

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

Can neutrinos reveal origins of cosmic rays?

$$p\gamma \rightarrow p\pi^0, n\pi^+$$

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$$

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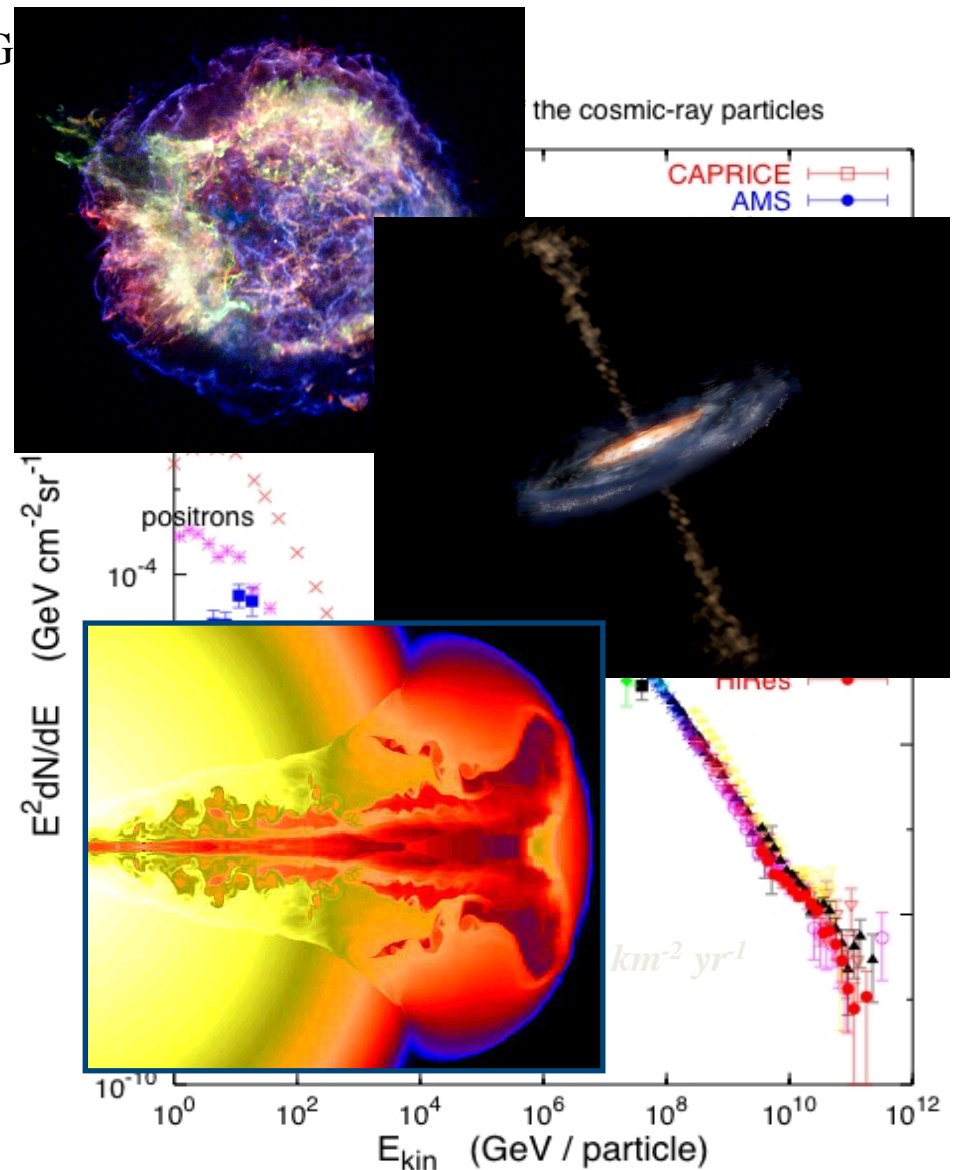
Cosmic ray interaction in accelerator region

Prime Candidates

- SN remnants
- Active Galactic Nuclei
- Gamma Ray Bursts

Cosmic rays

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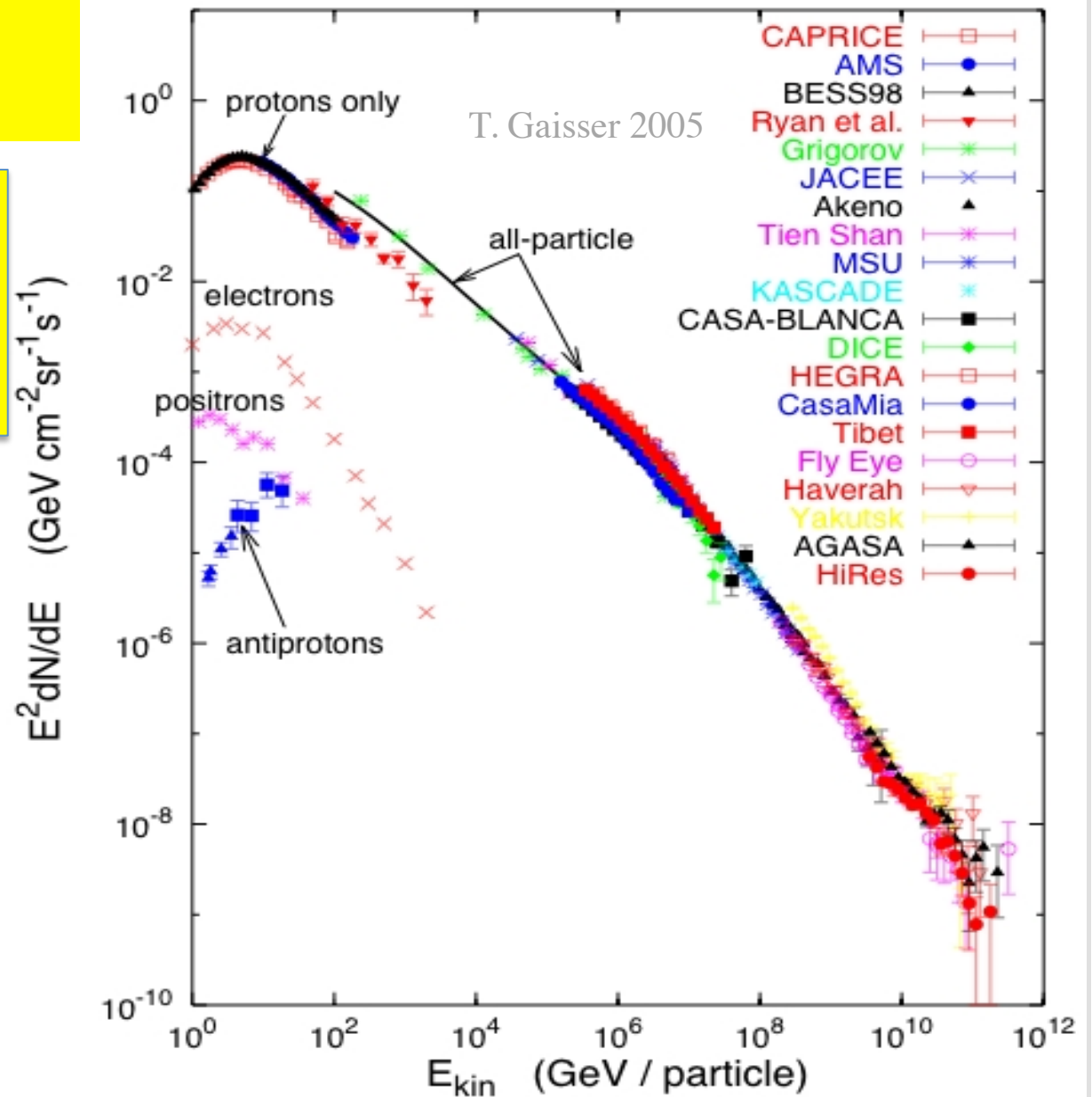
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- Interstellar matter in Galactic plane: Cosmic rays interacting with Interstellar matter, concentrated in the disk
- Cosmic Microwave background: UHE cosmic rays interact with photons in intergalactic photon fields.

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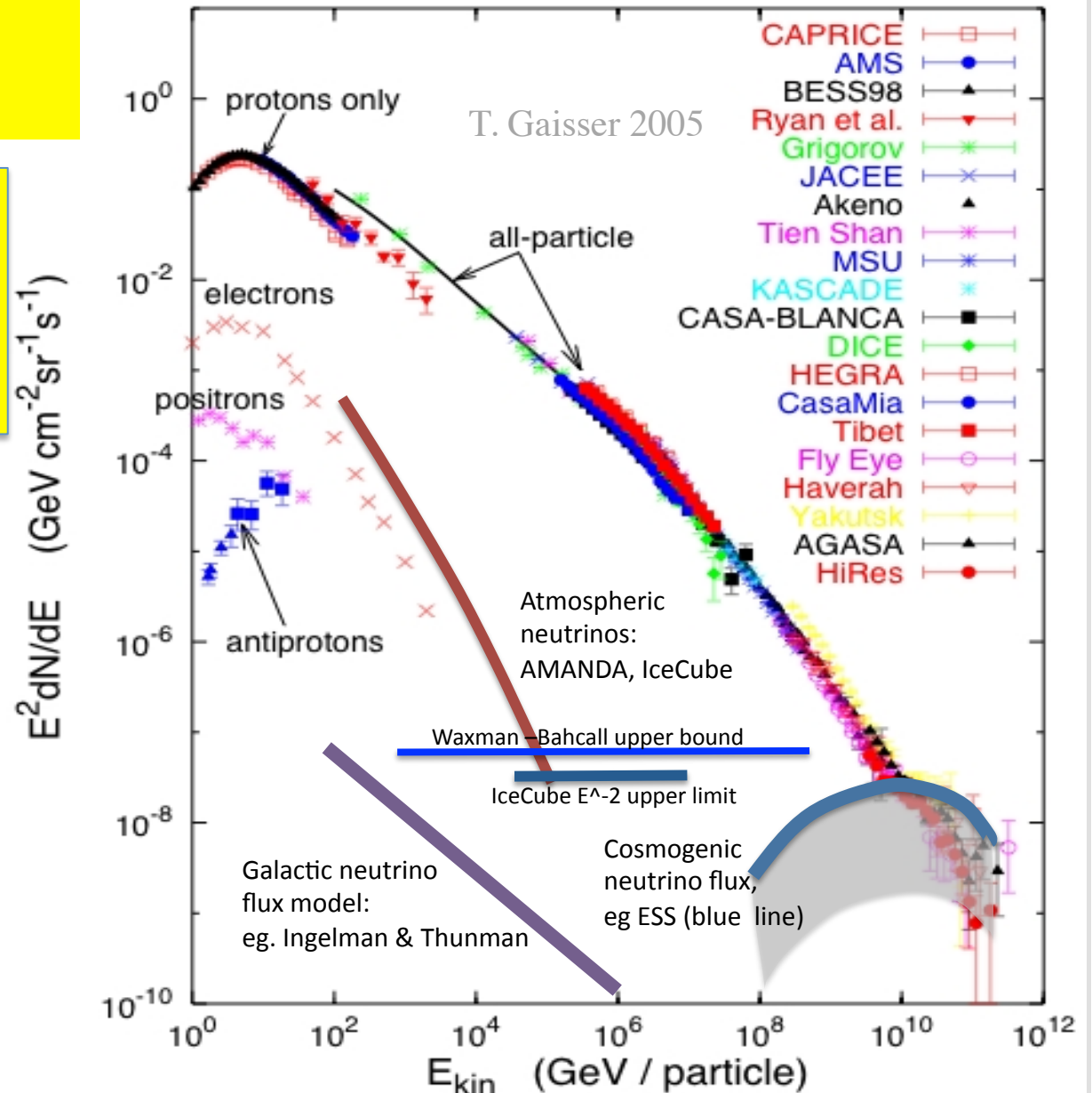
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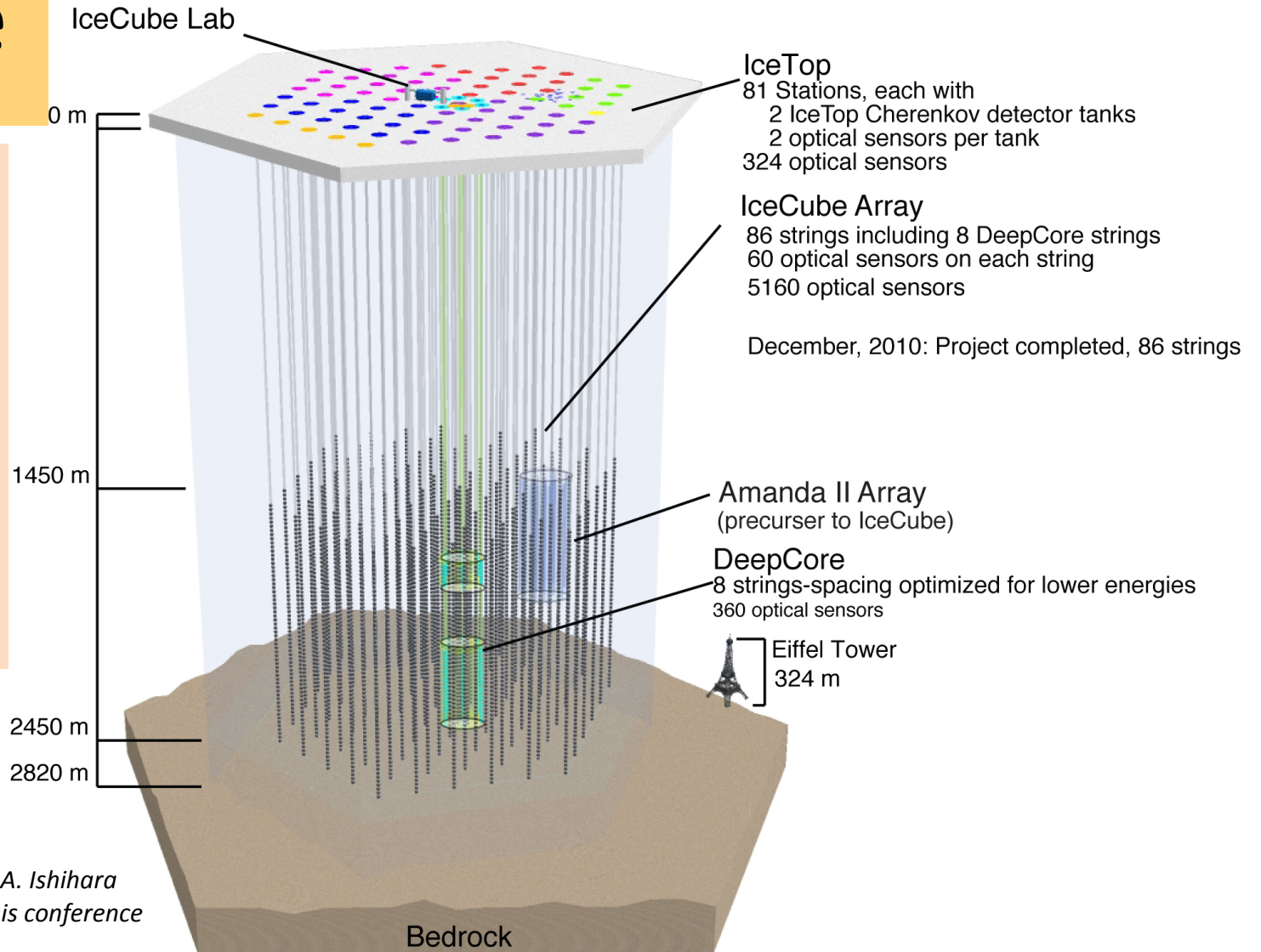
How to detect UHE high energy neutrinos?

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
- full understanding of the medium, noise backgrounds, sensitivity of sensor in situ
(absolute sensitivity, angular response)

IceCube

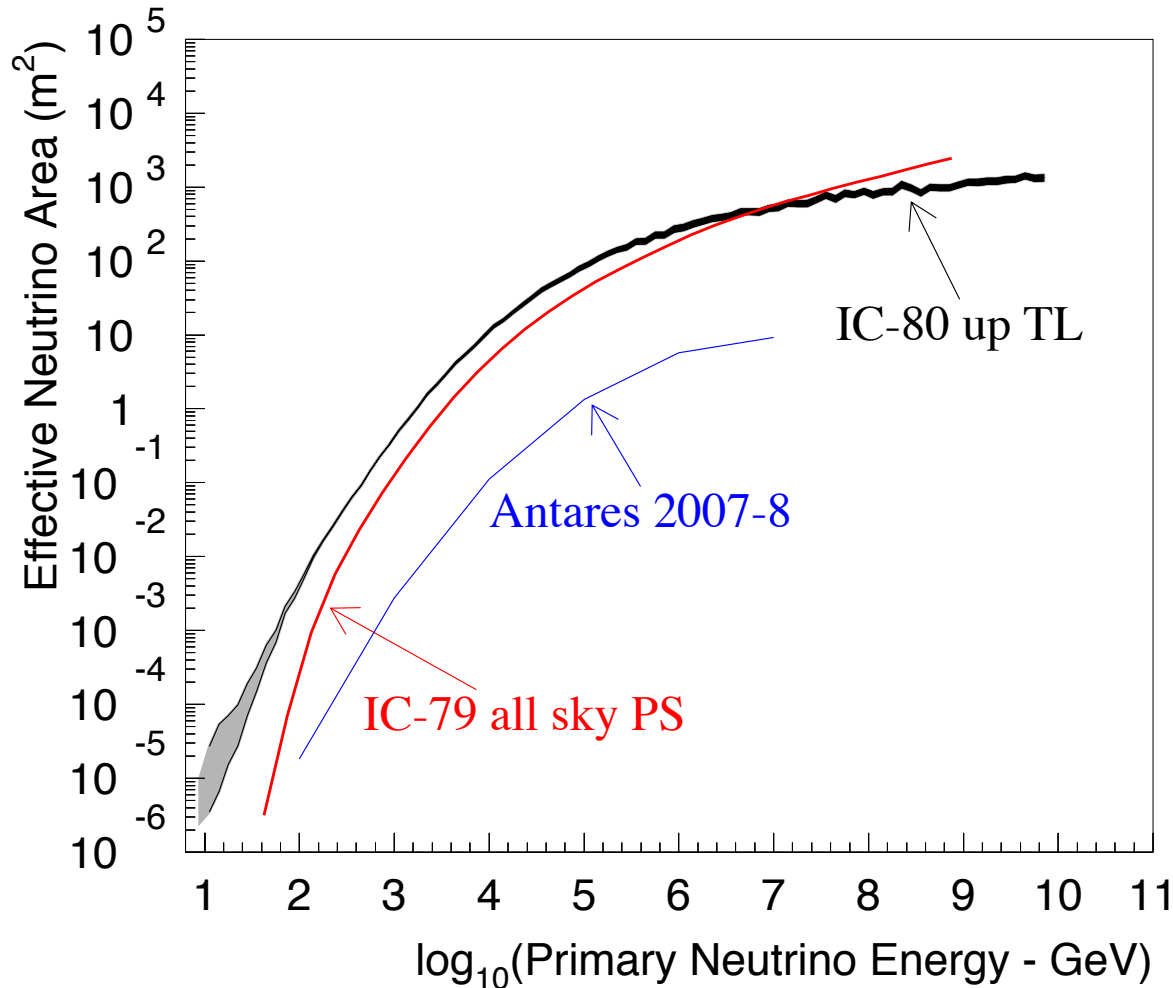
- Total of 86 strings and 162 IceTop tanks;
- Completion with 86 strings: December 2010
- Full operation with all strings since May 2011.



