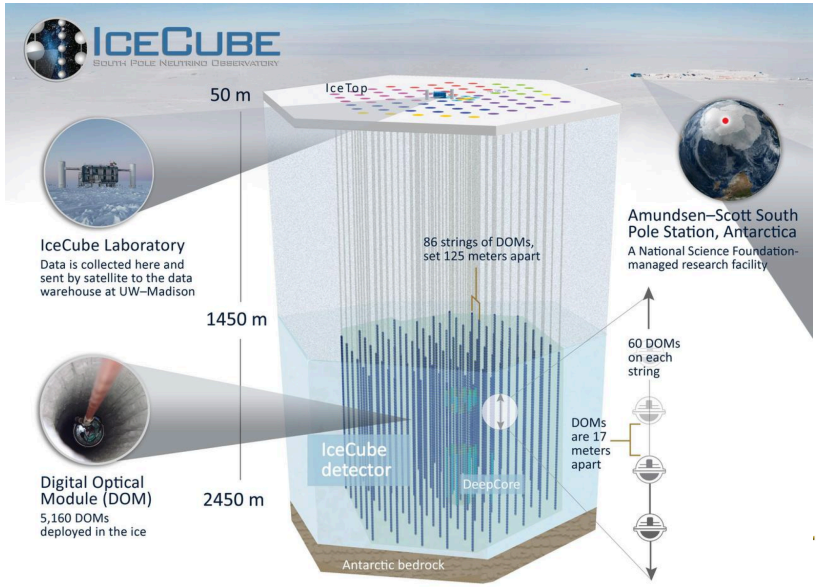


Why upgrade IceCube?

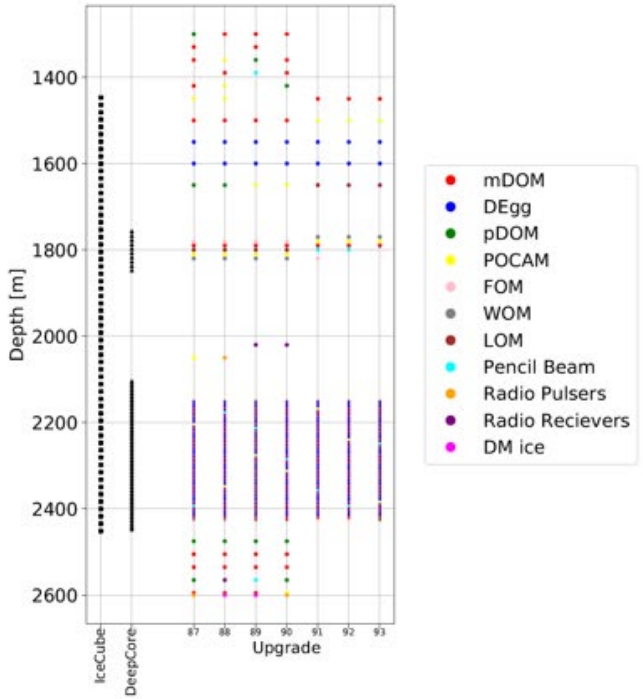
- IceCube continues to be a fantastic science machine
  - Includes: discovery of astrophysical neutrinos, first evidence for neutrino point sources, neutrino oscillations, cosmic ray physics, BSM physics and more.
- But more science just out of reach:
  - Reduced energy threshold for oscillation searches
    - Nu-Tau sensitivity, PMNS unitarity, sterile neutrinos.
  - Larger samples of astrophysical neutrinos
    - Build a larger detector with larger energy range to observe more astrophysical ν's

