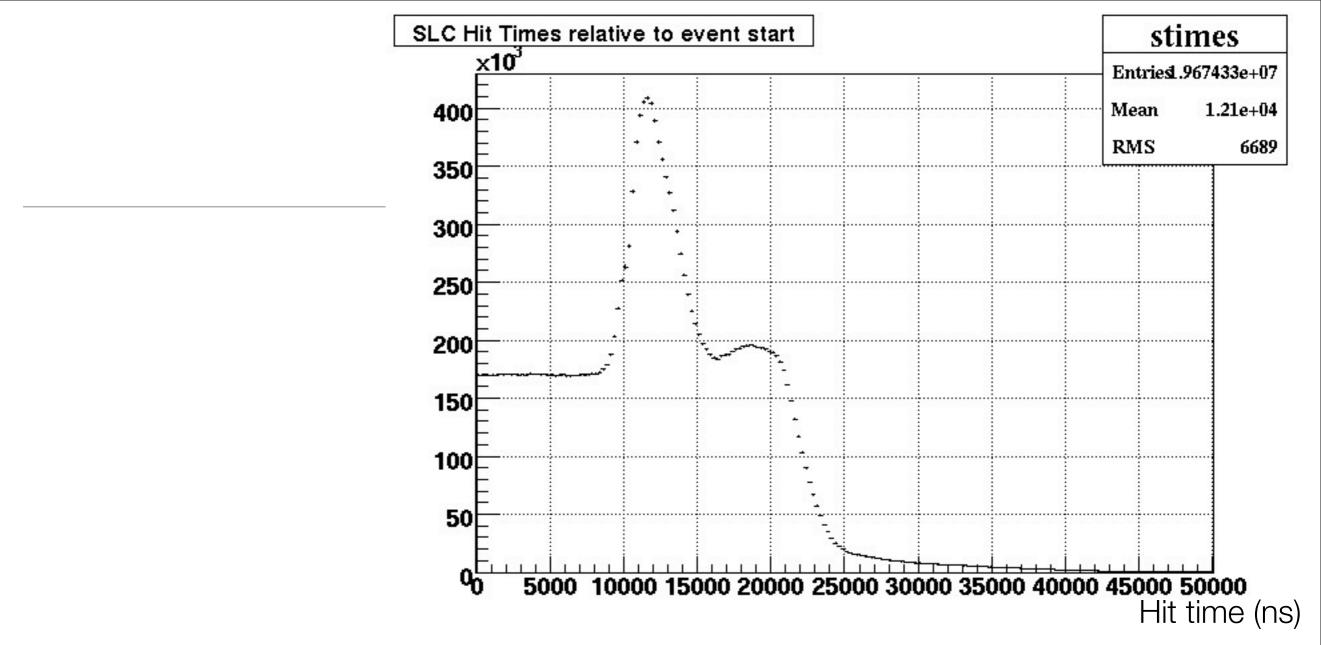
Detector Data Rates

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New Items in IC59 physics run

- Readout of SLC isolated hits
 - These hits are not used in online filtering or trigger decision
 - Expected to help sensitivity to low energy tracks (~100 GeV)
- Modified readout windows (reduce SLC data rates)
 - For SMT8/std String trigger, readouts for InIce DOMS (-4usec,6usec)
 - IceTop and other triggers still use +/- 10 usec window as before.
- Anti-Meteor settings.
 - Increased gains for ~100 DOMs
 - Keeps 0.25 PE threshold (new this year) on all InIce DOMs



