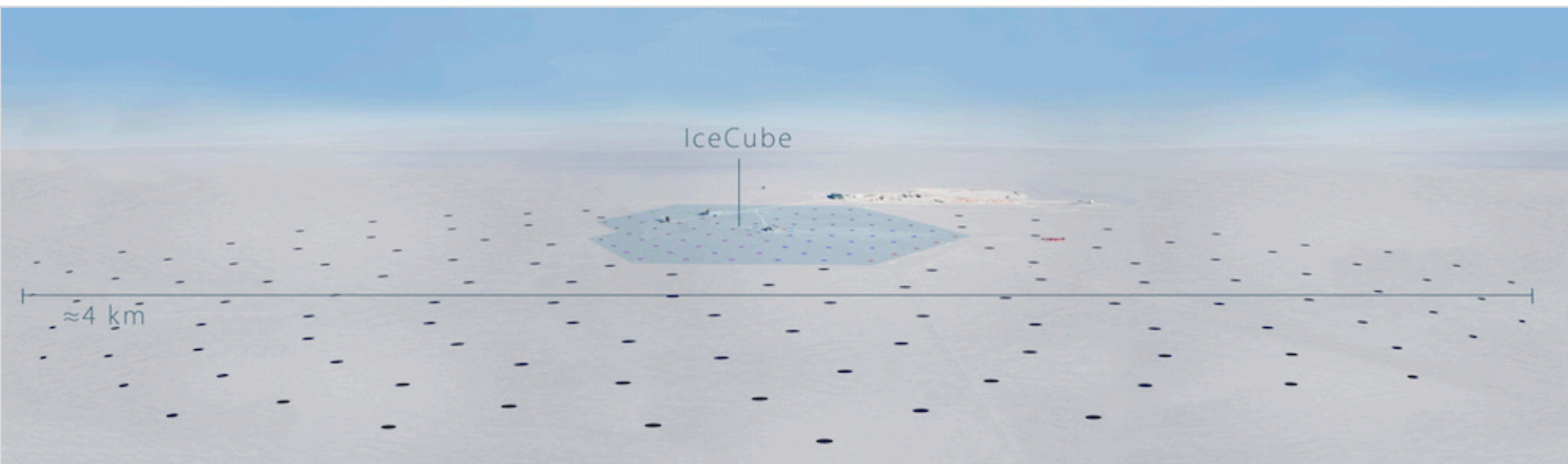


# IceCube Upgrade and Gen-2



**Summer Blot,**  
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# IceCube Neutrino Observatory

A pioneering multi-purpose detector

## Astrophysics

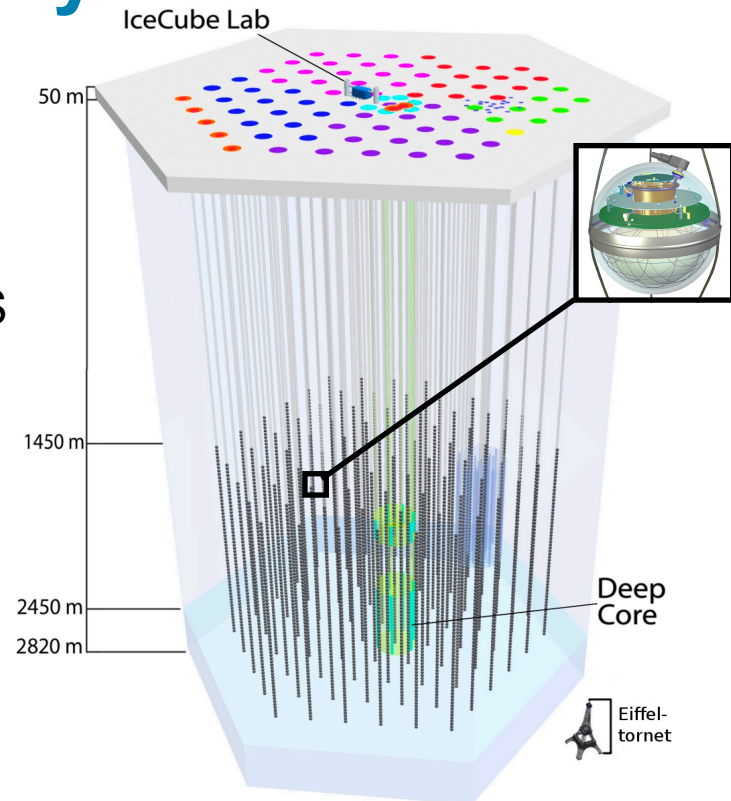
- Discovery of astrophysical neutrinos
- First evidence for neutrino point source with TXS
- Key partner in multi-messenger landscape
- Cosmic rays with IceCube including IceTop

## Particle Physics

- Atmospheric neutrino oscillations
- Neutrino cross-sections at TeV-scale
- Exotic/BSM physics searches

## Earth science

- Glaciology
- Earth tomography



	Spacing [m]		Energy threshold [GeV]
	Horizontal	Vertical	
IceCube	125	17	~100
DeepCore	50	7	~5