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

Water/ice Cherenkov detectors: Neutrino effective areas

Wide energy range due to increase in effective area!



Area at 100 TeV (1TeV)
IceCube 86: 40m² (0.3m²)

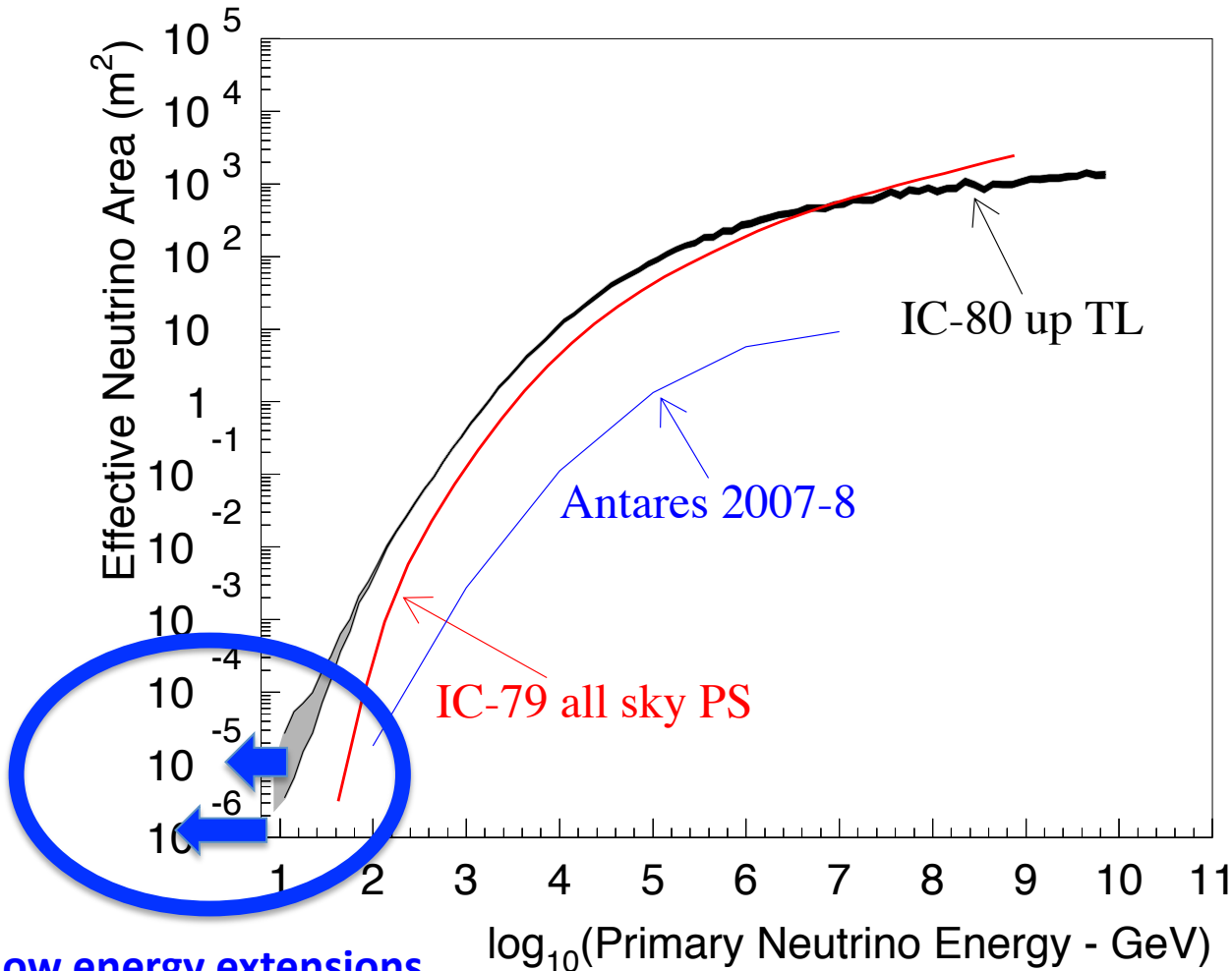
Deep Core lowers threshold
from 100 GeV to 10 GeV.

Effective area for ν_{μ}
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

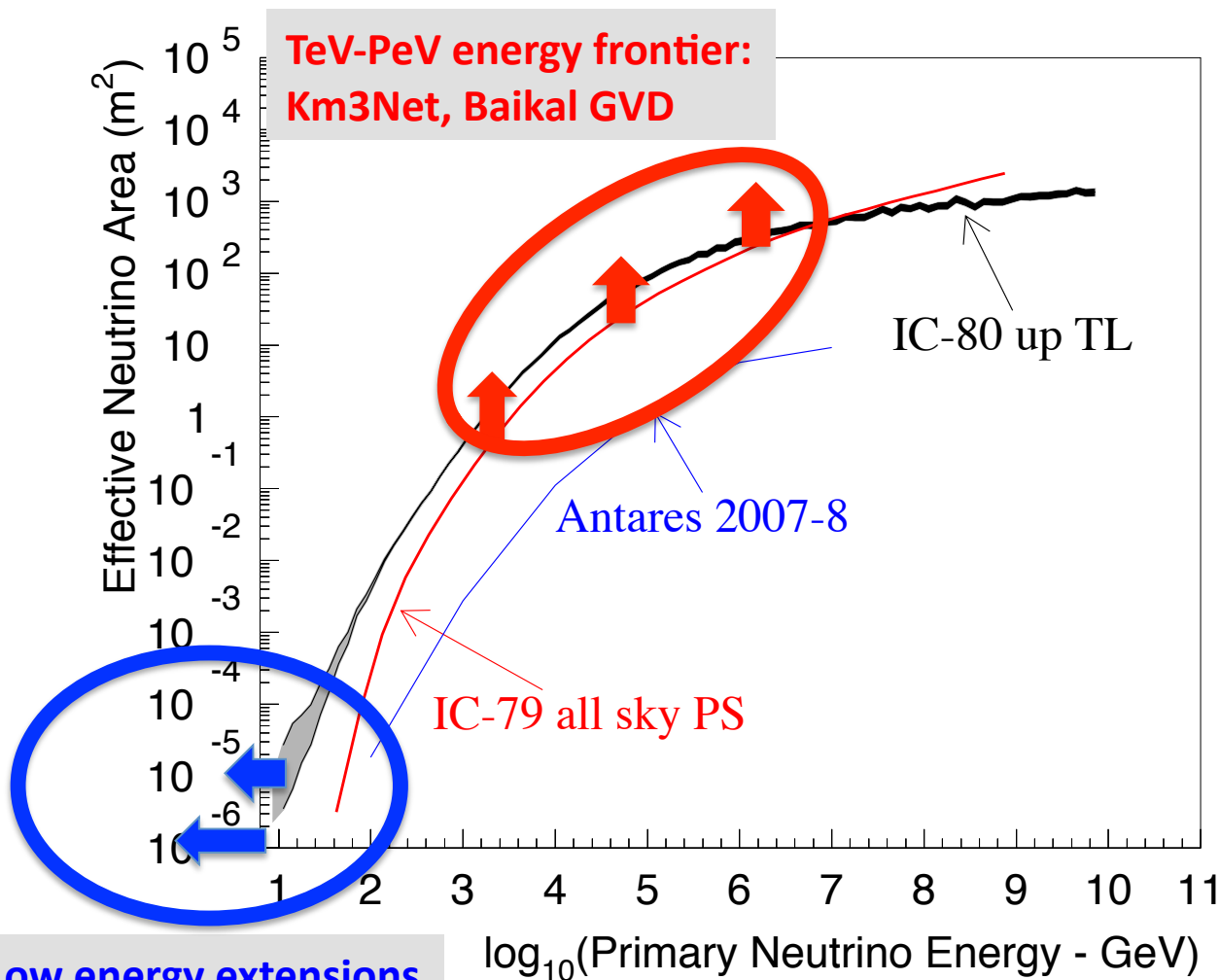
Energy scales and future detectors -
from low to high energy.

PINGU: lower threshold
from ~10 to few GeV



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

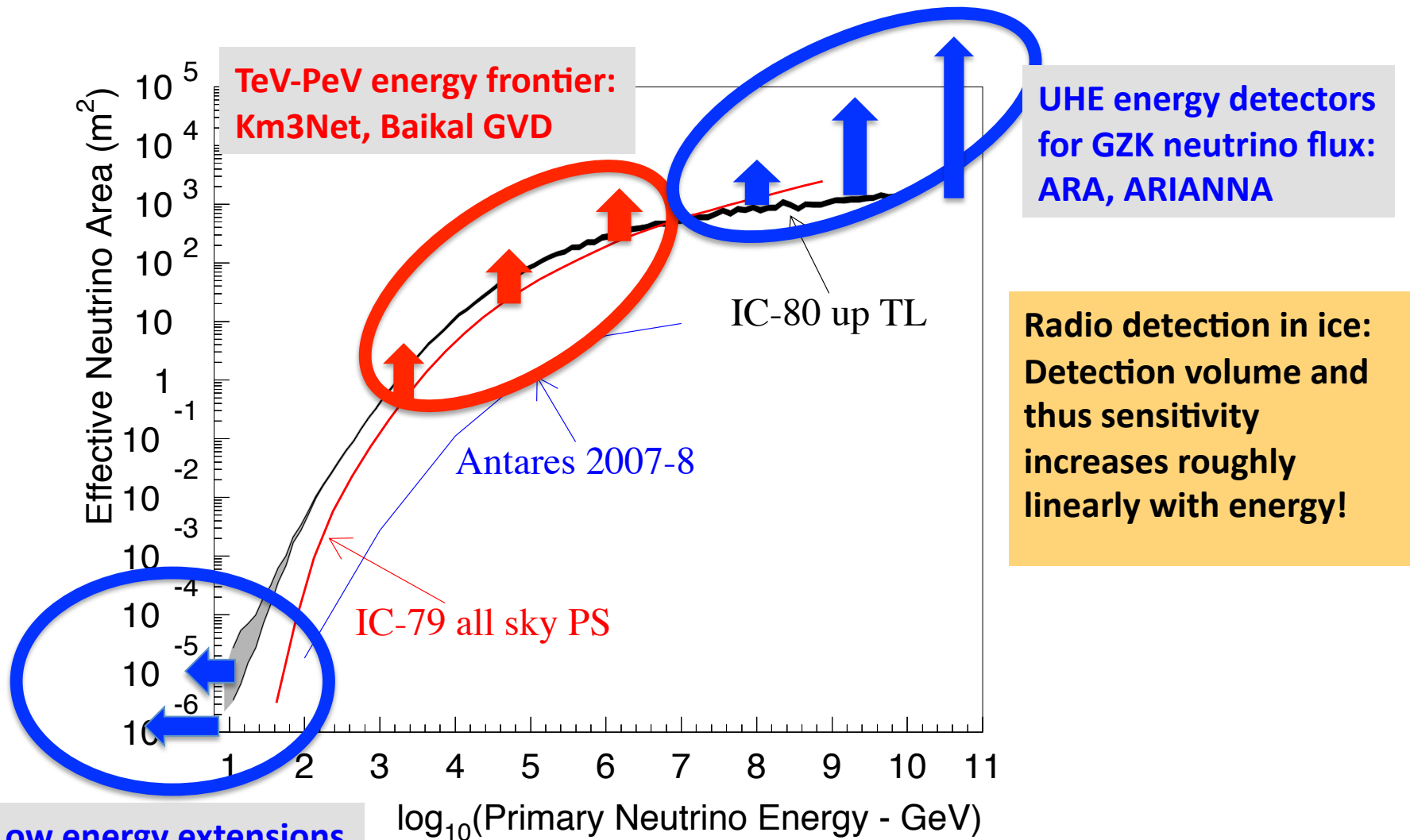
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Big neutrino telescopes like KM3Net would establish larger detectors with more sensitivity from TeV to PeV: Astrophysical point sources of neutrinos. Optimal view to Galactic Center (Southern Hemisphere)

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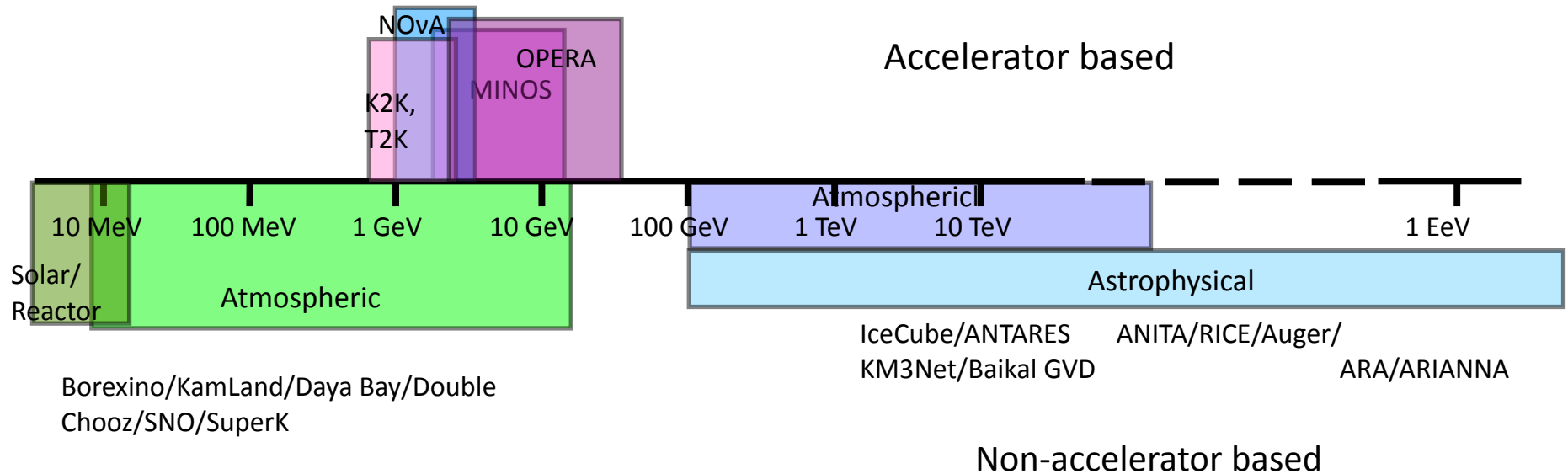


Low energy extensions to IceCube, DeepCore: PINGU, MICA

UHE energy detectors for GZK neutrino flux: ARA, ARIANNA

Radio detection in ice: Detection volume and thus sensitivity increases roughly linearly with energy!

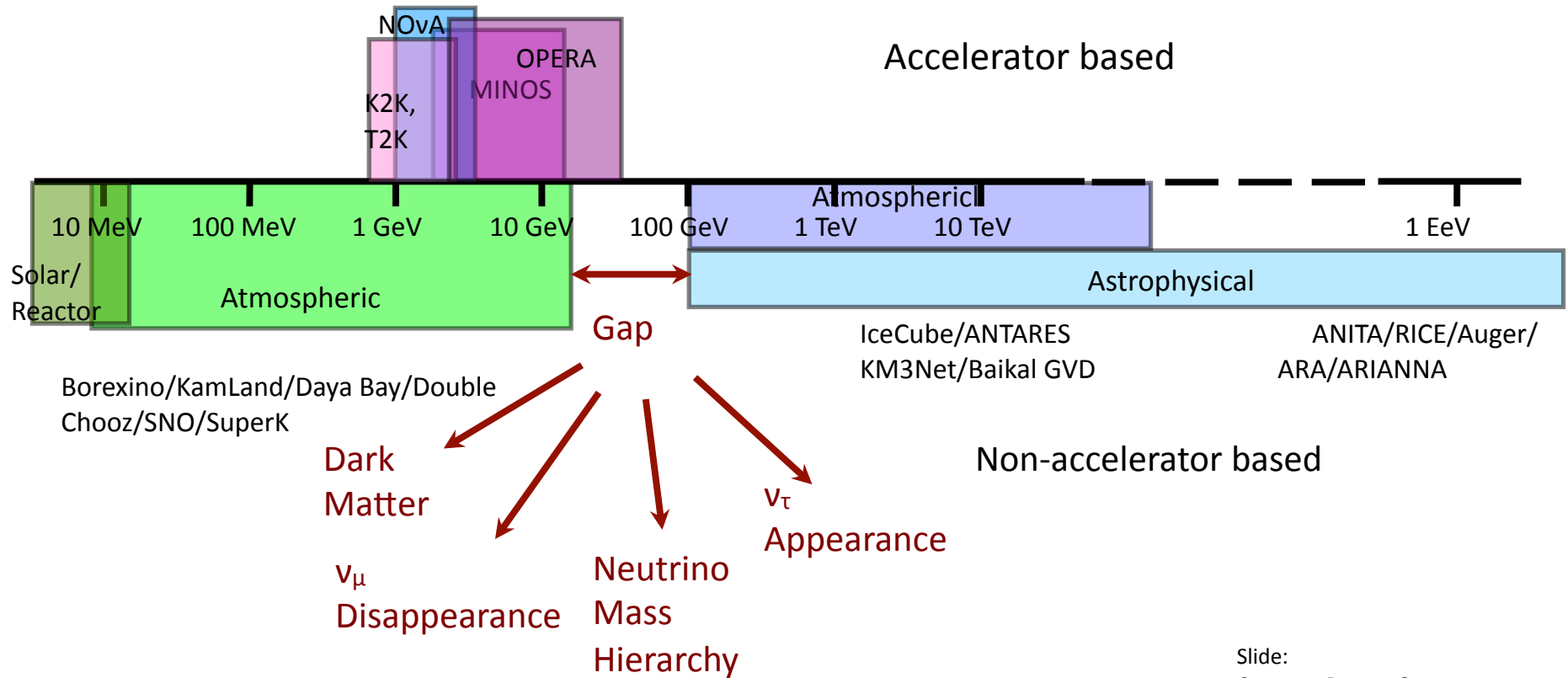
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Slide:
Courtesy Darren Grant
NNN 2011