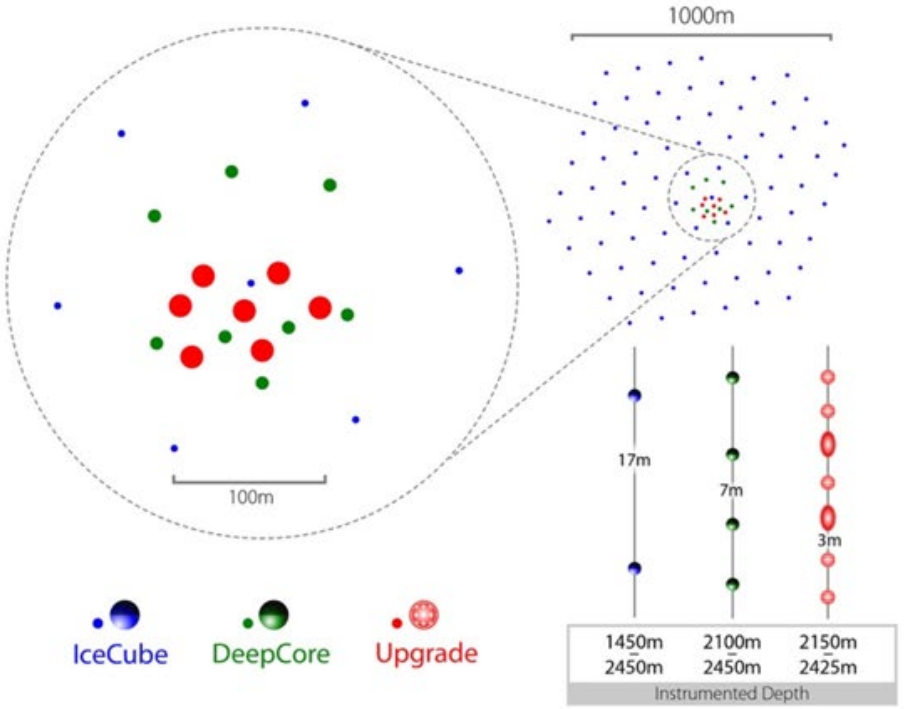


Upgrade strategy

- Funding considerations have made us use a phased upgrade strategy
  - IceCube Upgrade - extension of Deep Core instrumented volume
    - Now in construction
  - IceCube Gen2 – a ~10x increase in instrumented volume, with potential surface array components, and radio-neutrino detection.
    - Proposal(s) and complete preliminary designs now being worked on.
- Global strategy
  - IceCube extensions designed to build upon existing IceCube infrastructure as much as possible
    - DAQ and online systems expanded to include new sensors – long term maintenance and operations support for **1 system**.
    - Icetray data analysis framework extended to include support for new sensors
    - Simulations, data processing, and analysis all done on unified data sample

IceCube Upgrade

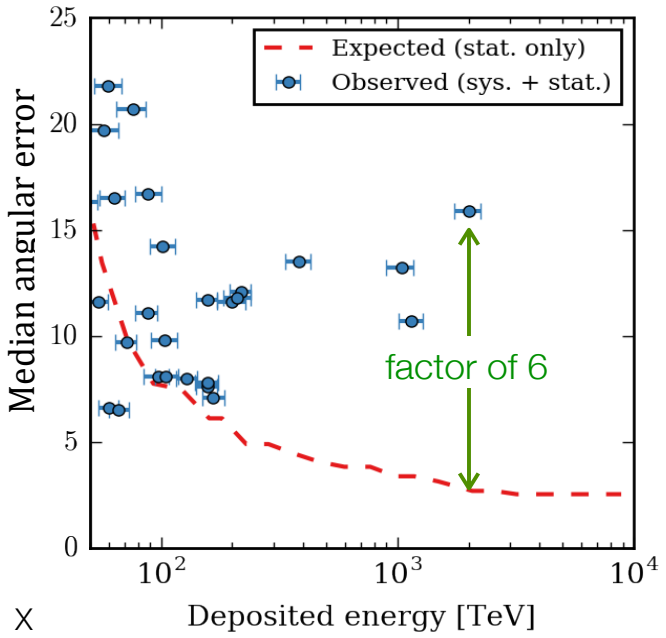




- Upgrade goals:
  - Neutrino oscillation studies – oscillation parameters, Tau-neutrino measurements and confirm unitarity of the PNMS Matrix
  - Detailed calibration of the glacial ice around IceCube – Deployment of many calibration devices with instrumentation
    - New understanding of ice properties directly applicable to 10yr + catalog of IceCube data
  - Next generation (Gen2) research and development platform.
- Deployment: 2023-2024 polar season (+1 year delay from COVID-19)