# IceCube limitations

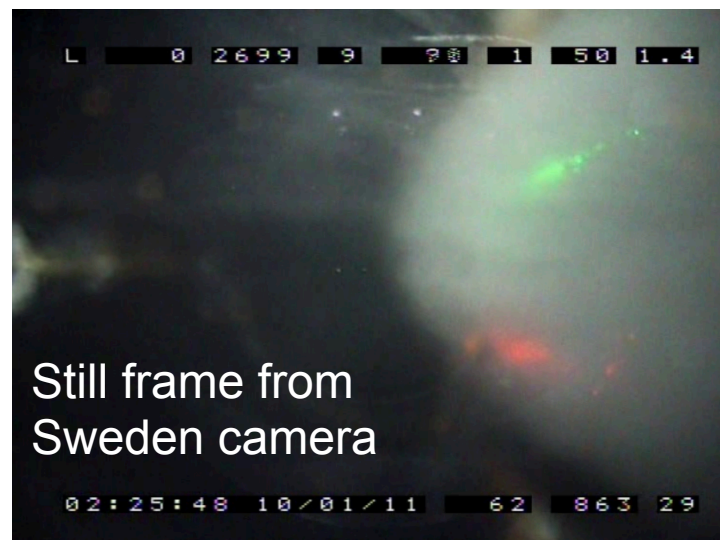
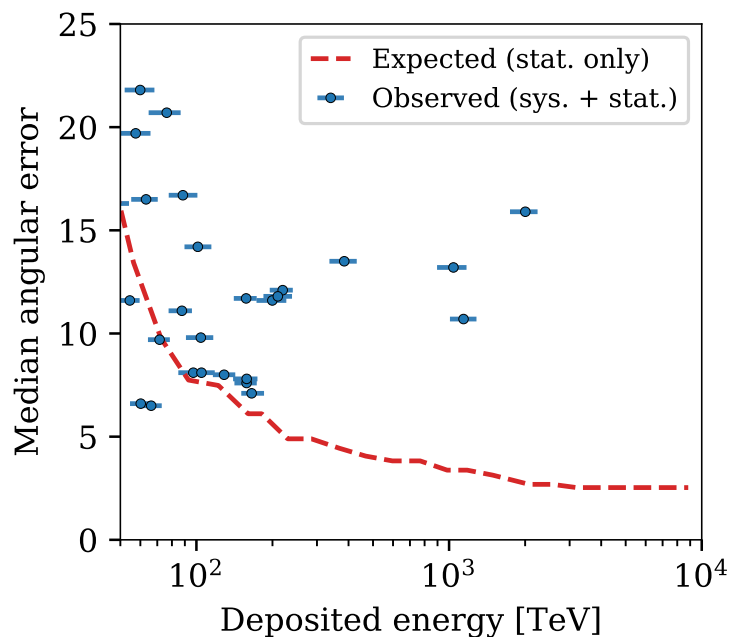
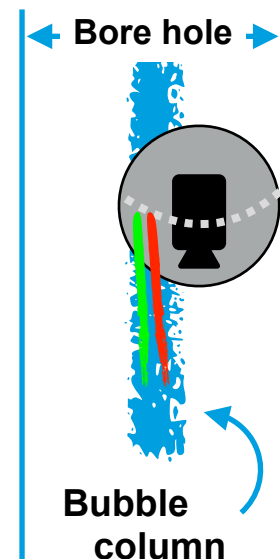
More potential to exploit!