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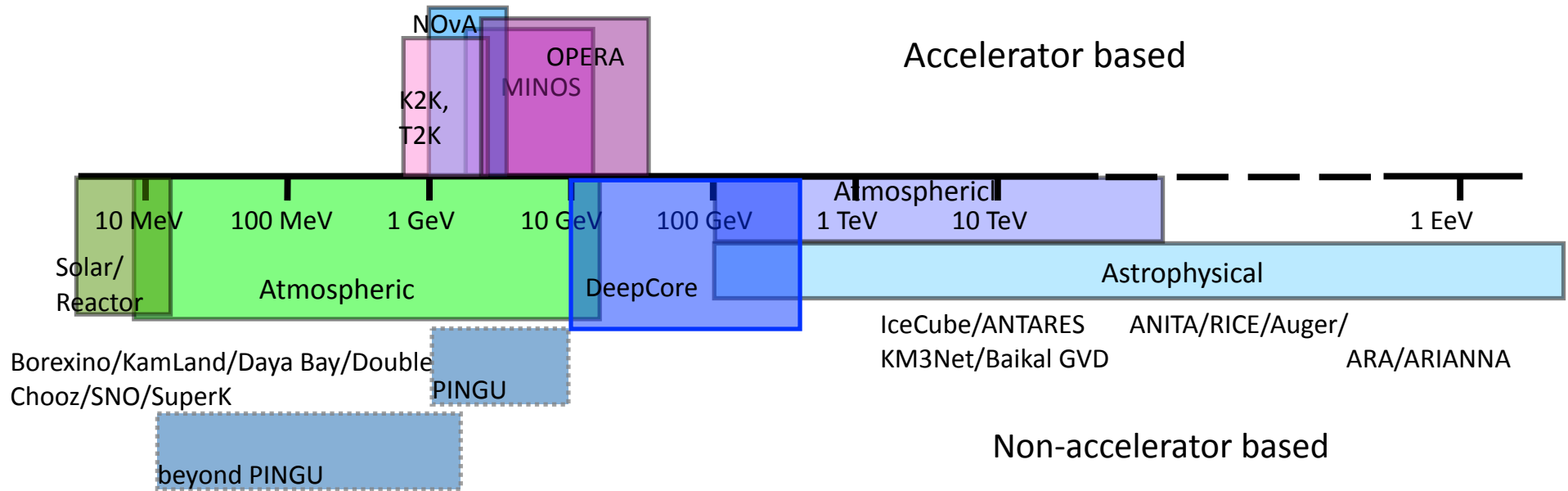
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~70 active members in feasibility studies:

IceCube, KM3Net, Several neutrino experiments

Photon detector developers

Theorists

Slide after:
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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)

IceCube - DeepCore:

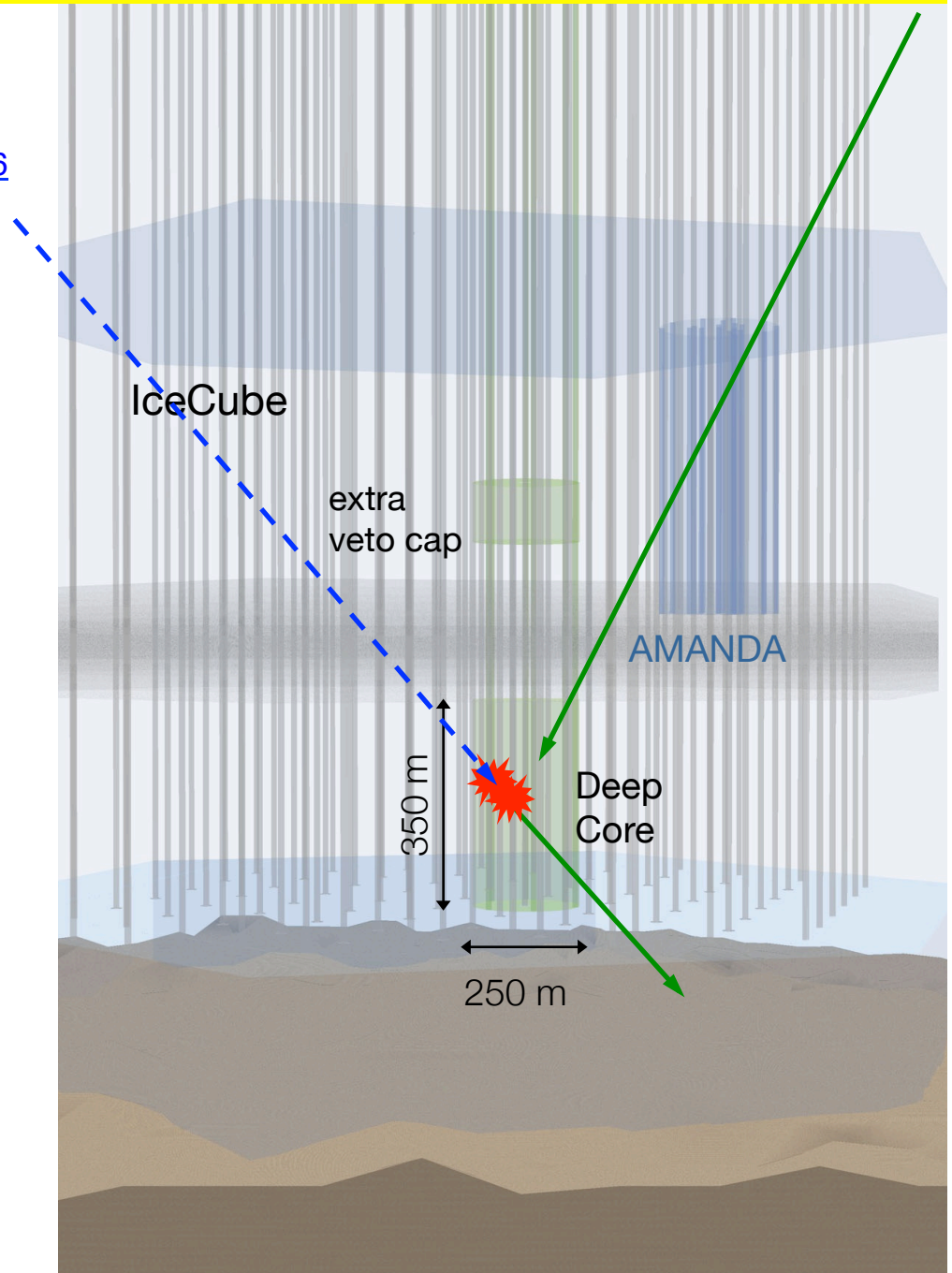
DESIGN

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1109.6096>

- Eight special strings in filled in the bottom center of IceCube
- ~5x higher effective photocathode density than regular IceCube
- Result: ~20 Mton detector with ~10 GeV threshold, will collect $\mathcal{O}(100k)$ physics quality atmospheric ν /yr

VETO

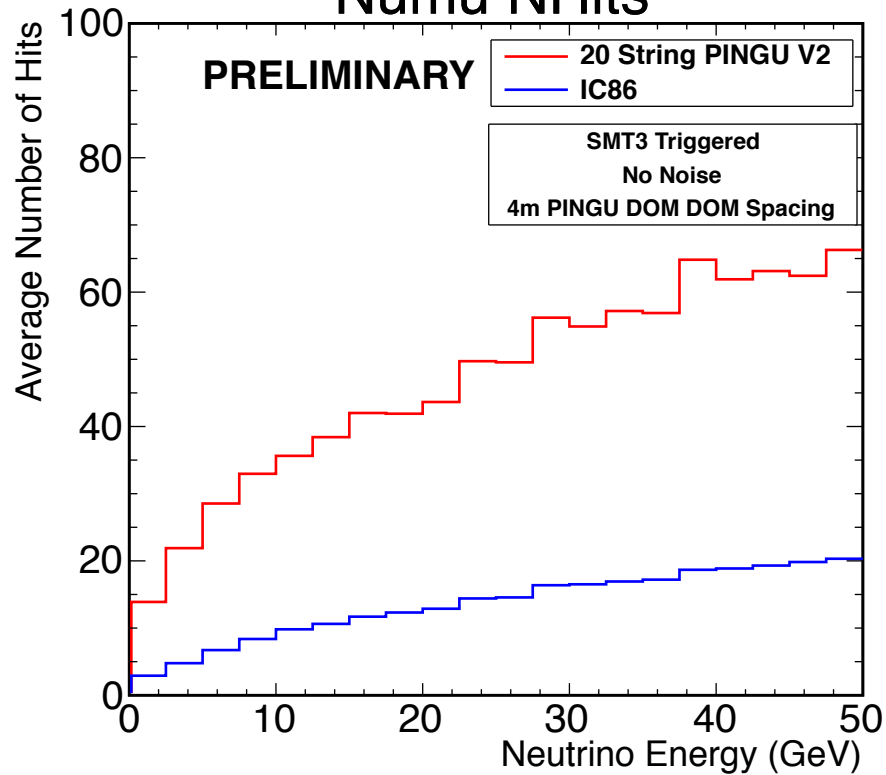
- IceCube's top and outer layers of strings provide an active veto shield for DeepCore
- Effective μ -free depth much greater
- Atm. μ/ν trigger ratio is $\sim 10^6$
- Vetoing algorithms expected to reach well beyond 10^6 level of background rejection (Muon flux after veto comparable to Sudbury depth)



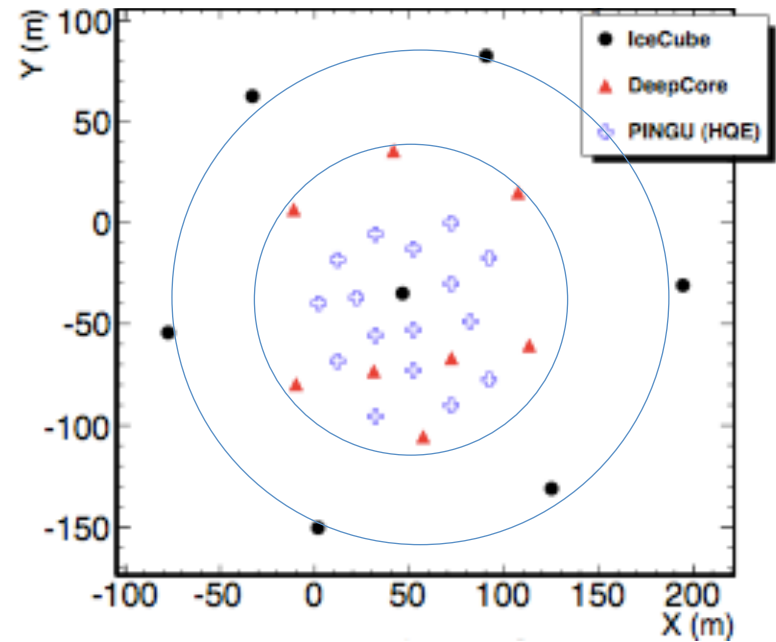
PINGU

- Phased IceCube Next-Generation Upgrade
- Add 20 strings with ~1000 optical modules inside the Deep Core region (~500PMT)
- Expected energy threshold near 1 GeV

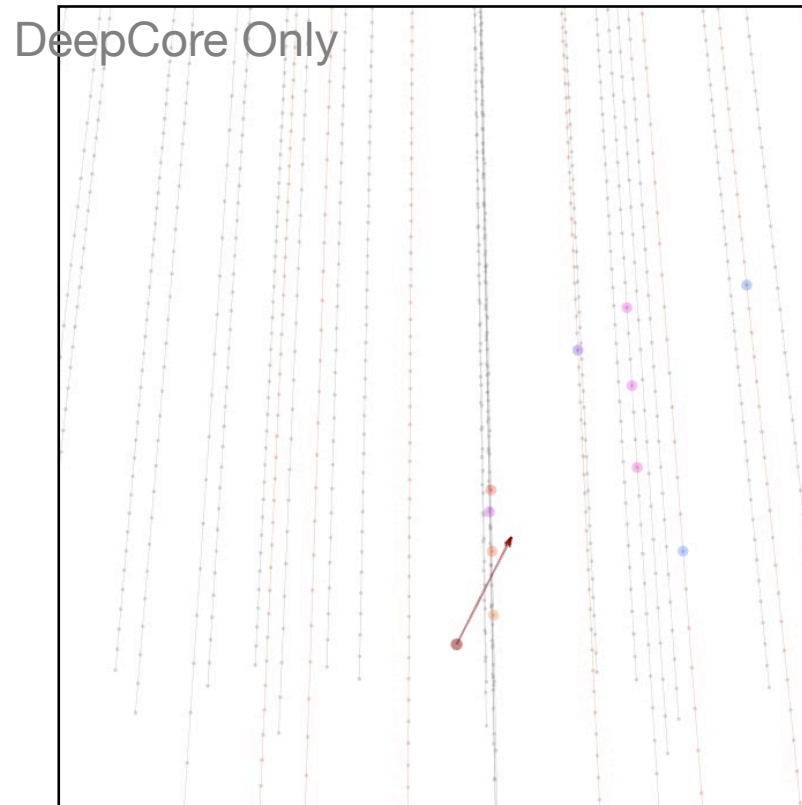
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PINGU geometry (more compact version also studied)



Simulated event in DeepCore and PINGU

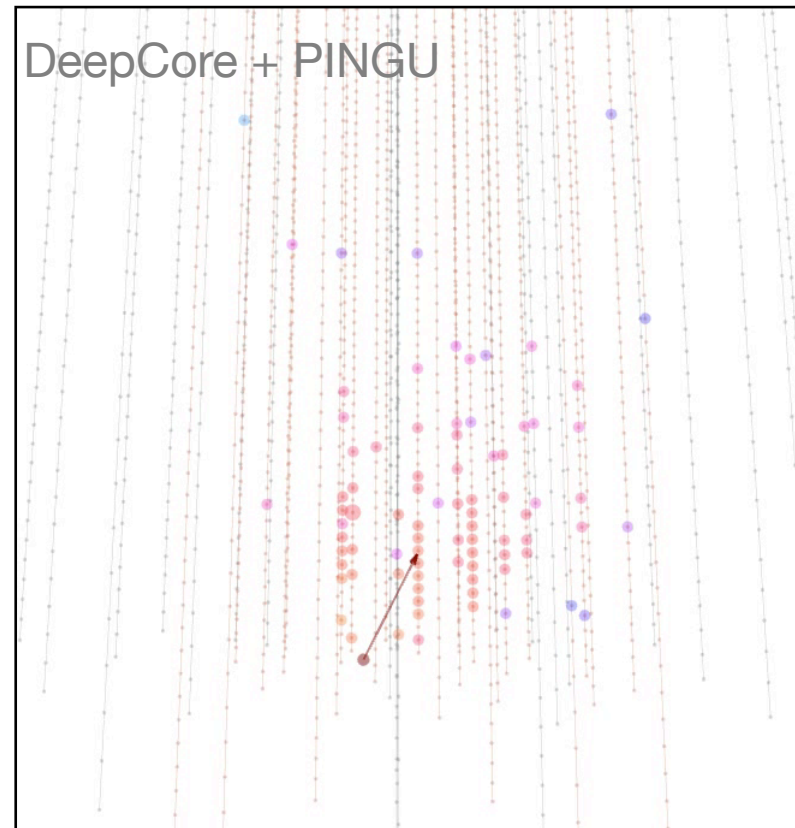


- No. of PMTs fired:

Deep Core: 11

PINGU: 83

- 8 GeV up-going muon neutrino (physics only hits)



PINGU Physics

- Probe lower mass WIMPs
- Gain sensitivity to second oscillation peak/trough
 - 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)

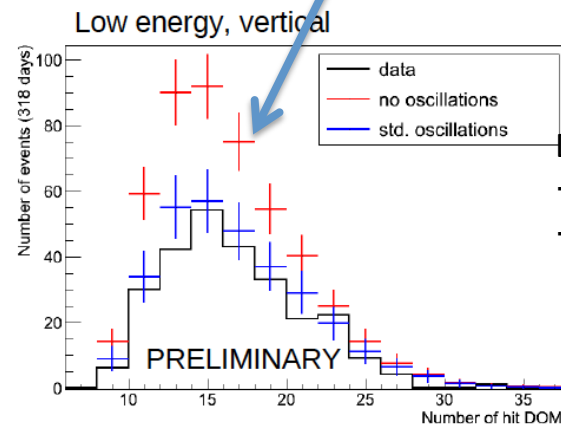
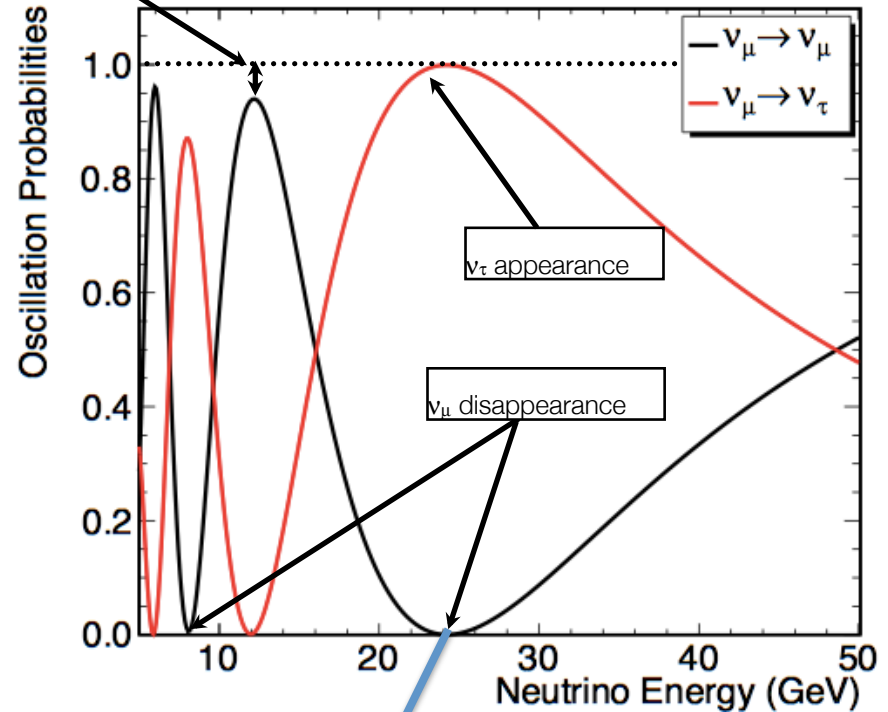
Ref. on Supernova detection:

- L. Demiroers, M. Ribordy, M. Salathe
[arXiv:1106.1937](https://arxiv.org/abs/1106.1937)

- Posters by M. Voge, R. Bruin

Neutrino hierarchy
 $(\sin^2(2\theta_{13})=0.1)$

Mena, Mocioiu & Razzaque, *Phys. Rev. D* **78**, 093003 (2008)

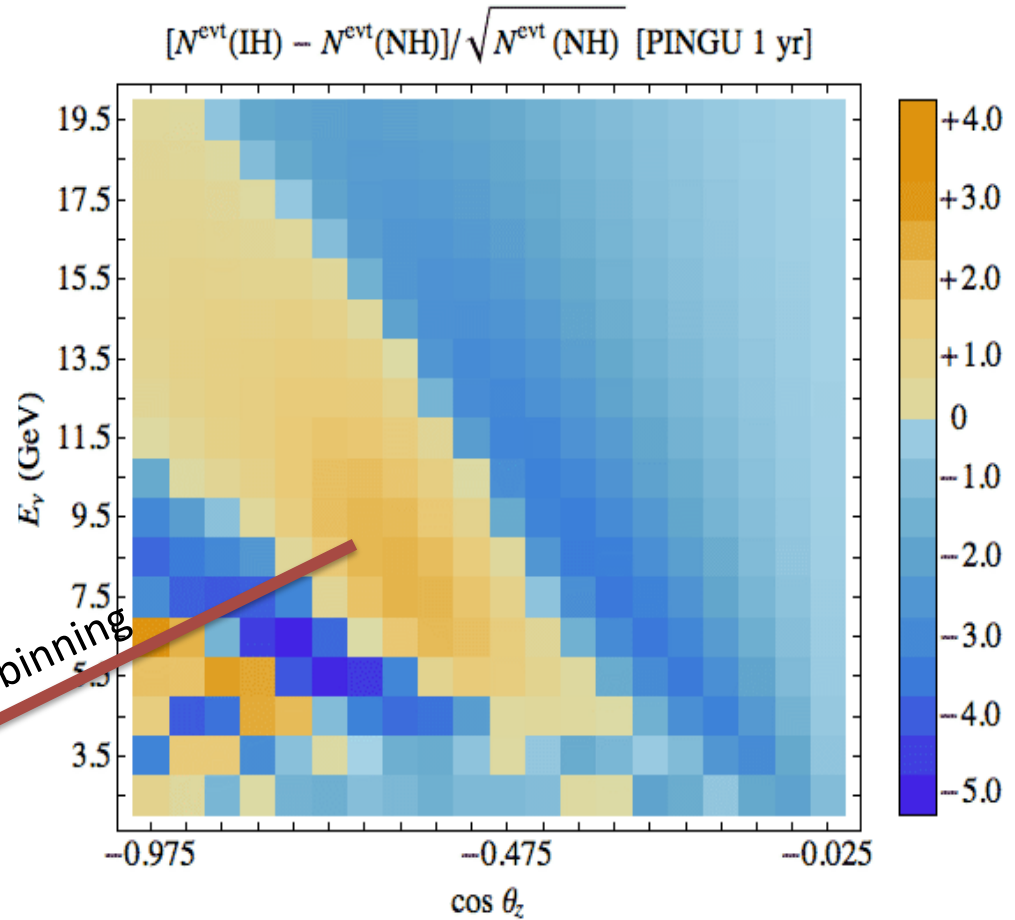
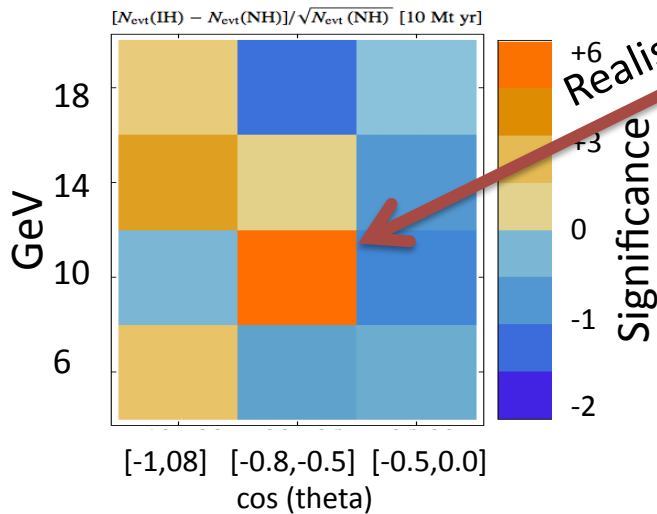


Deep Core data
 → Resconi et al. (Poster)
 → G. Sullivan's talk

Mass hierarchy

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



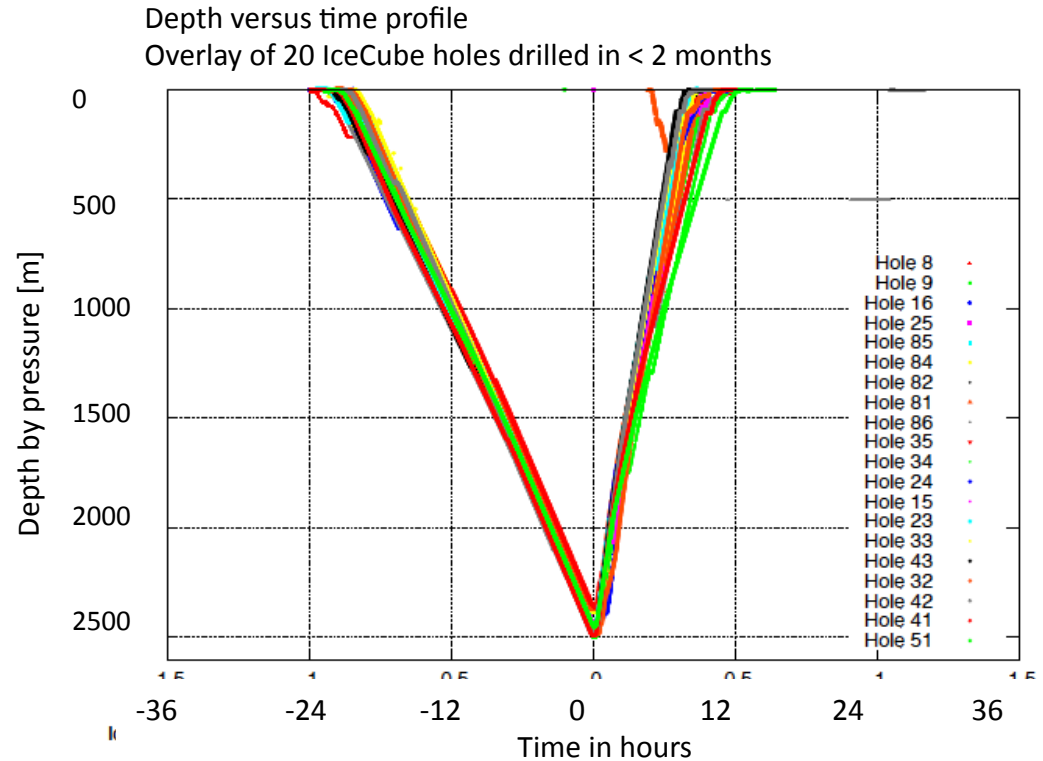
Conclusion (Akhmedov et al.):
 "Our preliminary estimates show that after 5 years of PINGU 20 operation the significance of the determination of the hierarchy can range from 3 to 11 (without taking into account parameter degeneracy), depending on the accuracy of reconstruction of neutrino energy and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

Assumed above:

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

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
- IceCube is available to reject atmospheric muons
- Cost to deploy PMT in ice:
 - drilling
 - Glass pressure housings, etc
 - drilling cost are smaller than pure PMT cost for densely instrumented strings

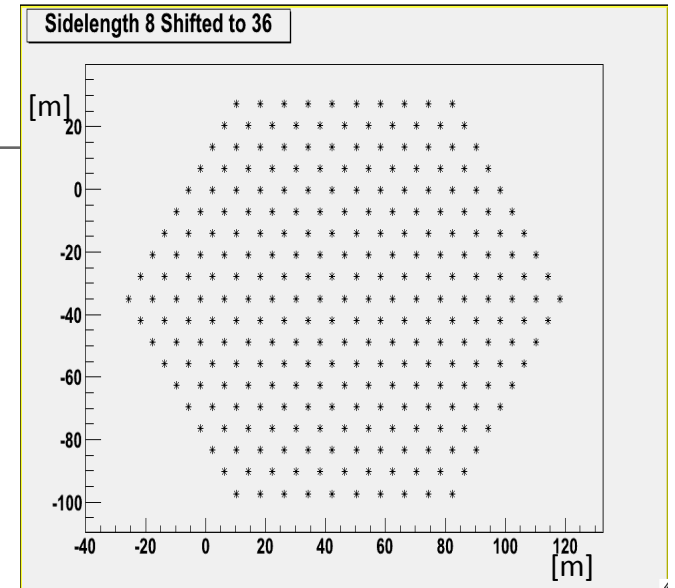
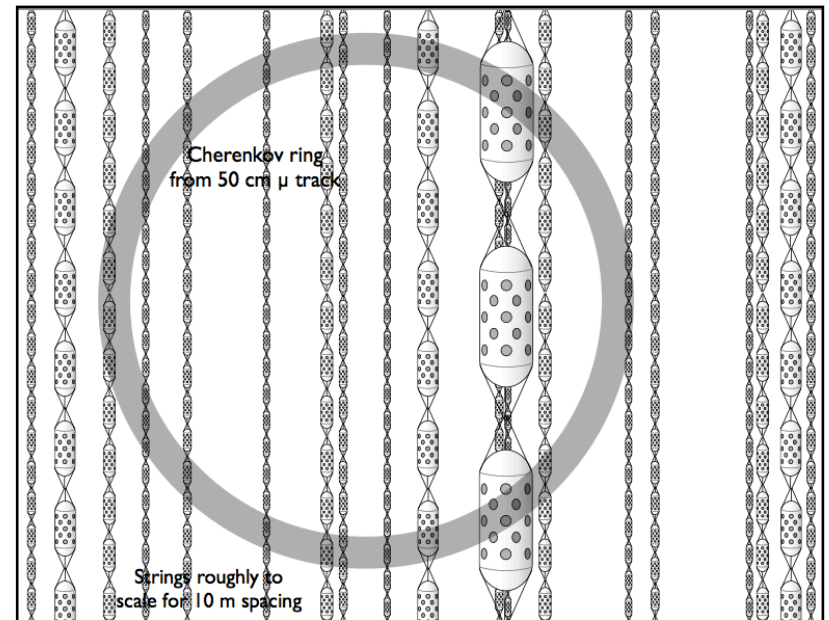
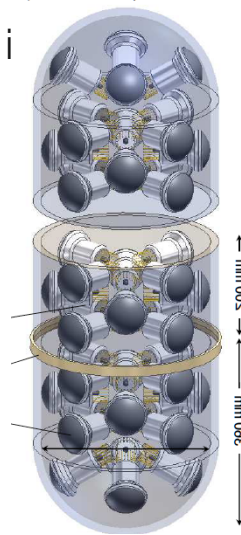


beyond PINGU Conceptual Detector?

- 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 in the ice

Exploration of possibilities for:

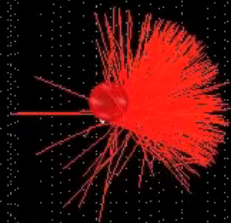
- Proton decay $p \rightarrow \pi^0 + e^+$
- Supernova to 5 Mpc



→ 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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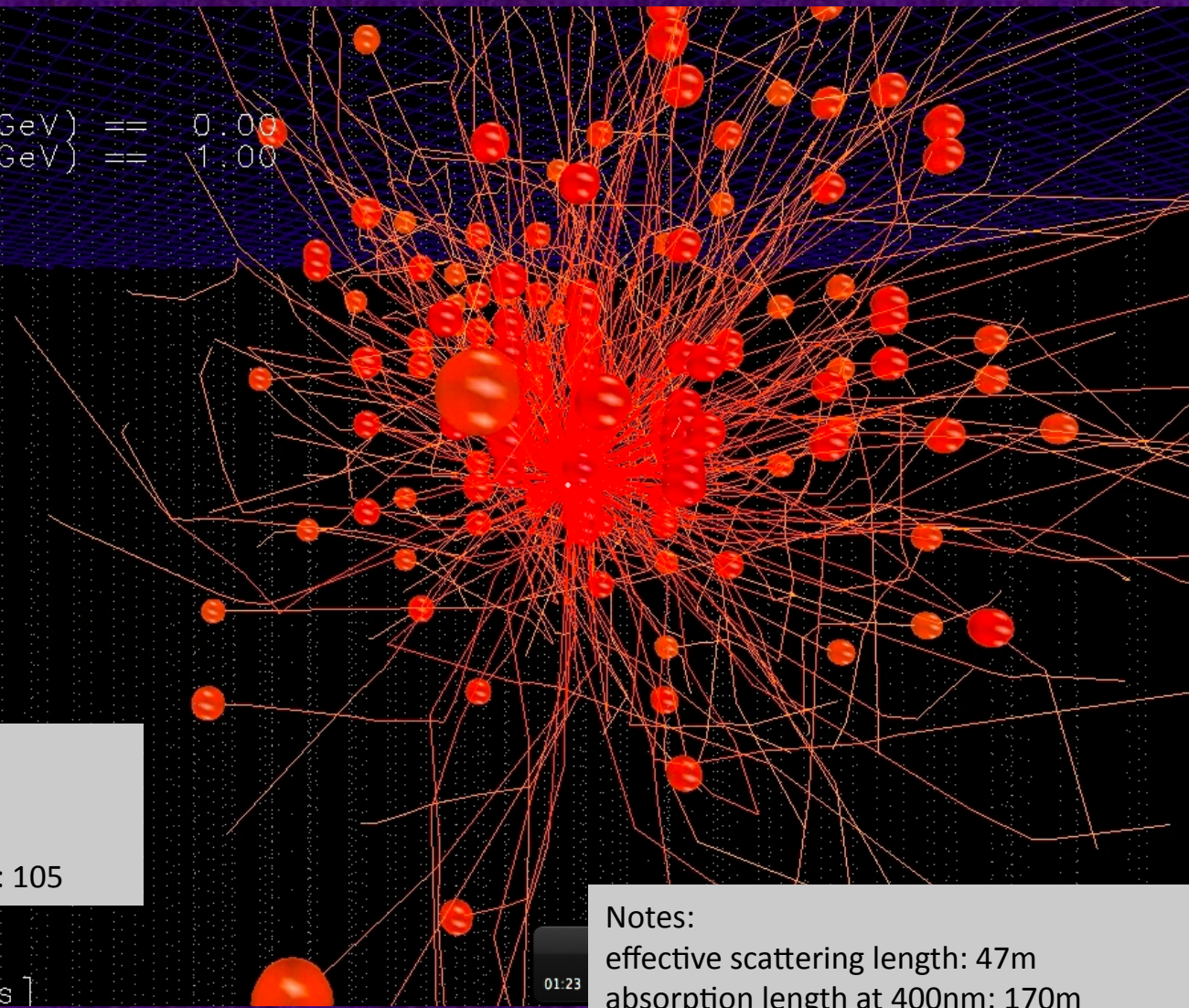
Nu_e cascade, energy 1 GeV
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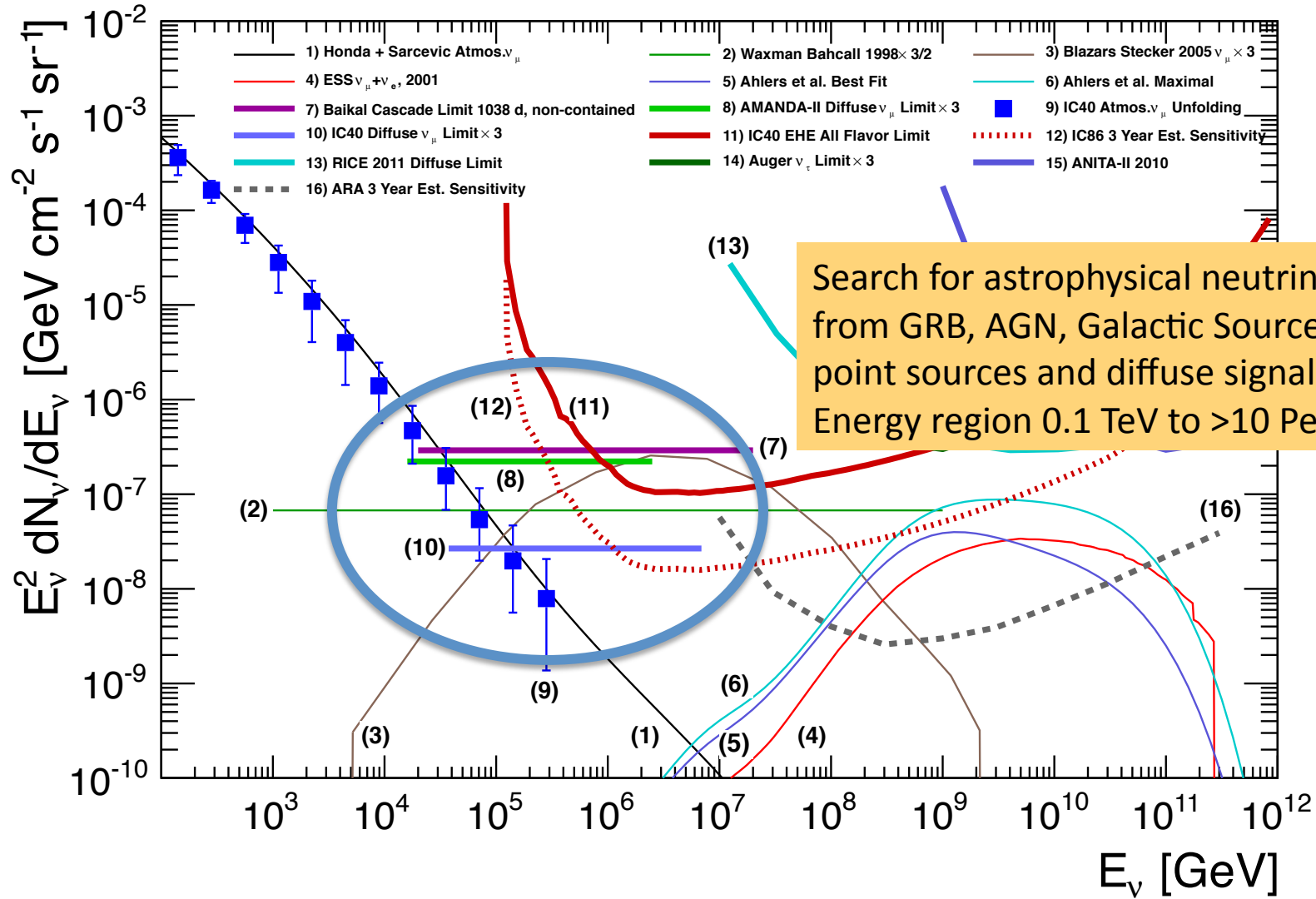
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1 TeV to 10 PeV: future optical neutrino telescope arrays