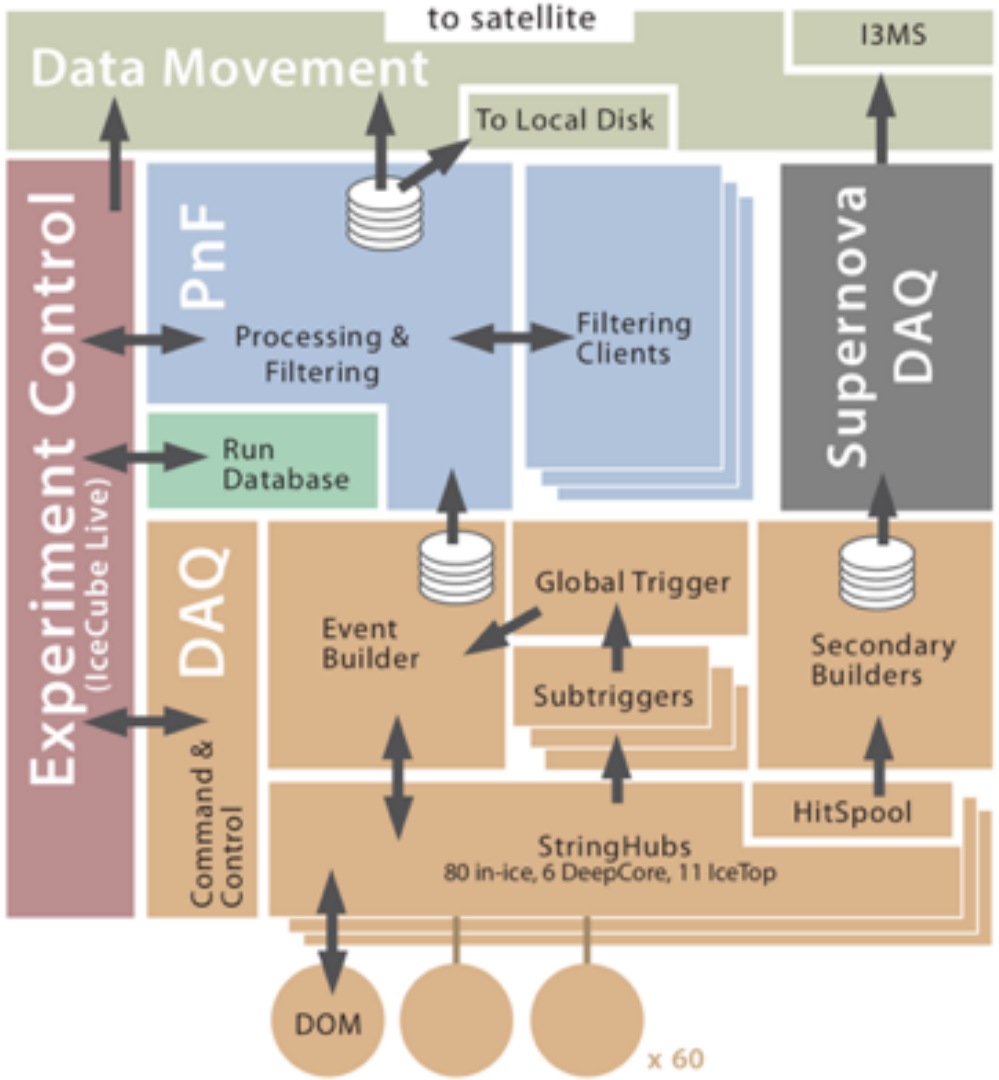
IceCube Upgrade Instrumentation

- Several new optical sensors planned for Upgrade
  - mDOM - 24 x 3” PMTs
  - DEgg - 2 x 8” PMTs
- New Calibration devices
- Improved understanding of glacial optical properties
  - Far from statistical limits on angular resolution at high energies
    - O(0.1) deg for tracks and O(3) deg for showers
  - Cleaner identification of Tau events