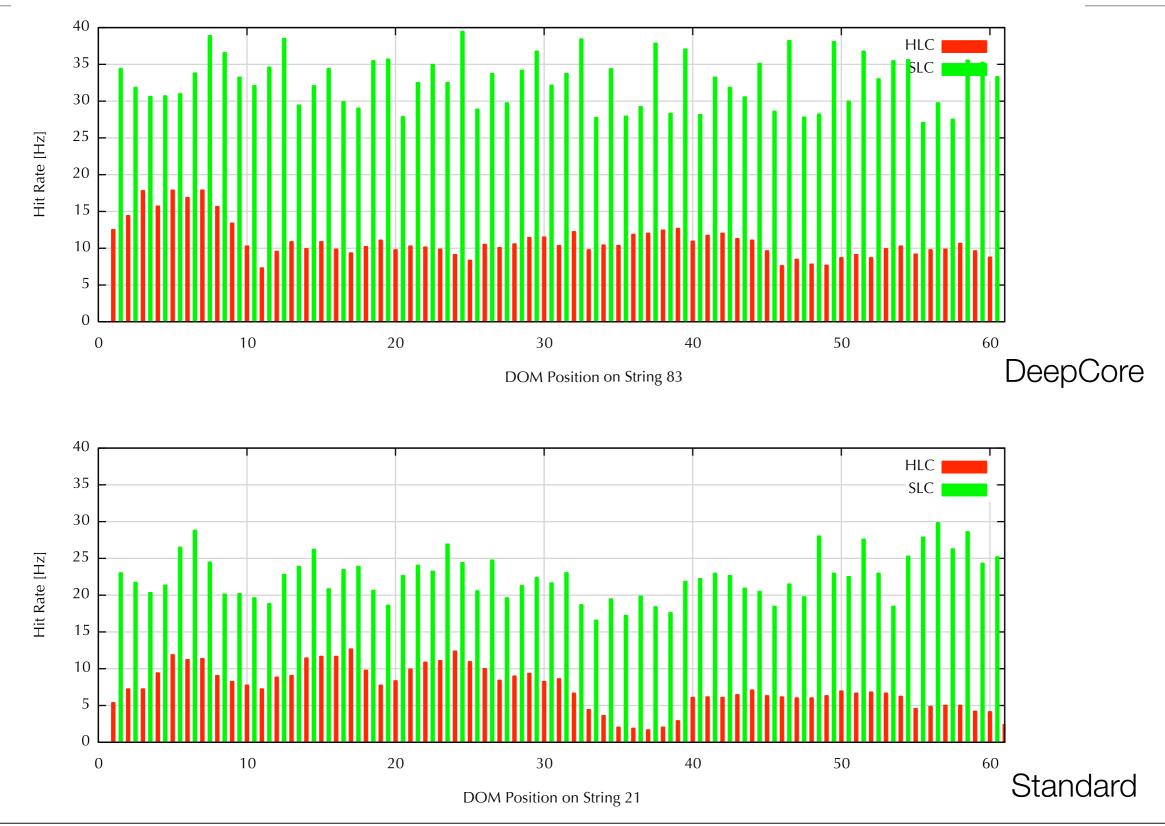
- Time distribution of in-ice SLC hits.
 - Flat noise component
 - SLC hits correlated with the trigger (@10000) clearly visible
 - Time/Space cuts can be used to separate noise.

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IC59 - Current status.

- Addition of SLC hits increased the raw data rate more than originally predicted.
 - IC40 DAQ output data rates (HLC readouts only): 5 MB/sec
 - IC59 DAQ output data rates (HLC+SLC readouts): 14 MB/sec (up to ~18)
 - Originally expected ~9 MB/sec
 - Reason is understood:
 - Underlying readouts from DOMs is very small (12 bytes) but DAQ adds similar overhead as HLC readouts (full time stamps, full payload wrapping)
 - As expected: high QE DOMs in Deep core string produce increased rates