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KM3Net –

The next generation neutrino telescope in the Mediterranean

KM3NeT

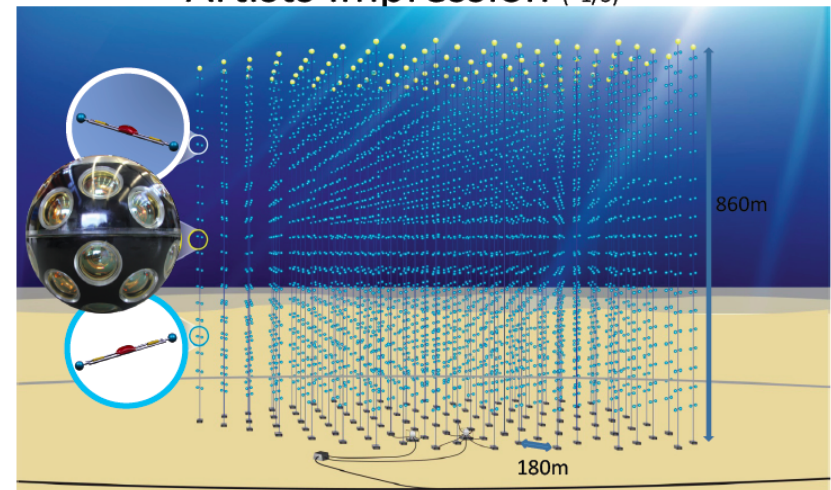
KM3Net update, courtesy

Uli Katz, Erlangen and Maarten DeJong, NIKHEF

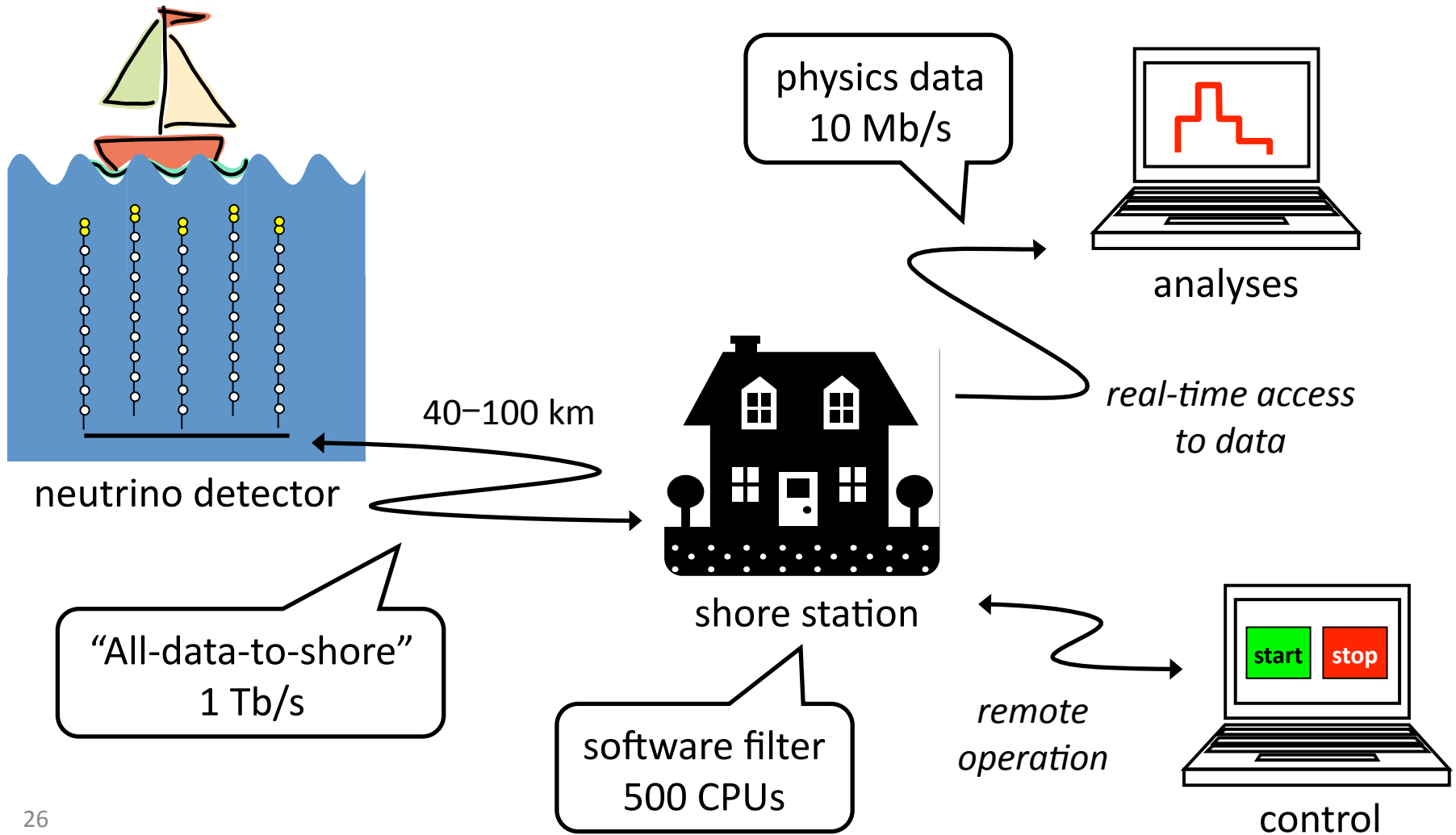
Scientific focus: Observation of Galactic neutrino sources

- 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
 - more than 1 site
 - Large effective neutrino area

Artists Impression ($\sim 1/3$)



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

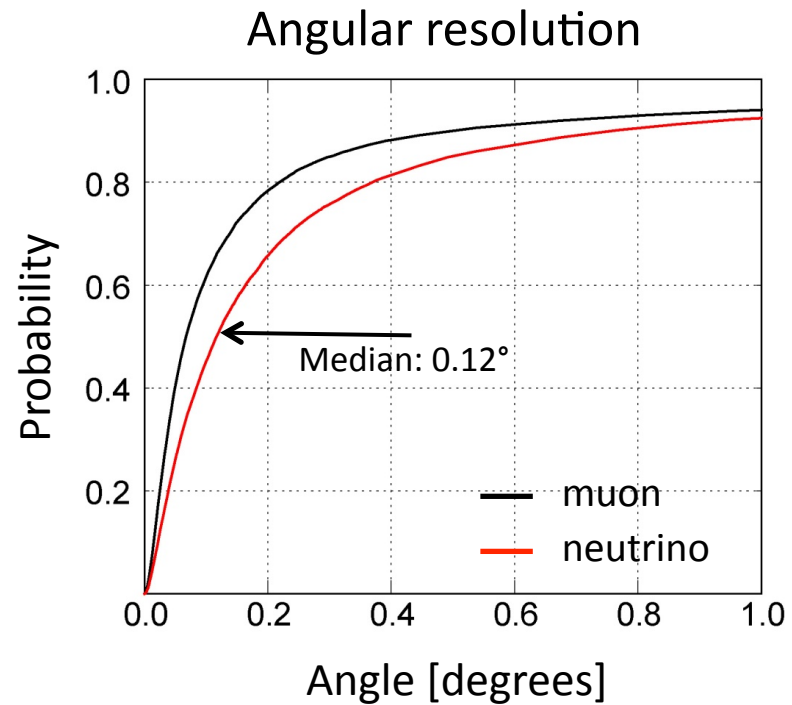
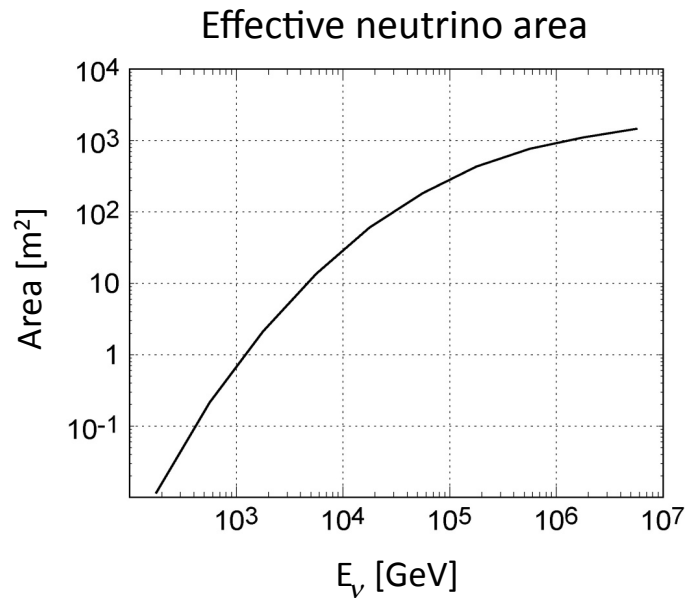
- cost per cathode area seen comparable to large hemispherical PMT, eg 10 inch.
- directional information

Performance



Reference design with 12800 modules
on 610 strings.

*total photocathode area
about 6 x IceCube*

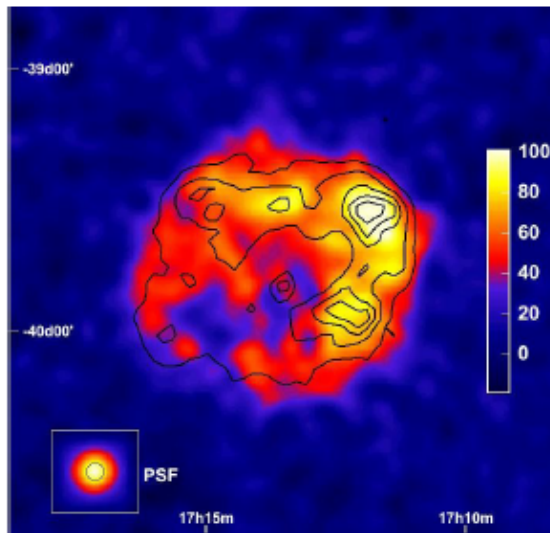


Galactic sources

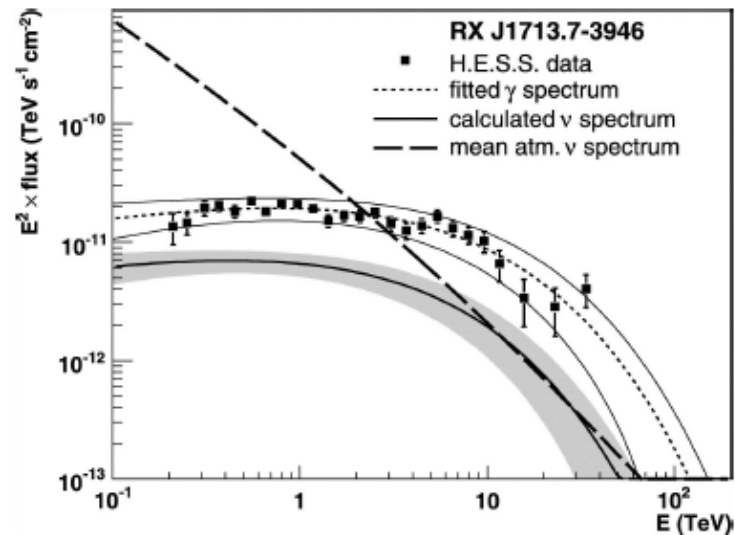
KM3Net will have optimal view of Southern hemisphere
with galactic sources

Supernova remnants as “*origin of cosmic rays*”

Supernova remnant RXJ 1713



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



Energy spectrum in gamma rays and predicted neutrino flux

– KM3Net see this flux with 5 (3) sigma significance in 5 (2.5) years

KM3Net Summary and Status



KM3Net

- 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 km³ Neutrino Telescope in Lake Baikal

from:
Zh.-A. Dzhilkibaev, INR (Moscow),
(Baikal Collaboration)

1 TeV to 10 PeV: future optical neutrino telescope arrays

KM scale: Baikal GVD 4

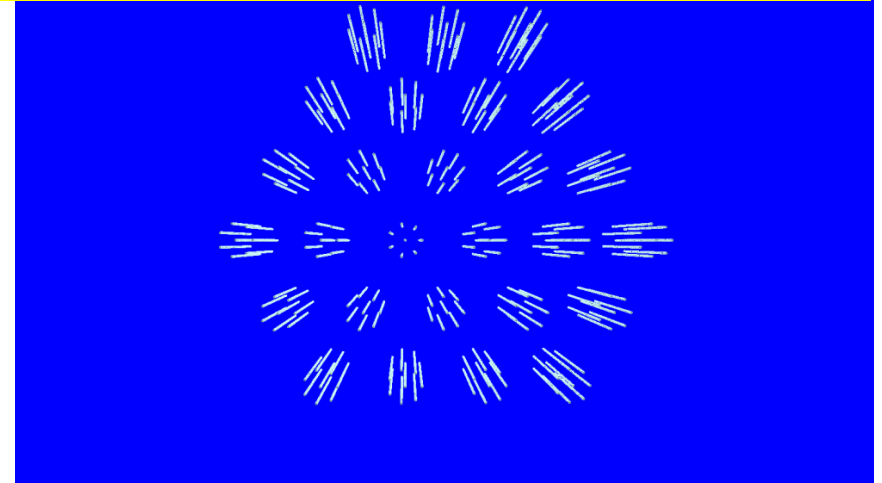
Instrumented volume: 1.5 km³

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

10368 Optical Modules,

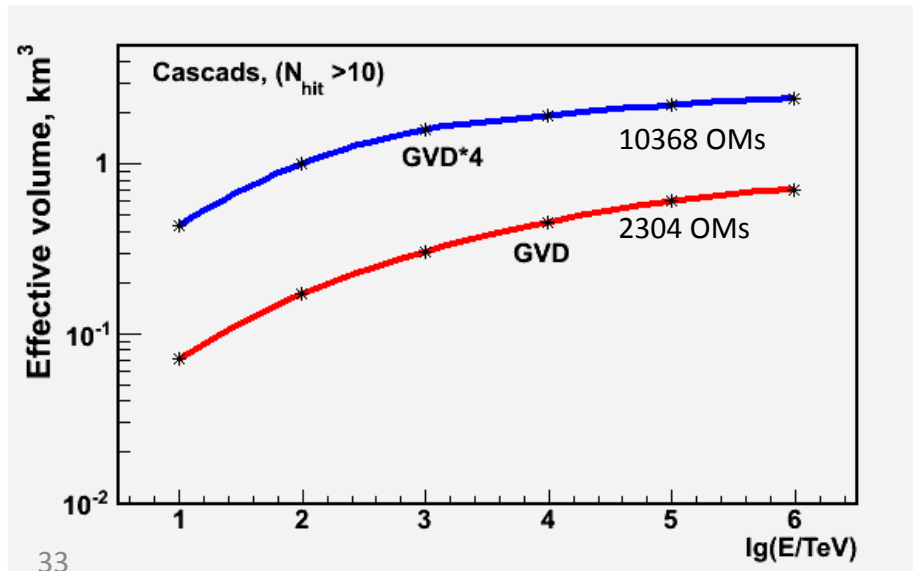
216 Strings: 48 OM/Str, 3 Sec./Str

27 Clusters.: 8 Str/Cluster



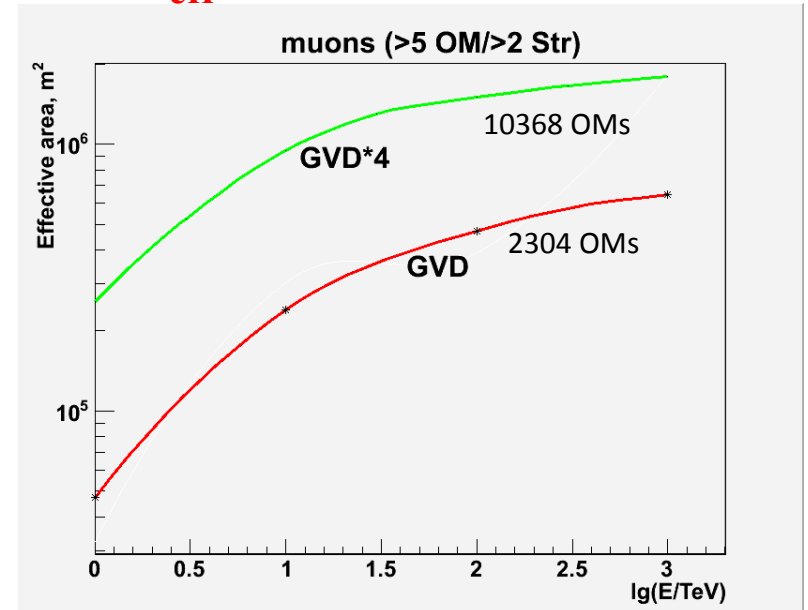
Cascades: (E>10 TeV):

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

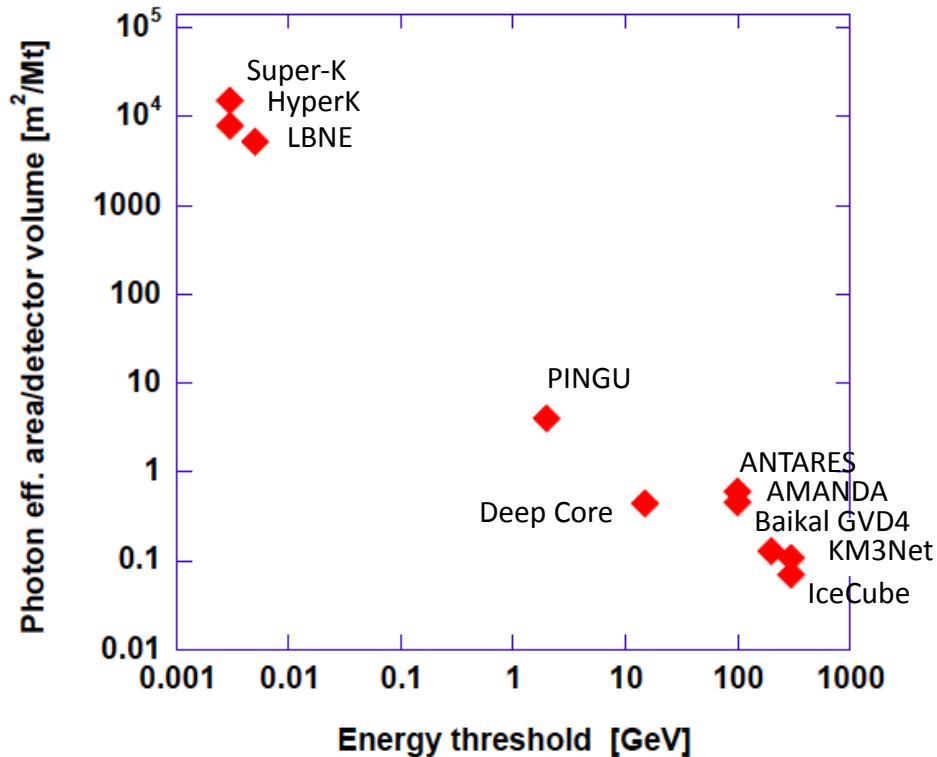


Muons: (E>1 TeV):

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



Water Cherenkov detectors PMT coverage vs threshold



Define:

Photon effective area =

Number of PMT

x Cathode area

x Quantum efficiency

= equivalent area of 100% photon detection.