Upgrade Design and IceCube Gen1 Heritage

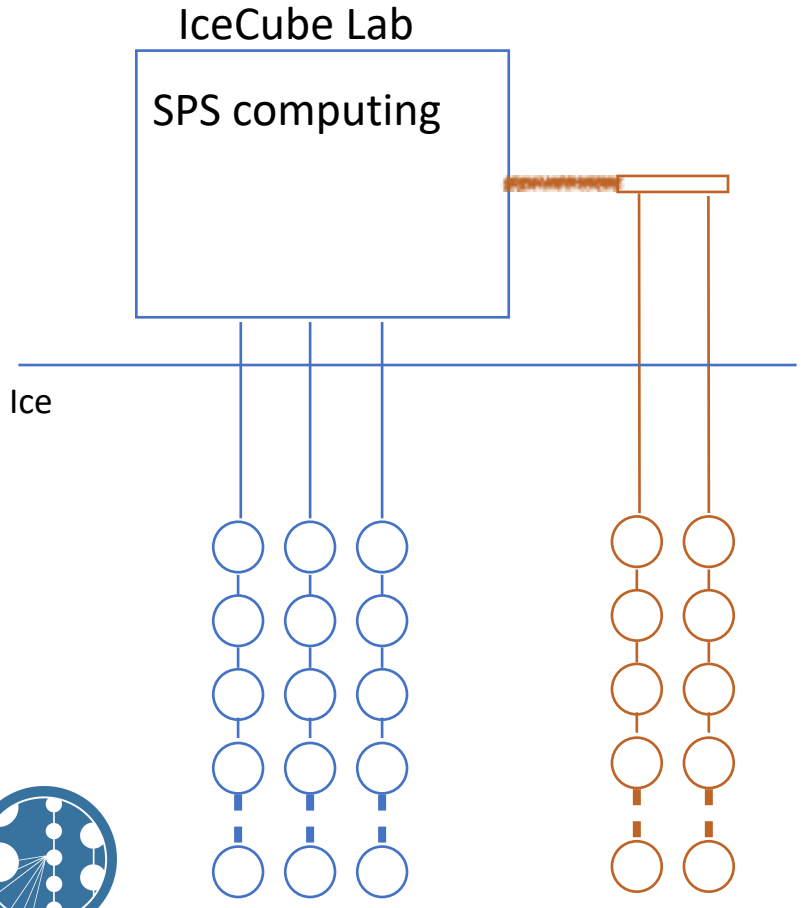
- IceCube Online and Offline software systems serve as a robust starting point for Upgrade
- Design focused on targeted additions to existing systems
  - Online DAQ and Experiment control
  - Offline Software and simulation
  - Computing and Infrastructure
- New designs strongly follow successful Gen 1 designs as well
  - OM Software
- All tasks are tracked in Upgrade project schedule
  - Almost all tasks provided as in-kind contributions
  - Online: supported by the responsible M&O teams
  - Offline: supported by M&O and wider collaboration efforts