SLC and HLC DOM readout rates for 2 strings

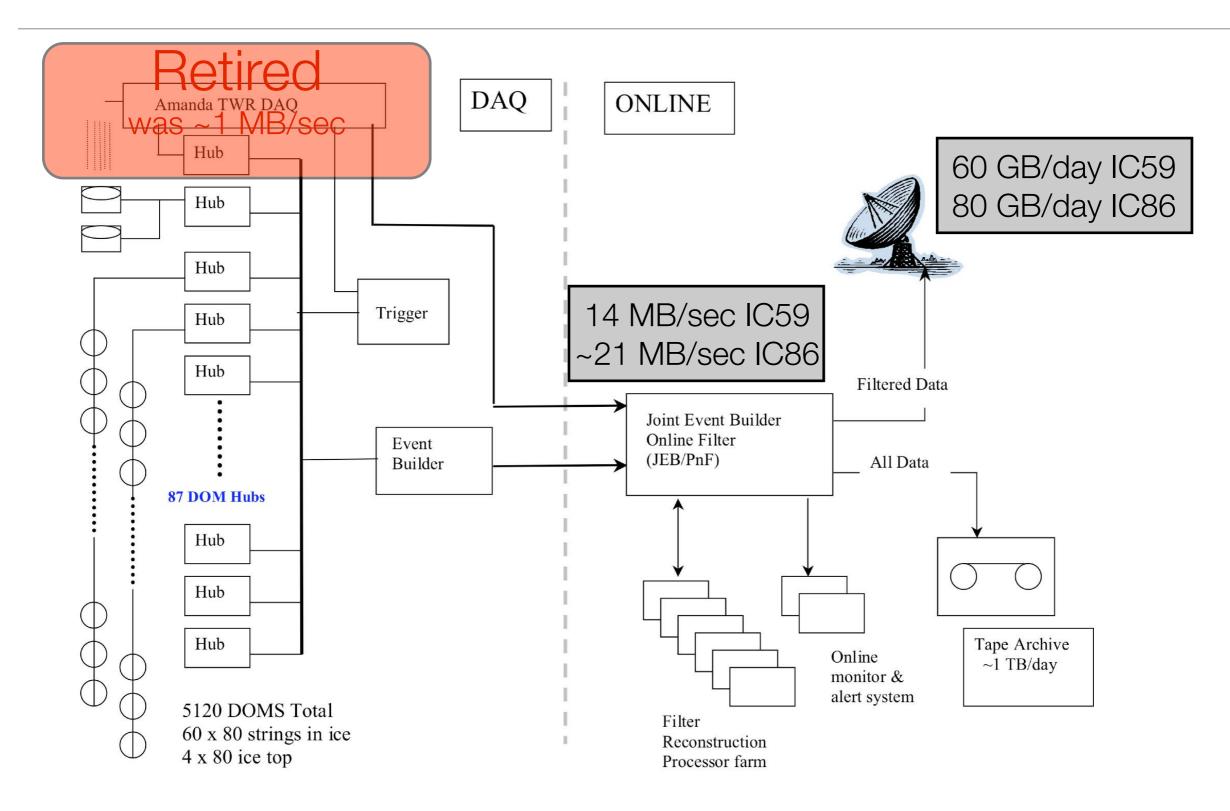


IC59 - Current status.(2)

- For IC59, we are handling this rate, with several plans to mitigate this:
 - Reduced the in-ice readout window around each trigger from 20 usec to 10 usec minimum.
 - Repeated structure of headers gzips very well (reducing amount of satellite BW and tapes needed)
 - DAQ SW plans to use "reformatted" payloads in the next few weeks.
 - Early studies indicate ~10 MB/sec achievable.
- Still added online data volume a challenge for downstream systems.
 - Online filtering system
 - Online taping system (specifically gzipping overhead)

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Online systems overview



Future seasons

- Going forward in future seasons, some optimization of configurations may be required going forward.
 - Balance physics needs with the system capabilities to achieve a stable operating detector configuration (charge of TFT board)
 - Several options available
 - Increased trigger thresholds -> physics needs would be met by specialized trigger algorithms
 - Not write all every triggered event to tape -> Write only events above a higher trigger threshold to reduce taping load.
 - Another compression system for "simple" single pulses.
 - Still some work going on in refining waveform FeatureExtraction