(collection efficiency not included here.)

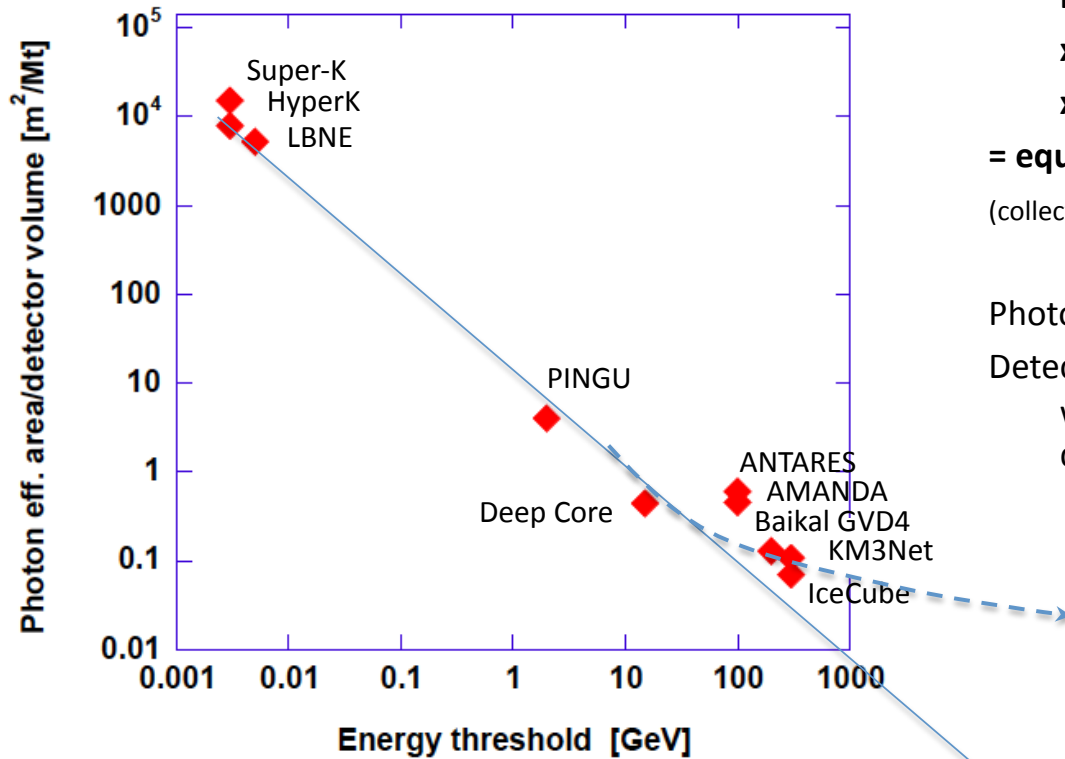
Photon effective area prop. $\sim 1/\text{Energy threshold}$.

Detector arrangements and optical properties of water and ice are different, yet the PMT density scales well with energy threshold.

	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 ² /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.

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Continue this strategy to >PeV energies?

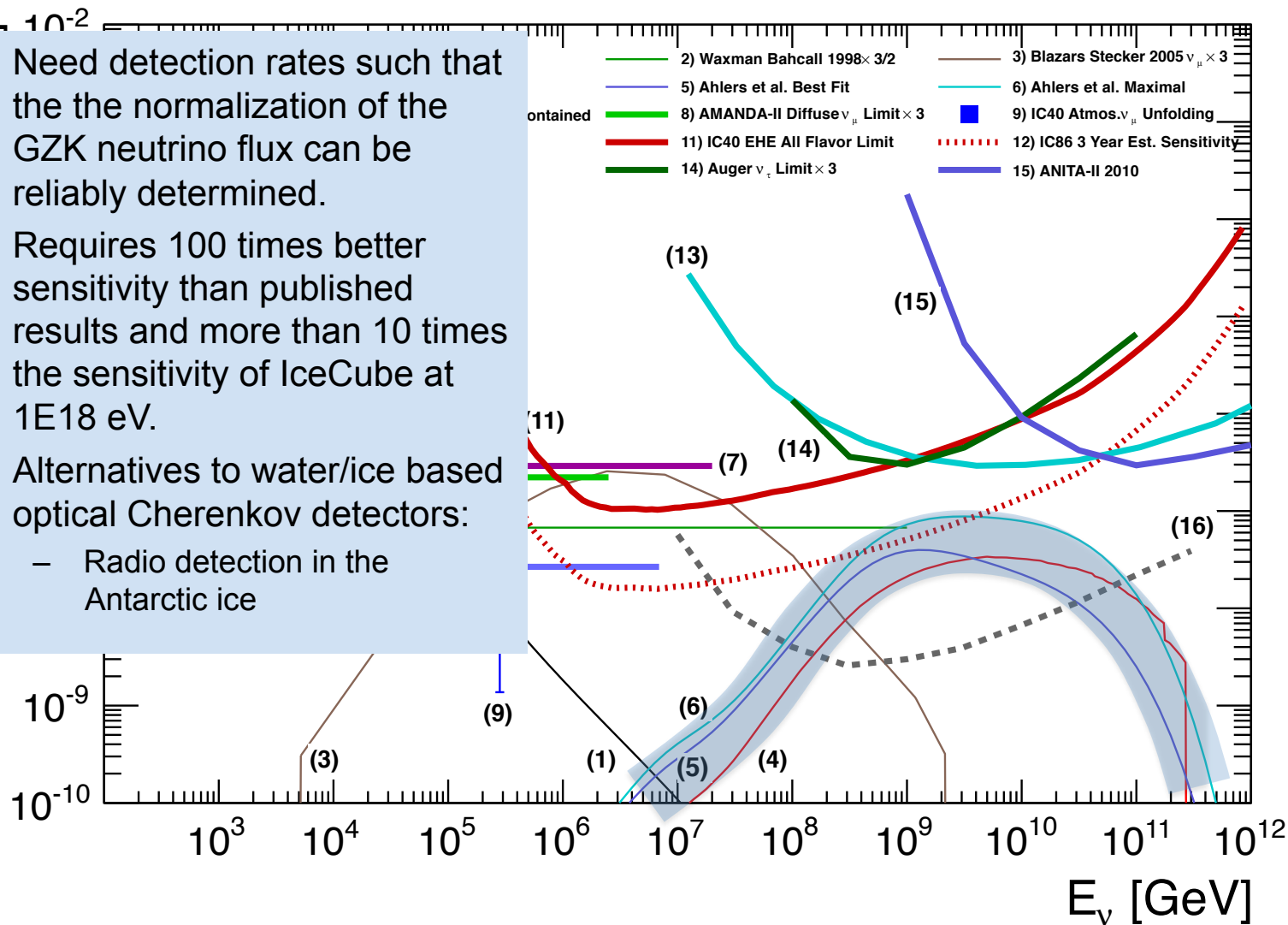
Not practical to extend this path, reducing the PMT density by orders of magnitude.

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

- Need detection rates such that the normalization of the *GZK* neutrino flux can be reliably determined.
- Requires 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



10⁷ to 10¹¹ GeV: Radio ice Cherenkov detection

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

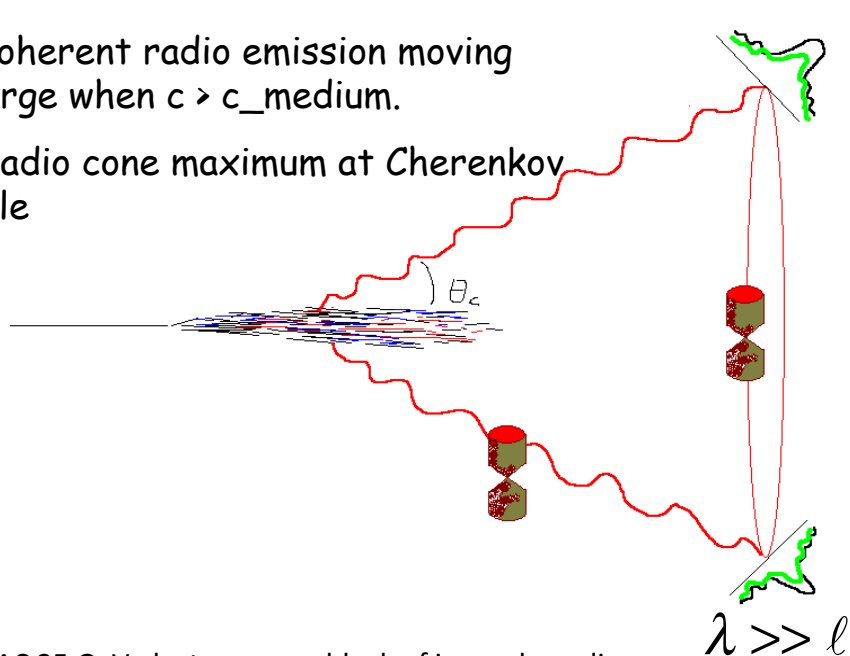
Gurgen Askaryan, 1962
proposes radio detection of showers

Principle:

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

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

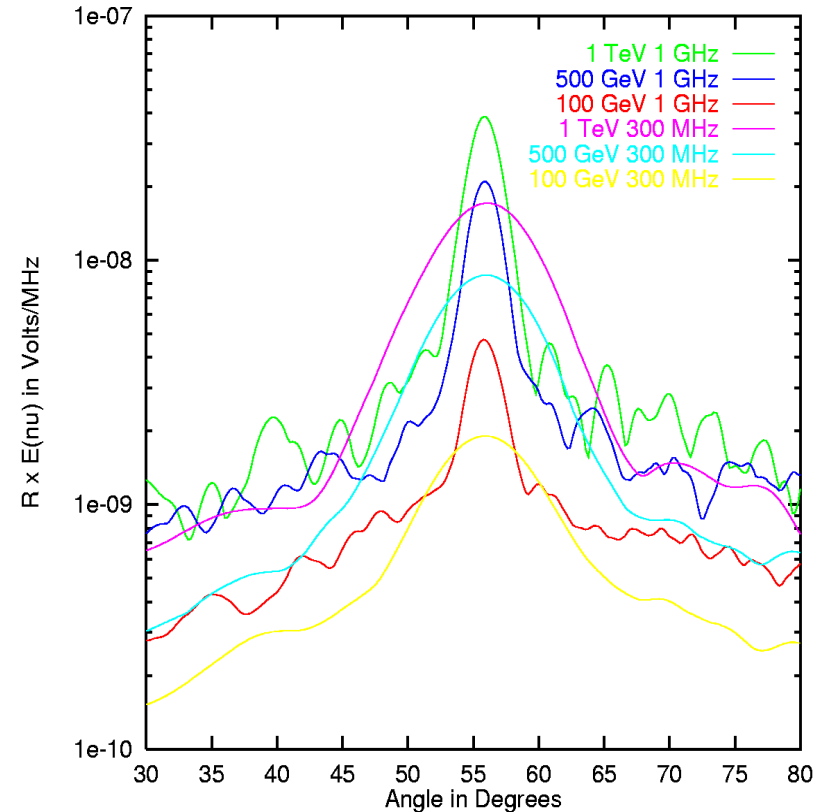
→ Radio cone maximum at Cherenkov angle



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

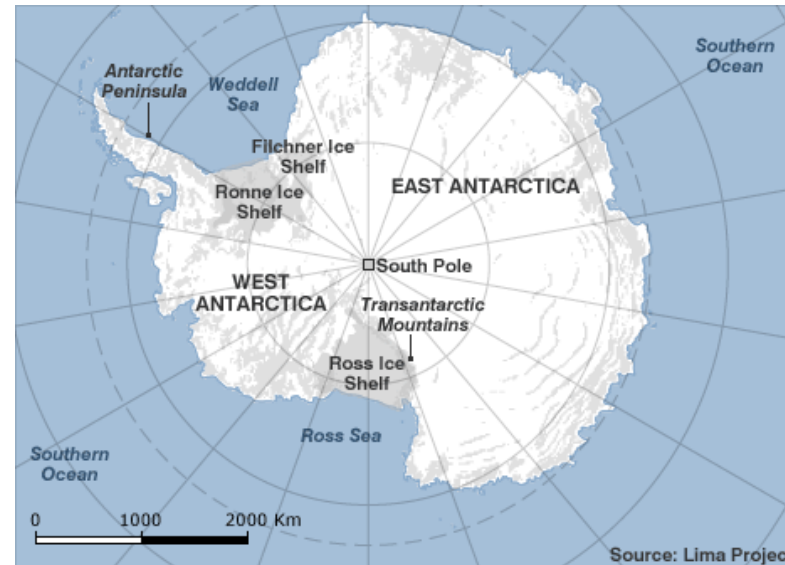
Future projects (proposed or in R&D or initial phase)
based on Askaryan radio signature in ice.

ARA:

Location: South Pole
Area: 150 – 200 km²
embedded detector
Ice sheet: 2.8 km
Absorption: > 1 km
Prototype array in installation

ARIANNA:

Location: Ross Ice Shelf
Area: 1000km²
Shelf thickness: 580m
Absorption: ~ 300m
Surface detector

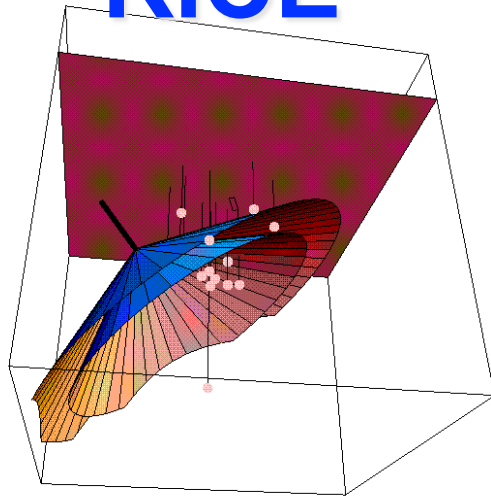


*IceCube continues to take data at 99% duty cycle.
ANITA is preparing another flight.
Other experimental strategies have been and are
being pursued,
eg. acoustic detection, radio telescopes
pointing at the moon, and other.
They seem less competitive in the foreseeable
future, one problem being too high thresholds.
I am not covering any of these in this talk.*

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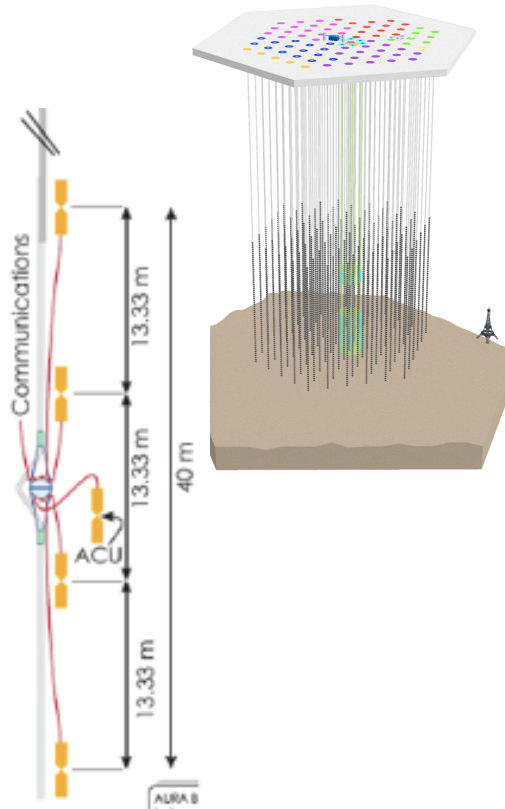
Askaryan Radio Array (ARA) heritage:
Existing and previous instruments using radio in Polar ice
Experiences for ARA, Collaborators from all three experiments joined ARA

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

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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