## Angular resolution

- Median error not scaling with photon statistics

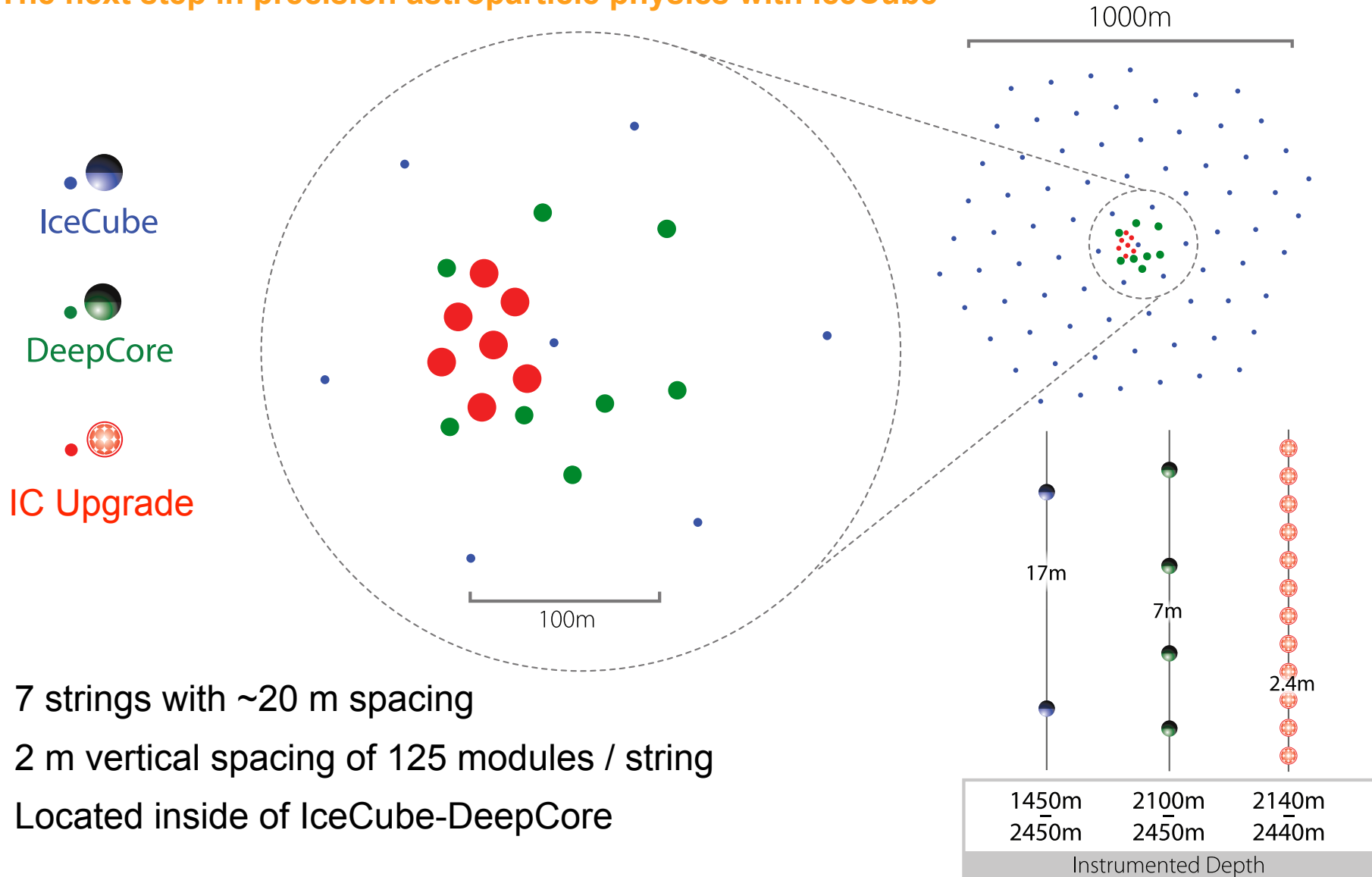
## Ice modelling systematic uncertainties

- Bubble column distorts angular acceptance
- Anisotropy of photon scattering and/or absorption lengths in ice



# The IceCube Upgrade

The next step in precision astroparticle physics with IceCube

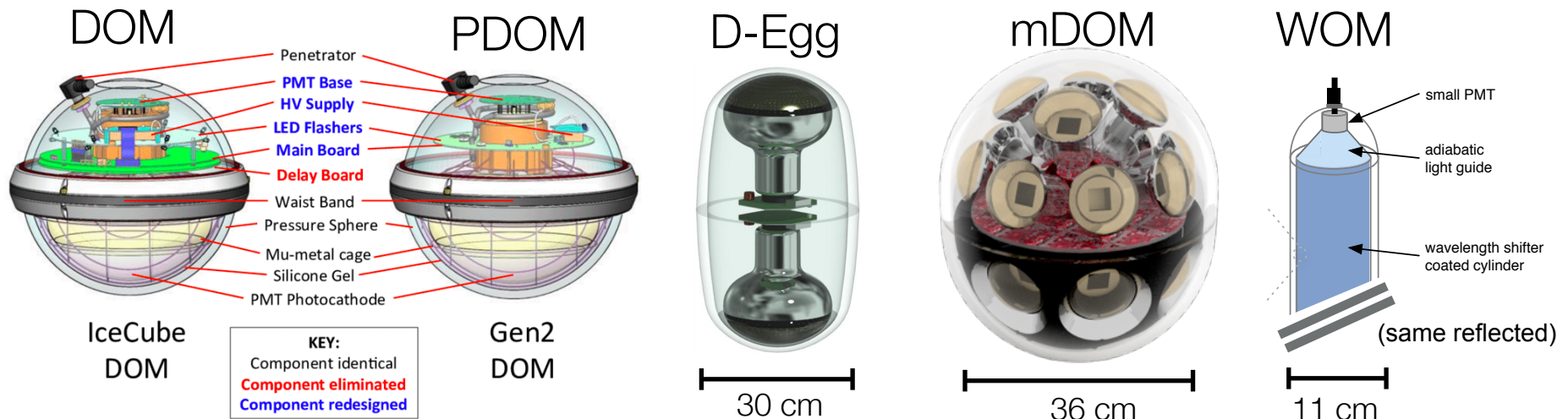
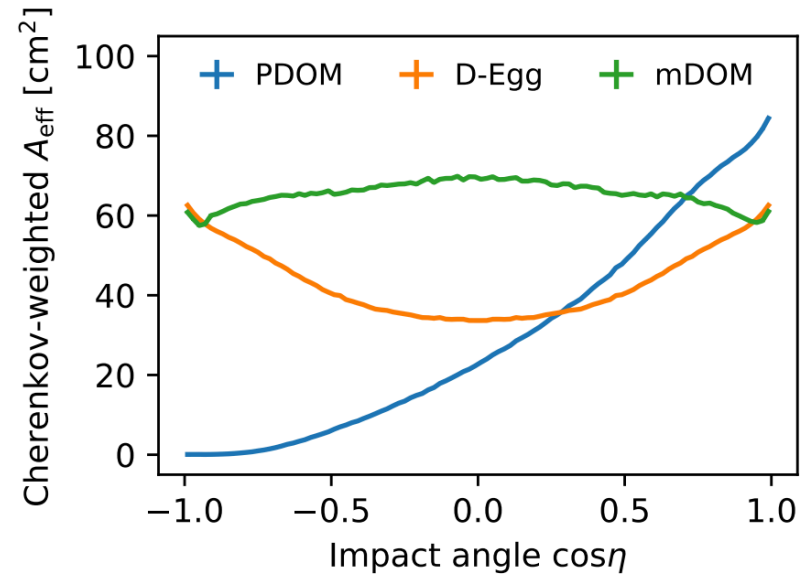