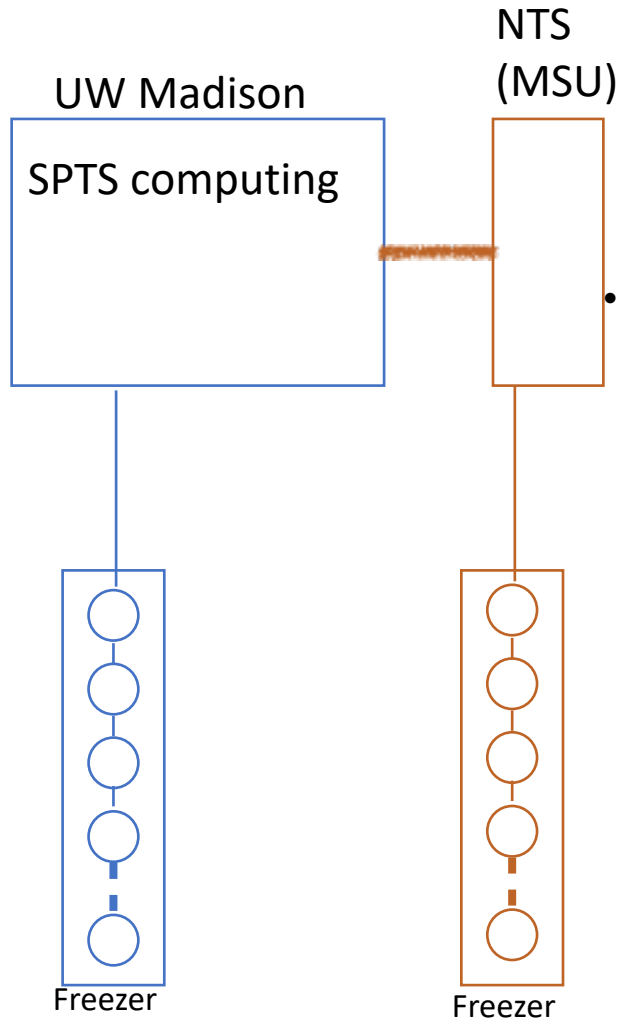
IceCube Online System

Computing Infrastructure

- Computing infrastructure for Pole and Northern test systems provided as small extensions of existing systems



New with Upgrade



- NTS provides testing infrastructure for new sensor and calibration device development.
  - Integrated with SPTS computing via network for end-to-end system testing

Upgrade – Online impacts

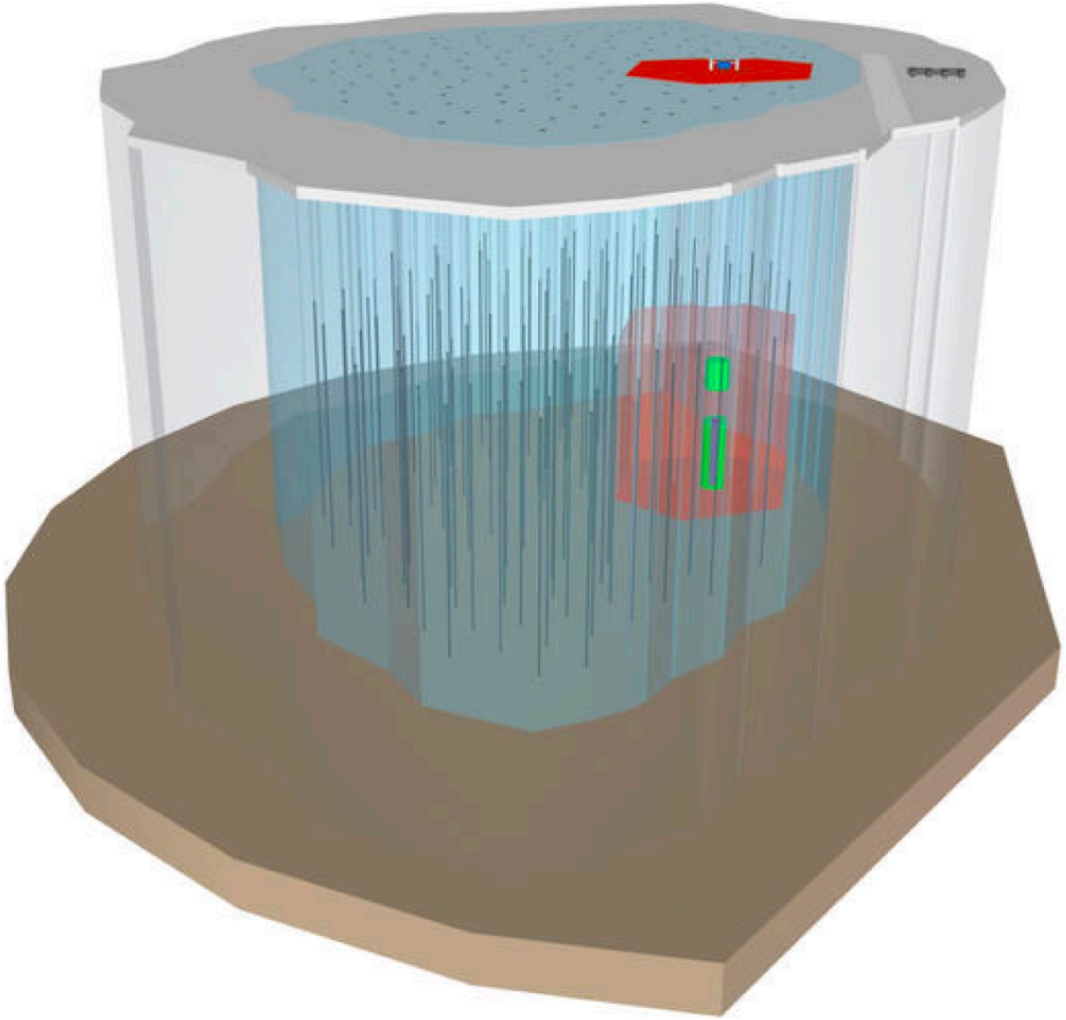
- Currently, IceCube and Deep core:
  - 2.8 kHz overall trigger rate (~10% is DeepCore)
  - ~ 1 TB/day raw data to long-term storage
  - ~ 75 GB/day L1 (online) filter selected data to satellite (O(1%) is DeepCore)
    - This L1 data sample seeds all higher-level analyses in the North
- Upgrade estimates:
  - ~400-500 Hz of additional background triggers
  - ~200 GB/day raw (expecting <10% to go to L1 with simple veto/noise criteria)
- Multi-PMT devices have potential to make copious quantities of data
    - fADC waveform readout for each channel.
    - Noise triggers become more of an issue
  - Both to be addressed with smarter triggering
  - On-OM feature extraction expected to reduce data volumes