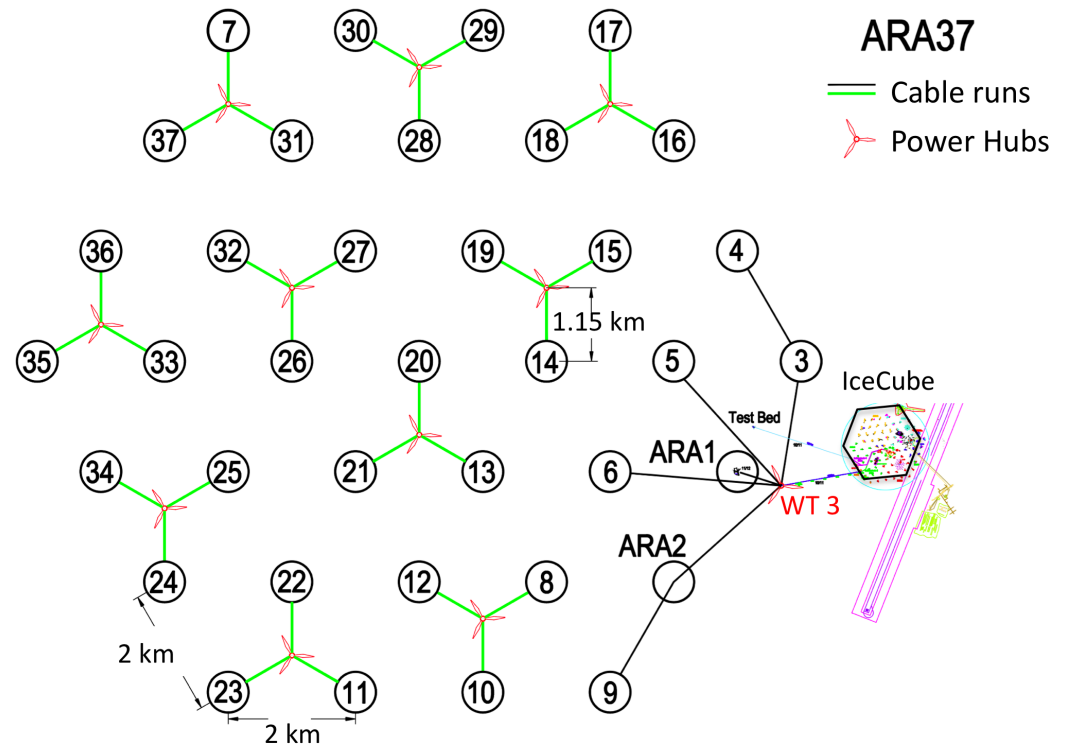
→ J. Davies, ARA prototype and first station

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 ice sheet at the South Pole



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

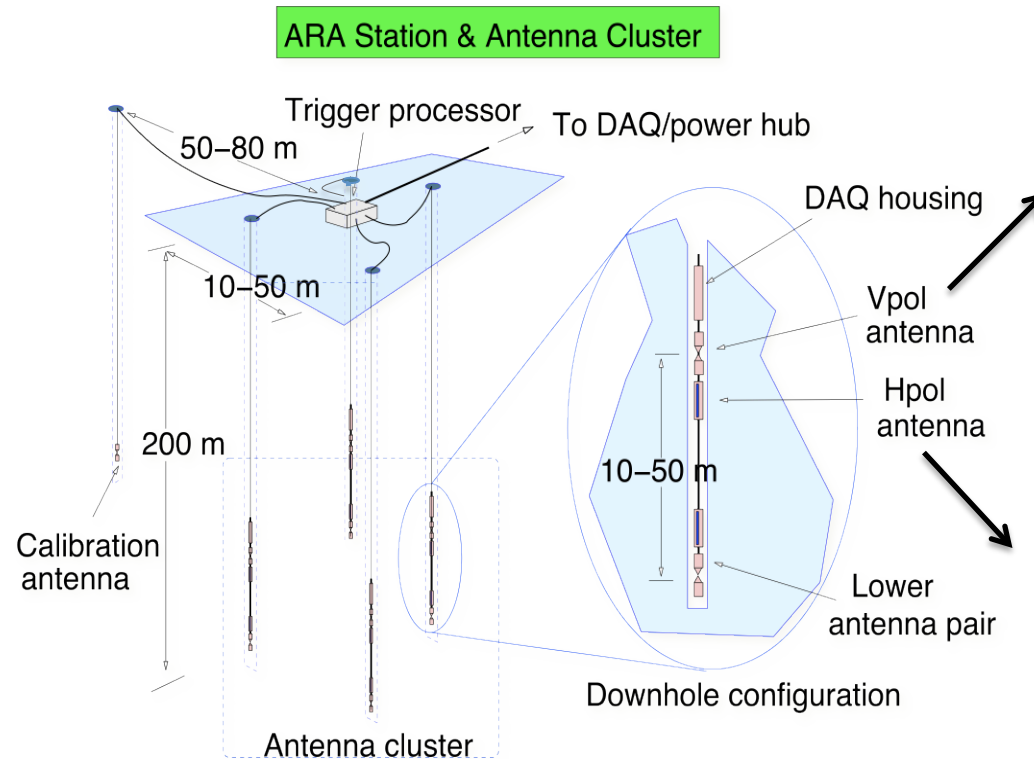
ARA station geometry

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

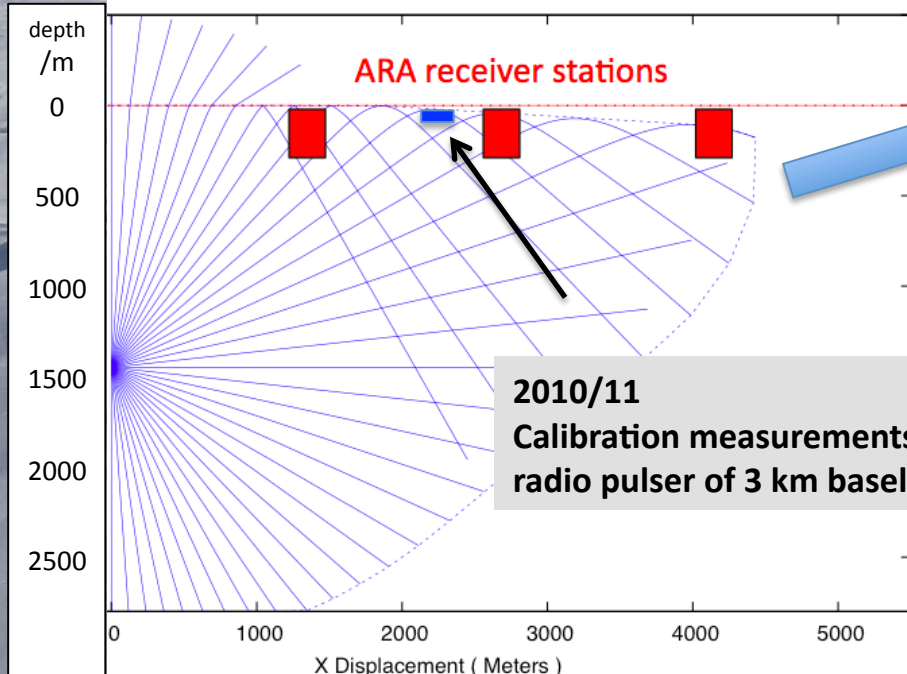


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ARA – calibration measurements at the South Pole

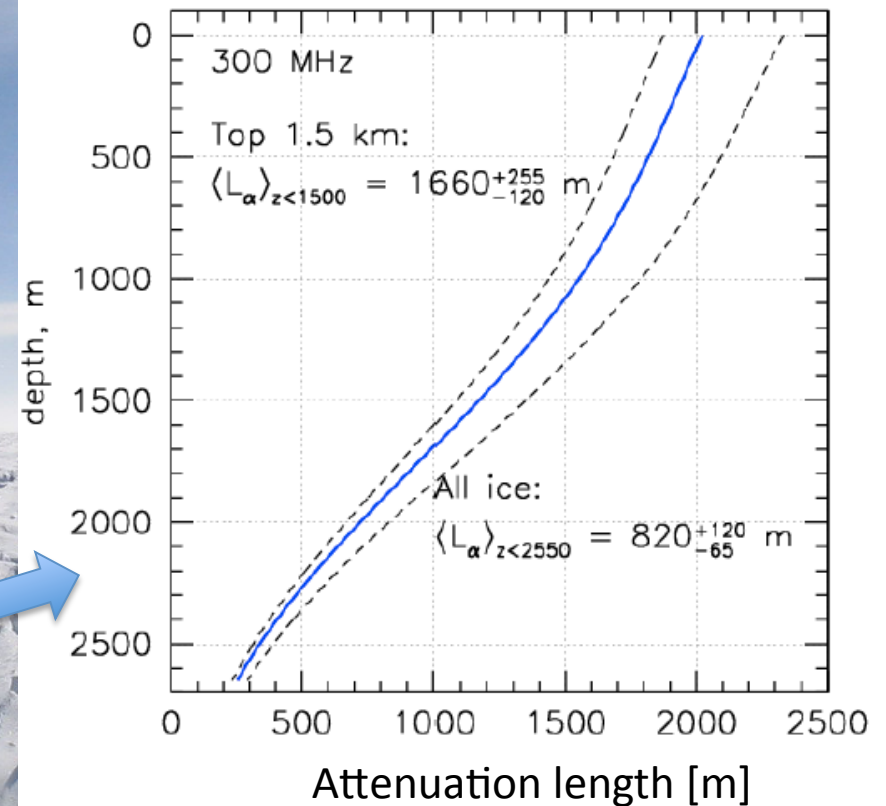
South Pole glacial ice: 2.8km thick, cold and RF transparent

- **Attenuation length at 300MHz:**
 ~ 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.

arXiv:1105.2854

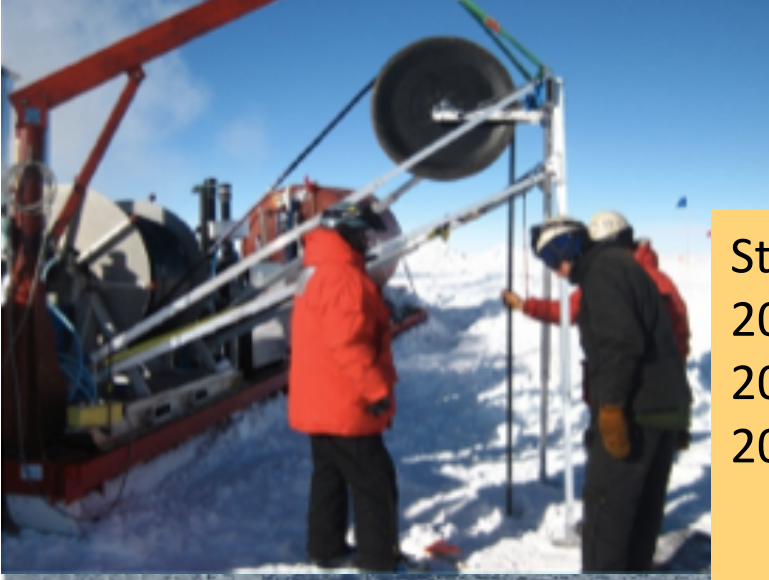


Result agrees quite well with earlier measurement based on bedrock bounced radio pulses.

ref: S. Barwick, D. Besson, P. Gorham, D. Saltzberg, J. Glaciol. 51, 231 (2005).

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ARA field activities on the ice



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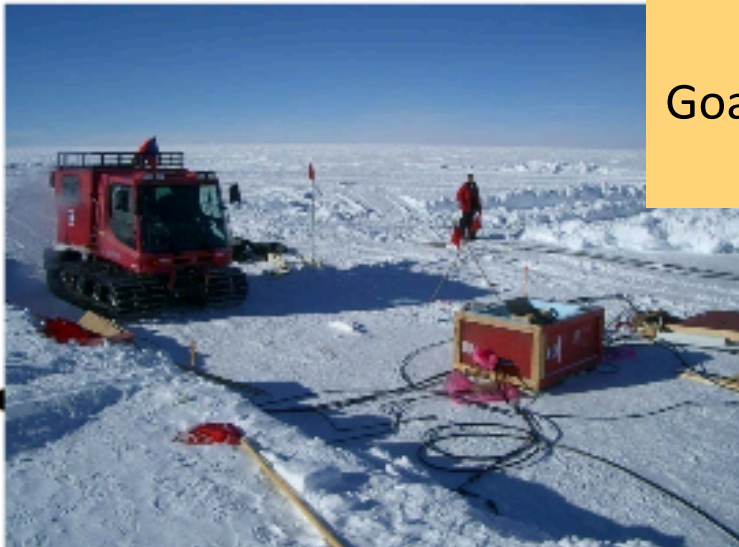
2010/11: Test detector deployed

2011/12 season: ARA prototype deployed.

2012/13: Plan for two more stations

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

Goal for full array by 2016/17



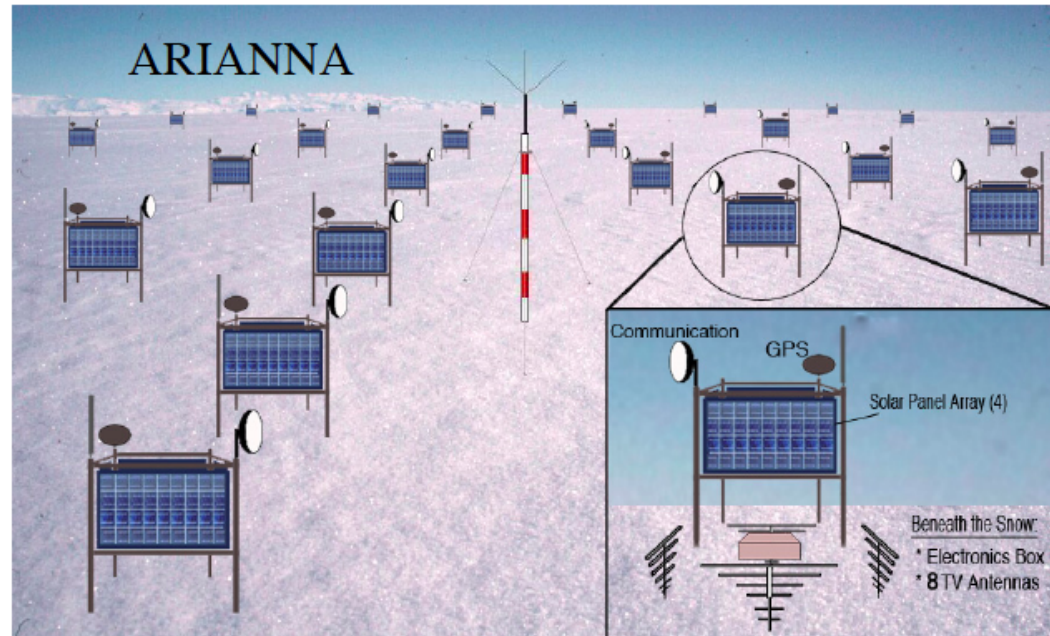
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ARIANNA

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

- Poster 18-3: J. Tatar. S. Barwick

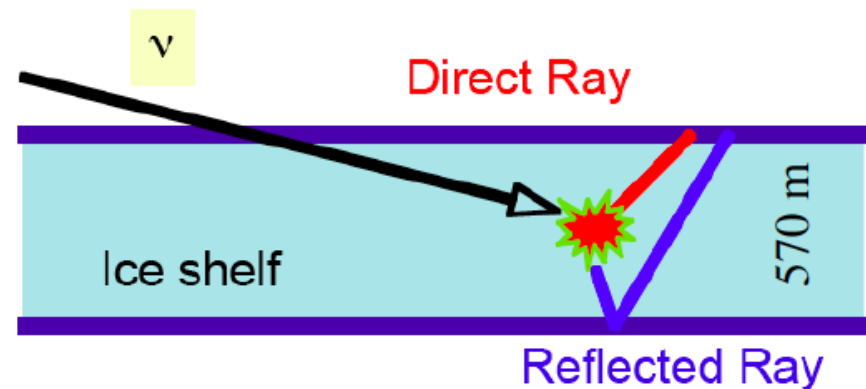
31 x 31 array
[30 km x 30 km]



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US, S. Korea, England,
New Zealand

Barwick, astro-ph/0610631

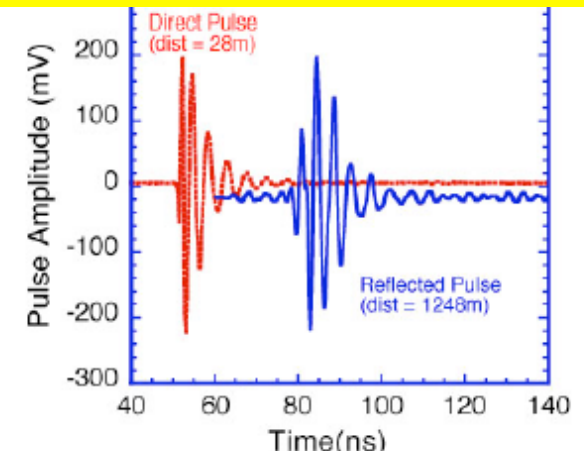
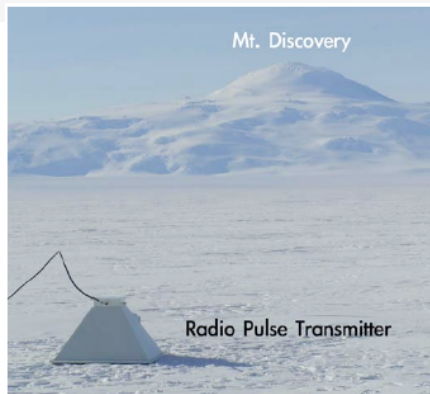


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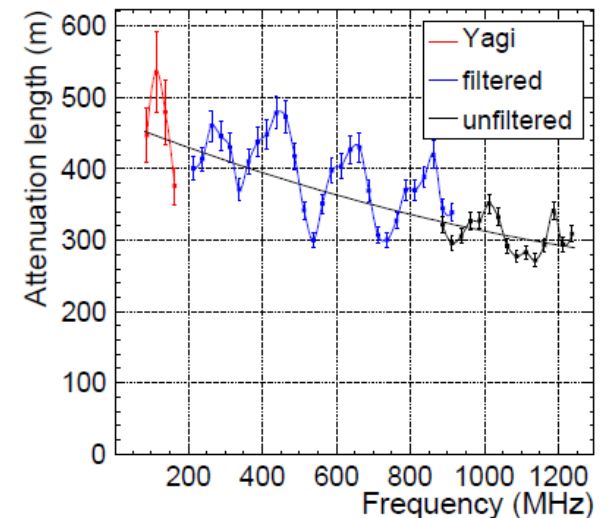
ARIANNA: Field studies - ice properties