# The IceCube Upgrade - R&D

## In-situ testing of new optical modules

New sensor designs will incorporate one or more of the following:

- Upgraded electronics
- Smaller diameter
- Increased UV acceptance
- Larger and/or pixelated effective area



# The IceCube Upgrade - Calibration

Deployment of new devices at better distances

## Integrated devices

- LED flashers
- Acoustic sensors
- Optical cameras

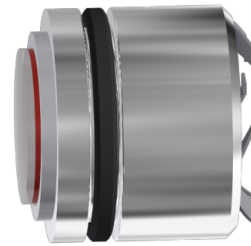
## Stand-alone light sources

- Precision Optical Calibration Module (POCAM)
- “Movable” sub-ns pulsed LEDs with small opening angle

## Reduce primary systematic uncertainties

- Better calibration of new and existing sensors
- Improved knowledge of glacial ice

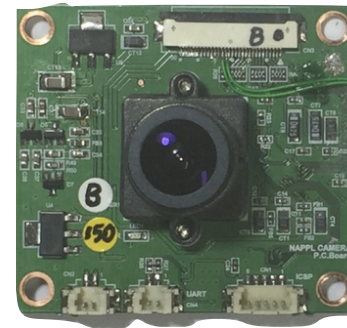
Piezo-module<sup>[1]</sup>



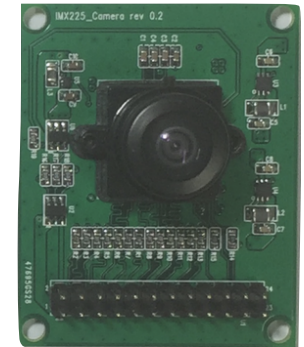
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CMOS<sup>[2]</sup>



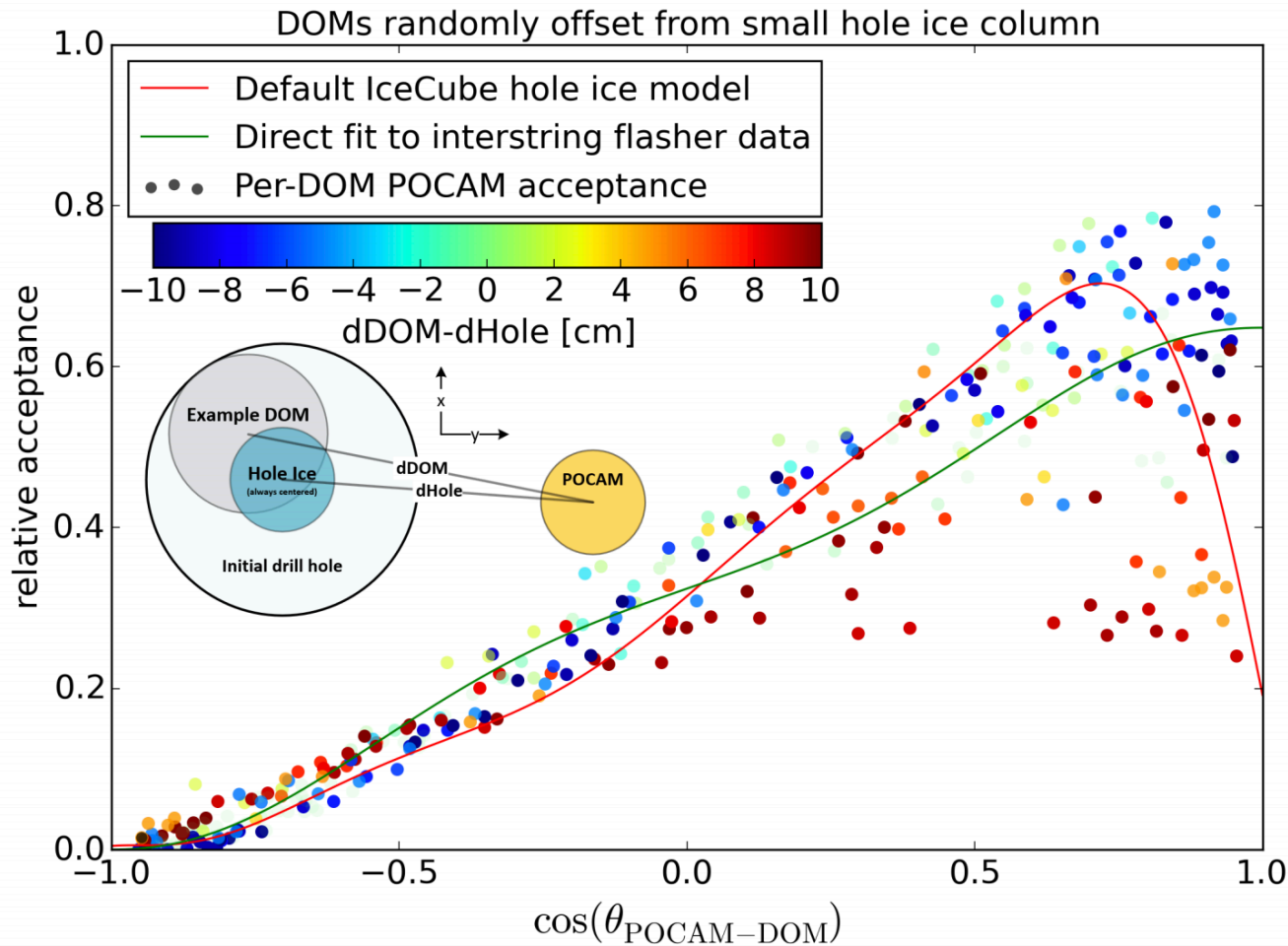
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# The IceCube Upgrade - Calibration