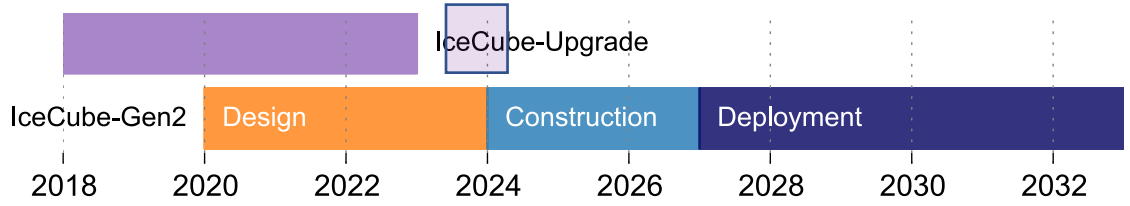
Upgrade – Offline/software impacts

- Upgrade OMs bring fundamental shift from 1 PMT channel per OM to multiple PMT channels
  - After 10+ years of IceCube software, many places have this assumption baked into software
  - Early studies for Upgrade performed with simplifications to simulated modules
- IceTray Software framework
  - Being upgraded to remove this assumption (In progress, expected mid 2021)
- Simulation software
  - Adding ”as design” implementations of simulated sensor modules (data samples expected mid-late 2021)
  - Additional GPU-based simulation development, computing, and data is required for multi-PMT modules, lower energy thresholds.
  - Improved fidelity of simulation will likely be needed with improved calibration
- Reconstruction
  - Most complicated to update due to symmetry assumptions in used in tabulated responses – likely ongoing for years within collaboration