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

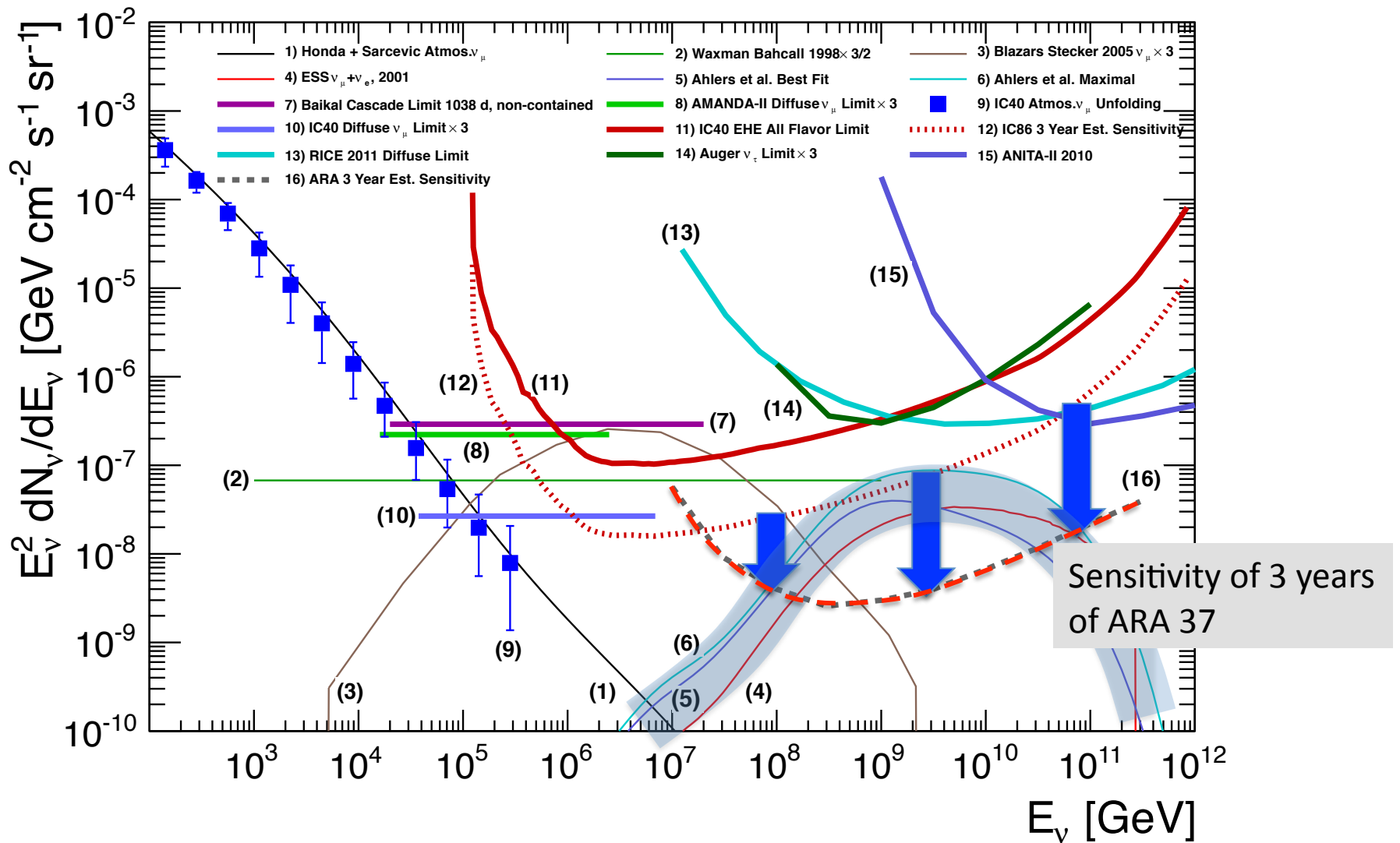


Signal reflection
from interface



T. Barrella, S. Barwick, D. Saltzberg, 2010

10¹⁶ – 10²⁰ eV energy scale



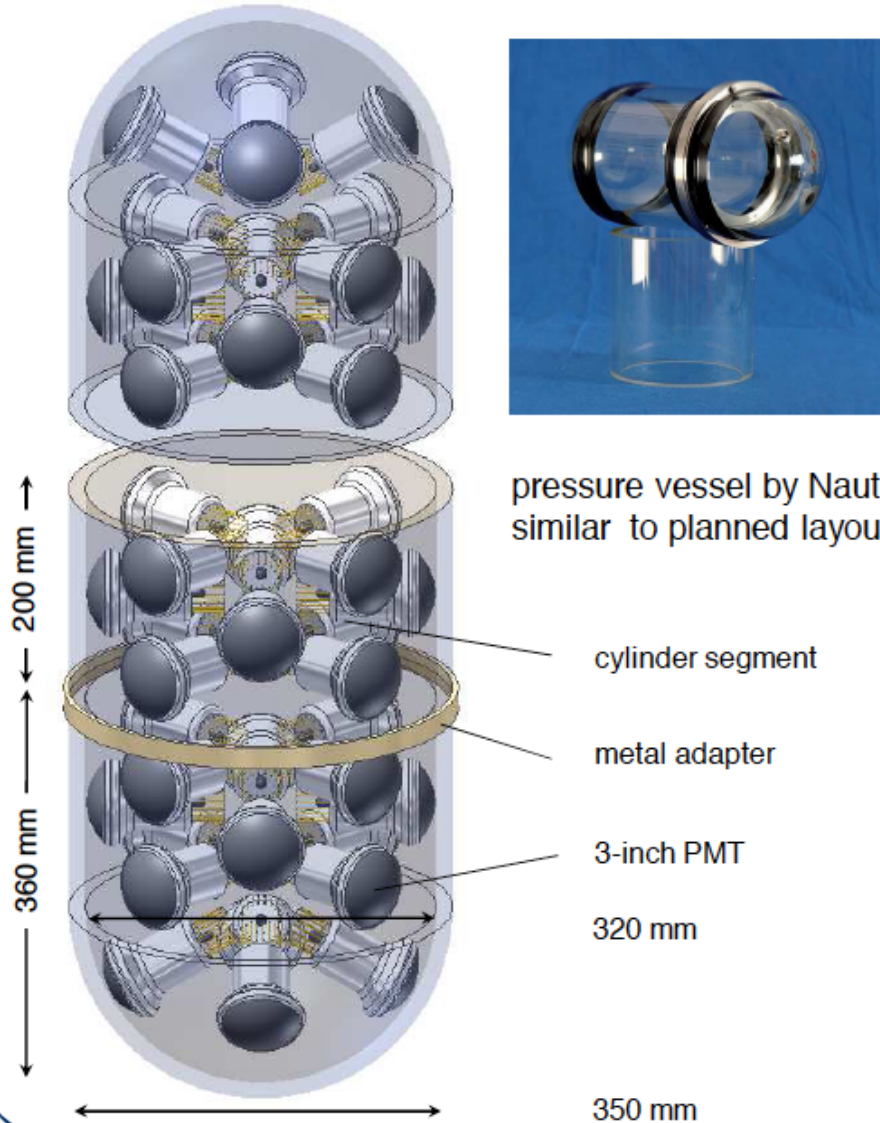
Summary

- 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/ 1st phase to detect cosmogenic neutrino flux
 - ARA, a full large radio array (150km²) 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)



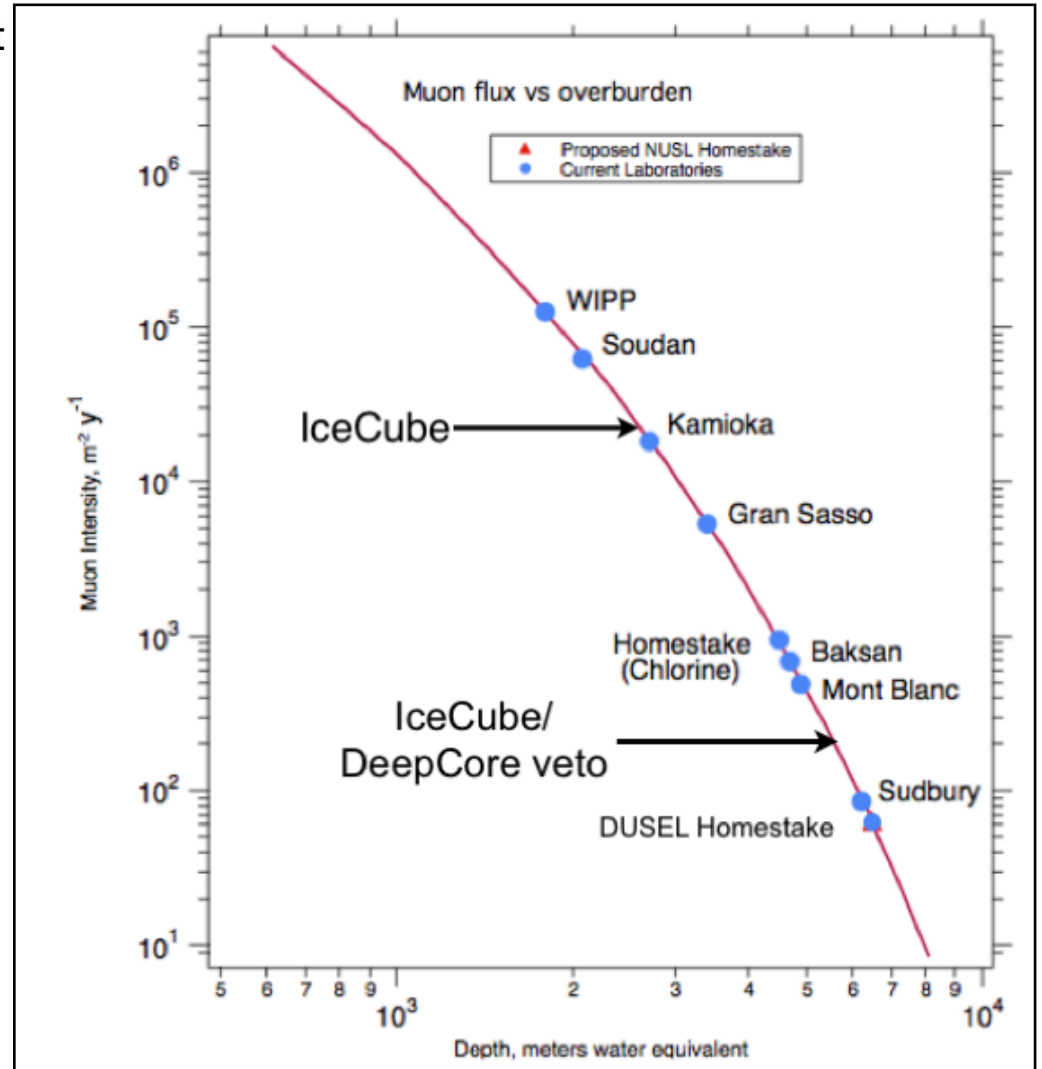
pressure vessel by Nautilus,
similar to planned layout



available 3-inch PMT prototypes,
presently tested by ECAP & NIKHEF

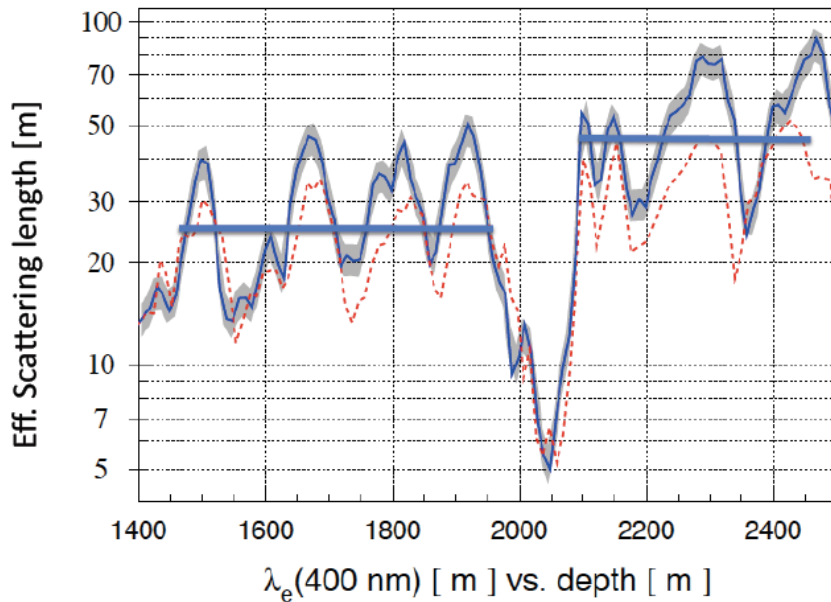
DeepCore Atmospheric Muon Veto

- 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

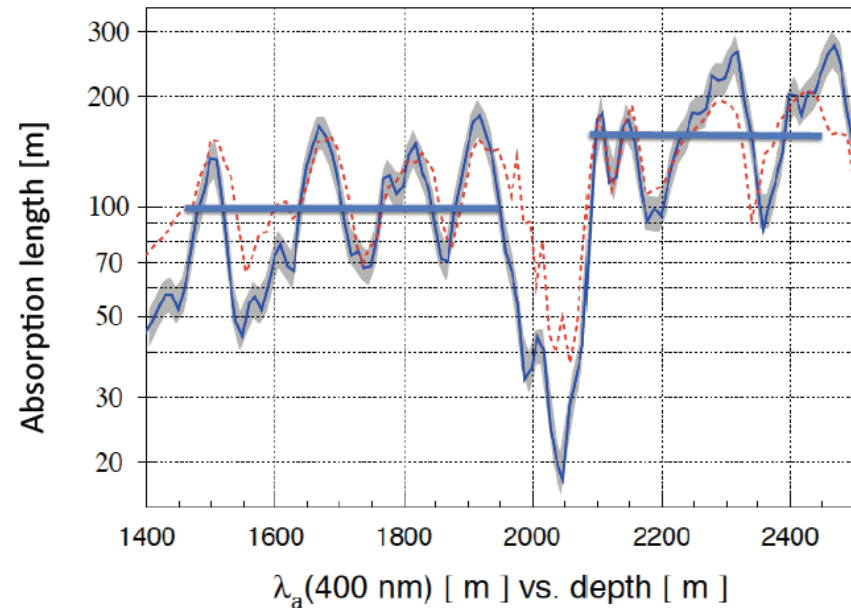


Ice

Effective scattering length vs Depth



Absorption length vs Depth



→ At depths below 2100m better than expected:

Effective scattering length: 47 m

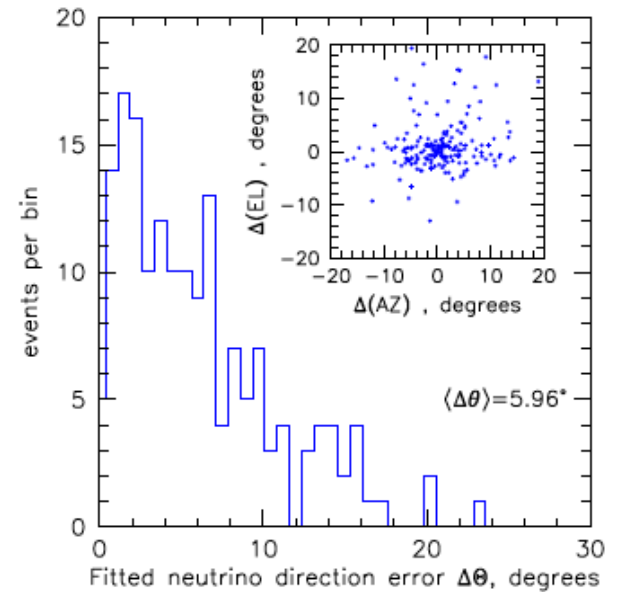
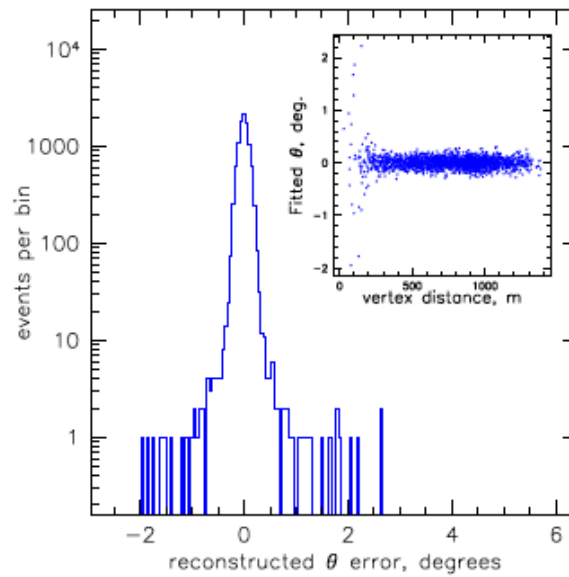
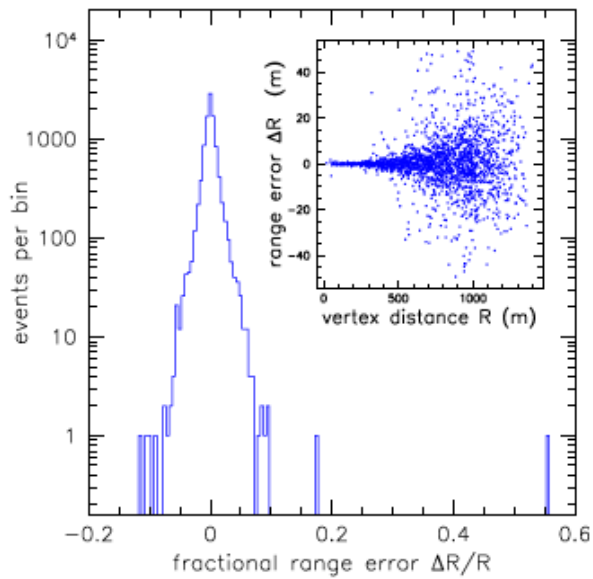
Absorption length @400nm: ~160m

→ Excellent medium for particle detection

The 3 dimensional structure of the ice properties is not trivial to analyze!

The use of the flashers has been critical.

ARA Resolution



Search for cosmogenic (GZK) neutrino flux

Model & references	N_{ν} :	ANITA-II, (2008 flight)	ARA, 3 years
<i>Baseline cosmogenic models:</i>			
Protheroe & Johnson 1996 [27]		0.6	59
Engel, Seckel, Stanev 2001 [28]		0.33	47
Kotera, Allard, & Olinto 2010 [29]		0.5	59
<i>Strong source evolution models:</i>			
Engel, Seckel, Stanev 2001 [28]		1.0	148
Kalashov <i>et al.</i> 2002 [30]		5.8	146
Barger, Huber, & Marfatia 2006 [32]		3.5	154
Yuksel & Kistler 2007 [33]		1.7	221
<i>Mixed-Iron-Composition:</i>			
Ave <i>et al.</i> 2005 [34]		0.01	6.6
Stanev 2008 [35]		0.0002	1.5
Kotera, Allard, & Olinto 2010 [29] upper		0.08	11.3
Kotera, Allard, & Olinto 2010 [29] lower		0.005	4.1
<i>Models constrained by Fermi cascade bound:</i>			
Ahlers <i>et al.</i> 2010 [36]		0.09	20.7
<i>Waxman-Bahcall (WB) fluxes:</i>			
WB 1999, evolved sources [37]		1.5	76
WB 1999, standard [37]		0.5	27