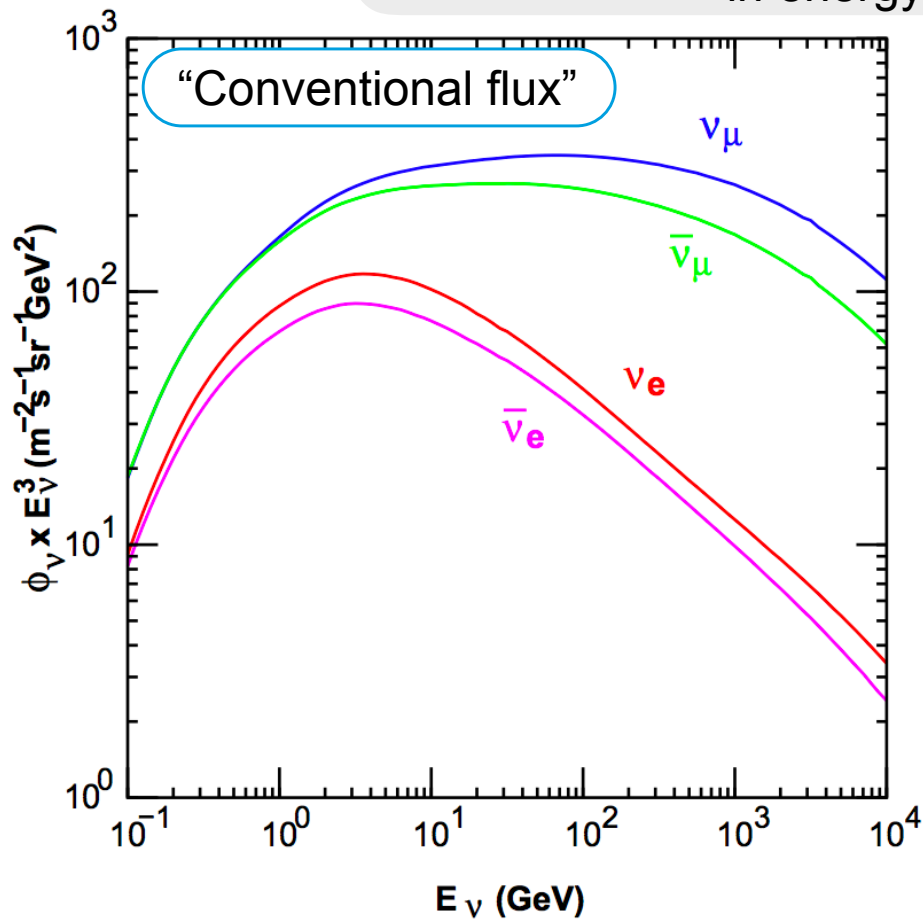
Example: POCAM triangulation and characterisation of bubble column