IceCube Gen2

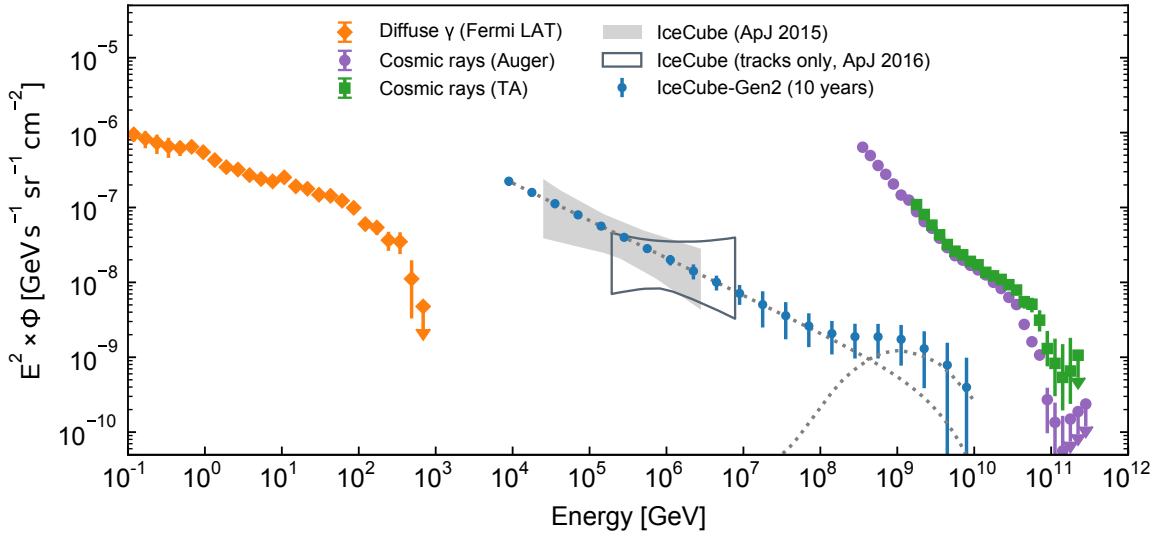
- Envision a wide-band neutrino observatory
  - 8-10 x larger optical Cherenkov detector
    - Neutrino astronomy and multi-messenger astrophysics
  - Askaryan radio detector array
    - Probe neutrinos beyond EeV energies
  - Surface particle detector
    - Detailed cosmic ray spectrum and composition measurements and veto capabilities
- Several funding strategies being considered

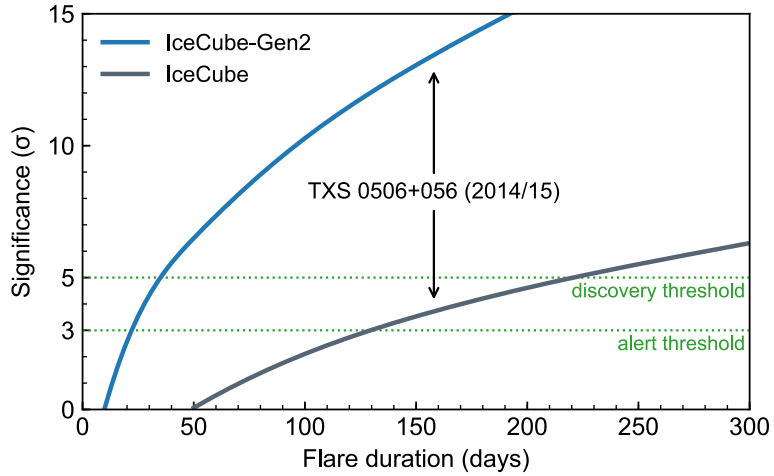




Gen2 Science

- Gen2 will target:
  - Understanding the origin of the high-energy astrophysical neutrino signal seen by IceCube
    - Steady sources and transients
  - Shed light on acceleration mechanisms at work in the high-energy universe.
  - Probe fundamental physics with high-energy neutrinos