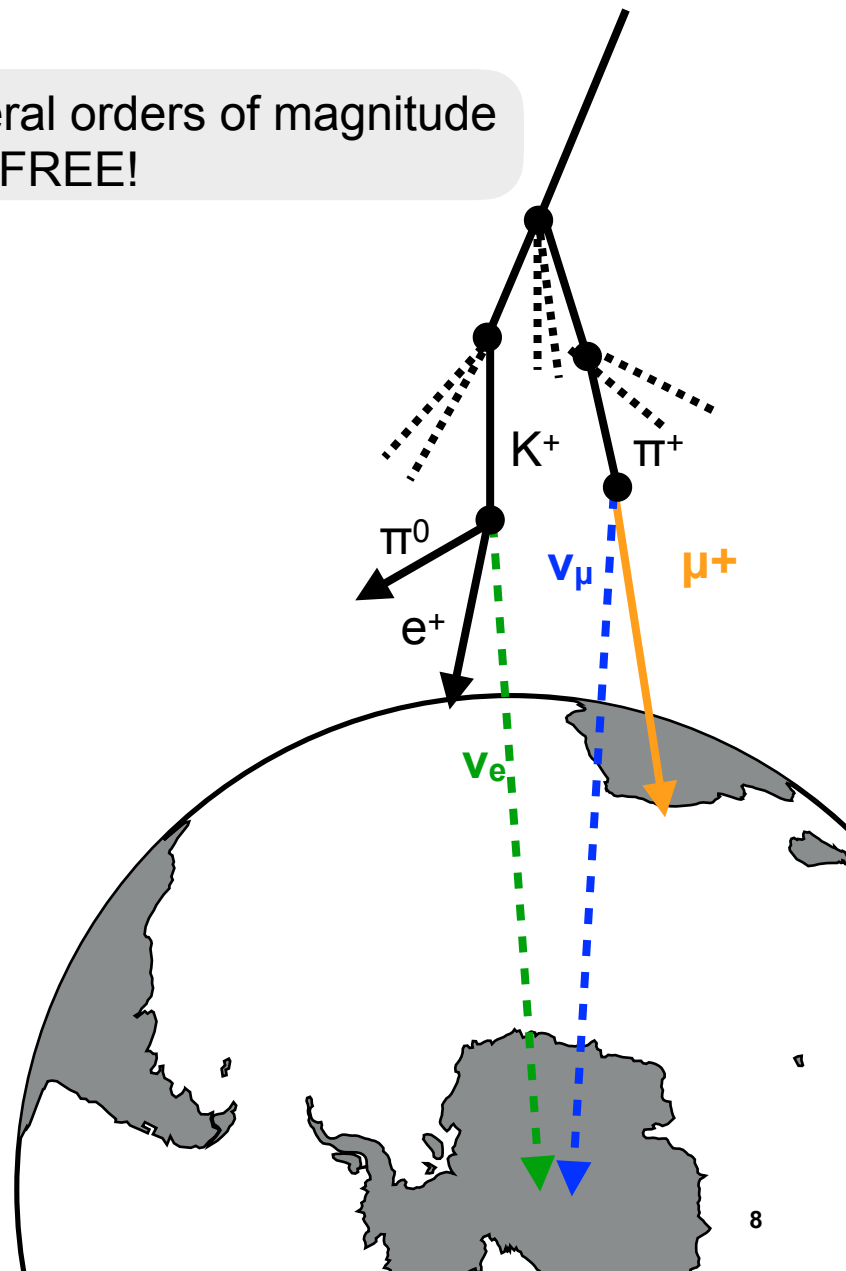
# The IceCube Upgrade - Science

Not just for calibration and R&D!

High statistics sample over several orders of magnitude in energy FOR FREE!



Honda, et. al: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1502.03916>



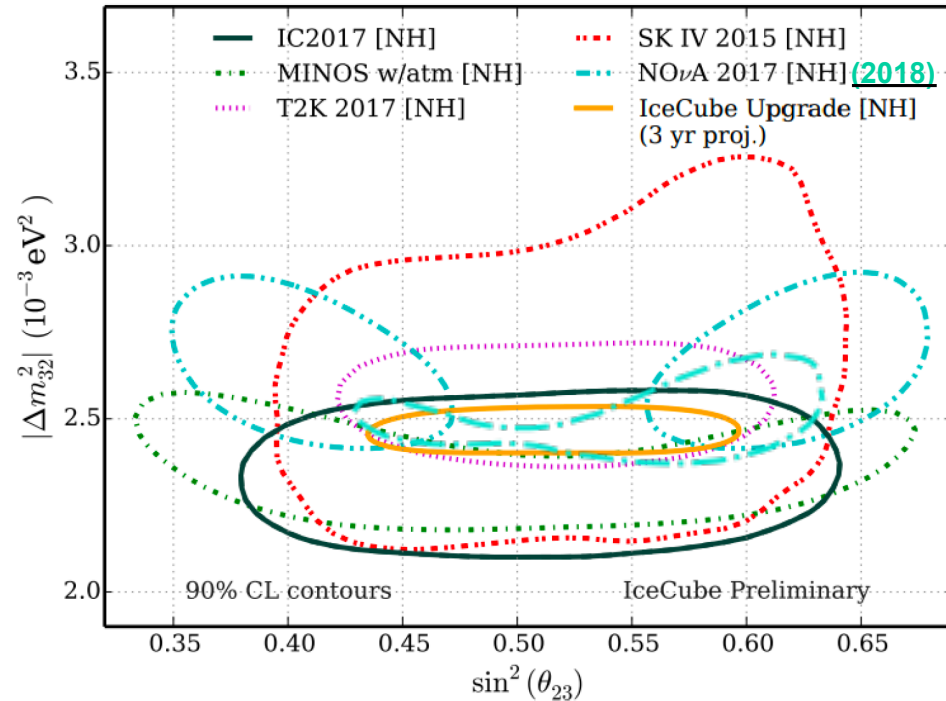
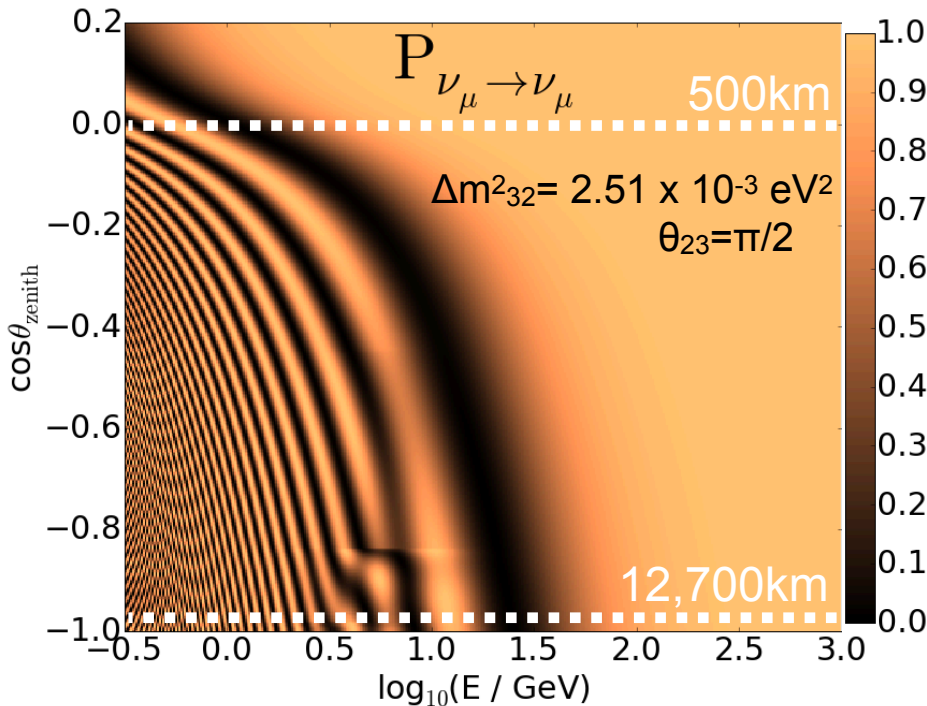


# The IceCube Upgrade - Science

## Precision atmospheric oscillation measurements

Similar physics program to DeepCore, just better!

- Oscillations, non-standard interactions, sterile neutrinos, dark matter...



First order effect for atmospheric neutrinos:

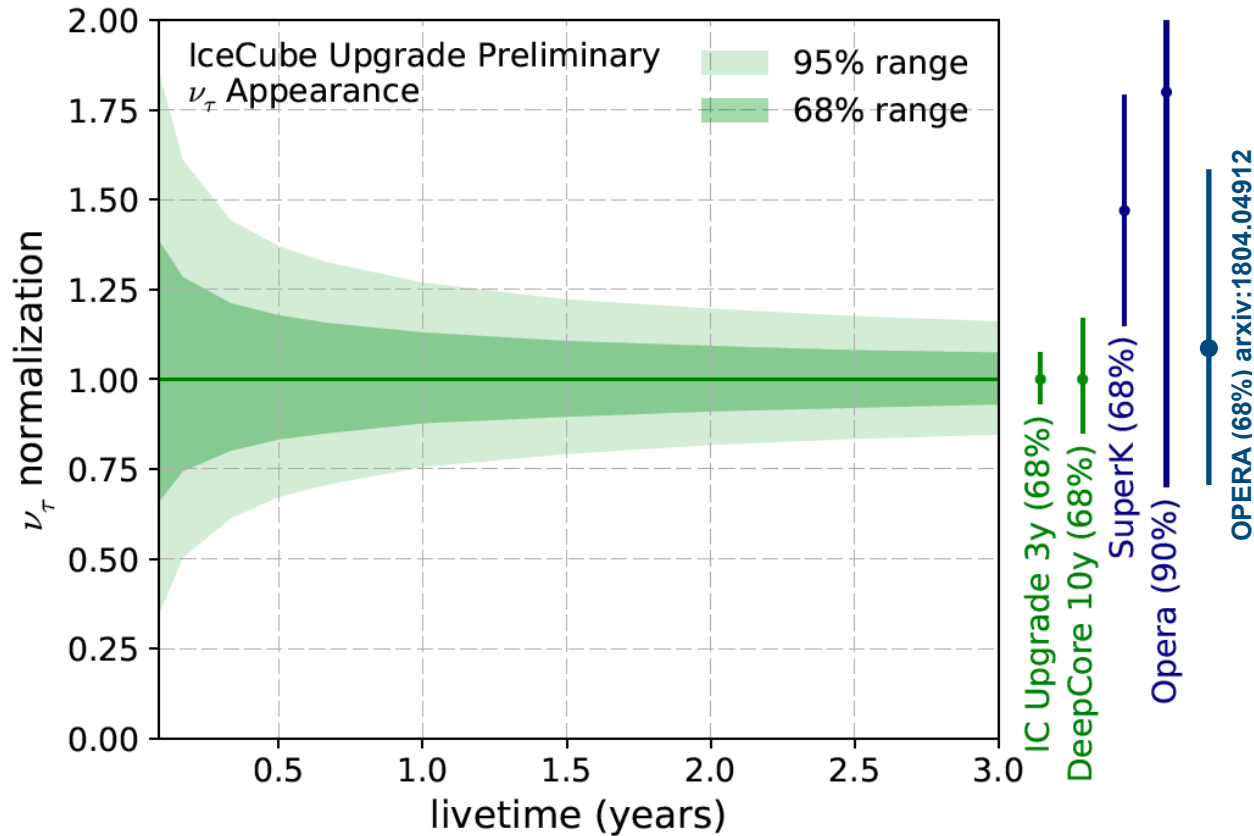
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \approx 1 - \sin^2(2\theta_{23}) \sin^2\left(\Delta m_{32}^2 \frac{L}{4E_\nu}\right)$$