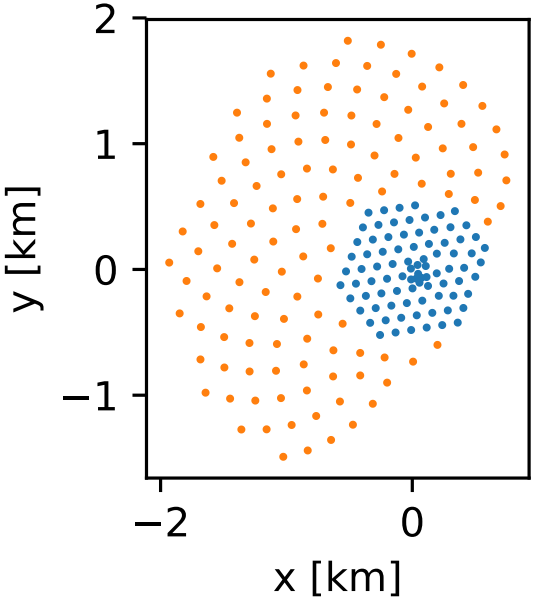


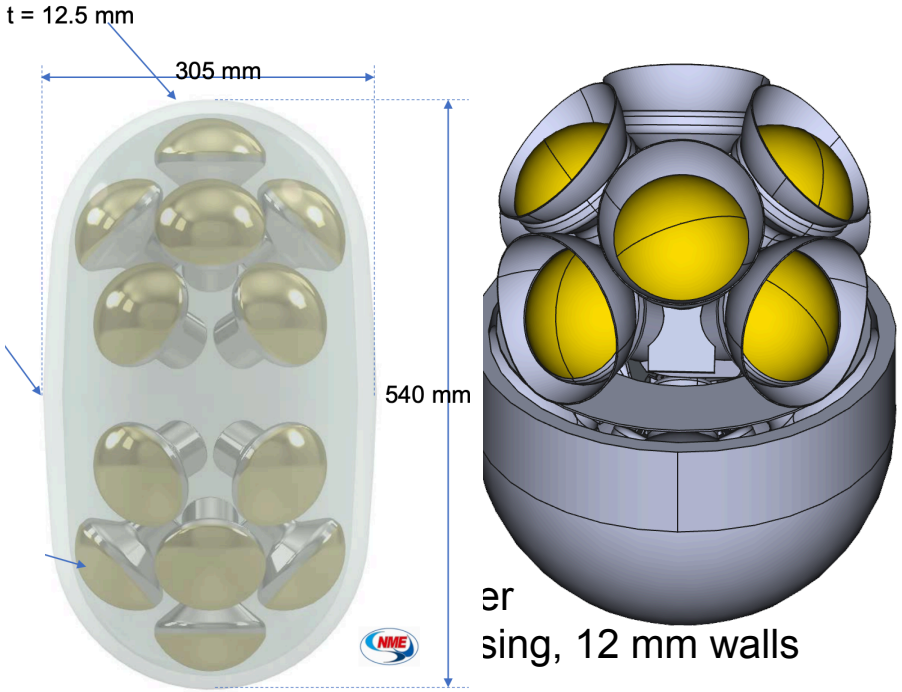


http://arxiv.org/abs/2008.04323

Gen2 design status

- Optical array: add 120 strings with multi-PMT modules
  - Instrumentation design heavily influenced by Upgrade HW
  - Plans for prototype test deployments in Upgrade
- Radio and surface arrays
  - Designs advancing
  - 500 sq km radio array
  - Surface shower detectors for Cosmic ray physics and veto capabilities





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Gen2 – IceCube Impacts

- Online systems
  - Gen2 represents a large extension in data and detector types for online systems
    - Expect modest increase in overall detector data rates (higher threshold of Gen2 array will temper background rates)
      - Fully expect collaboration to want to push thresholds as low as possible
    - Additional heterogeneity of multiple detection channels (optical, radio, surface)
- Offline
  - Software framework, reconstructions and framework
    - Move to multiple PMT channels per sensor will already be complete thanks to Upgrade
    - Additional support for radio signal analysis will be needed
- Data/computing
  - Defining the impact and support needs for these is a critical part of continued Gen2 design work.
    - Quantifying the impact on simulations and data processing is critical next step in design
- Gen2 funding requests MUST include additional support for M&O (online and offline) efforts

IceCube Upgrade and Gen2

- Strong team from M&O in place leading the effort to extend online and offline systems and software to support the addition of new sensors to IceCube
  - Upgrade
    - Strong in-kind effort from M&O team to make this happen.
    - Effort and milestones tracked as part of the Upgrade project.
  - Gen2
    - Designs in early stages, but expected to converge in the next ~year
    - Additional resources will be needed to support Gen2 online and offline
    - Understanding our computing needs (online and offline) is critical next step

Thanks!