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Projected sensitivities **do not** include reduced ice/OM systematics

# IceCube-Gen2

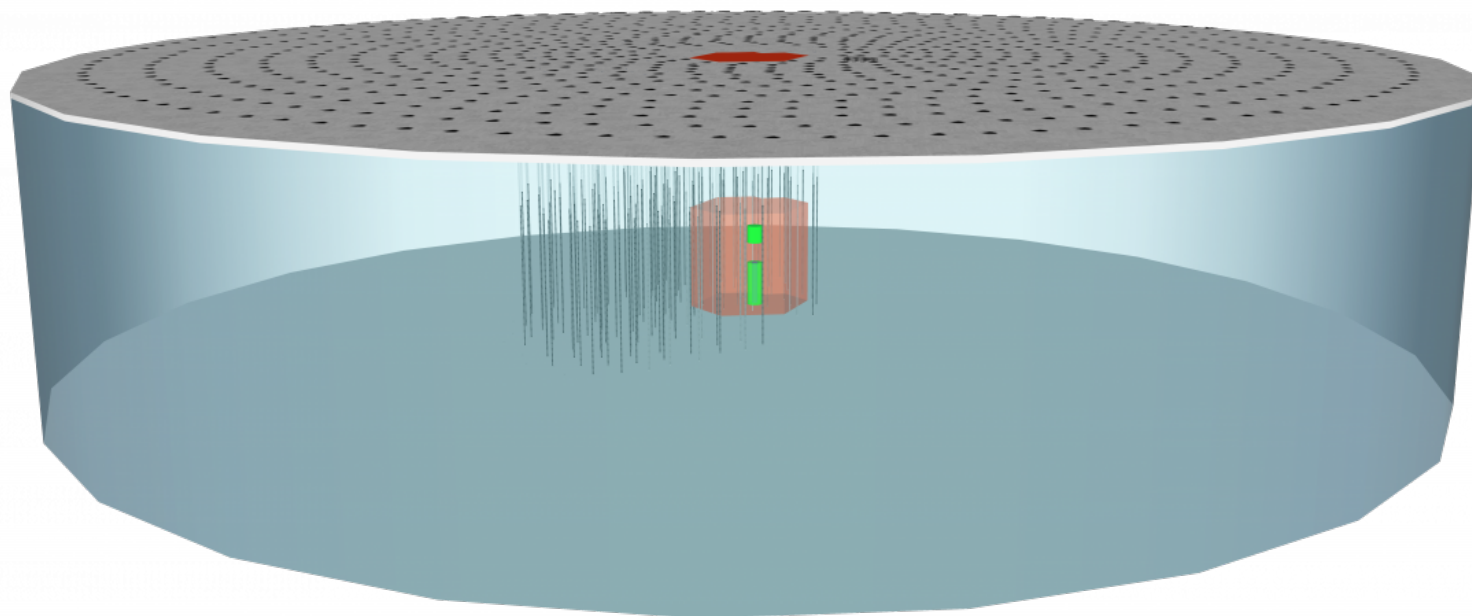
## A vision for the future of neutrino astroparticle physics at the South Pole

### High energy

- Find (more) neutrino point sources
- Characterise spectrum, flux, and flavour composition of astrophysical neutrinos with higher precision
- GZK neutrinos
- Continue search for BSM physics

### Low energy

- Precision measurements of atmospheric neutrino oscillations:  
 $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$   
Neutrino mass ordering
- Characterise atmospheric flux (hadronic interactions)
- Also continue search for BSM physics



# IceCube-Gen2

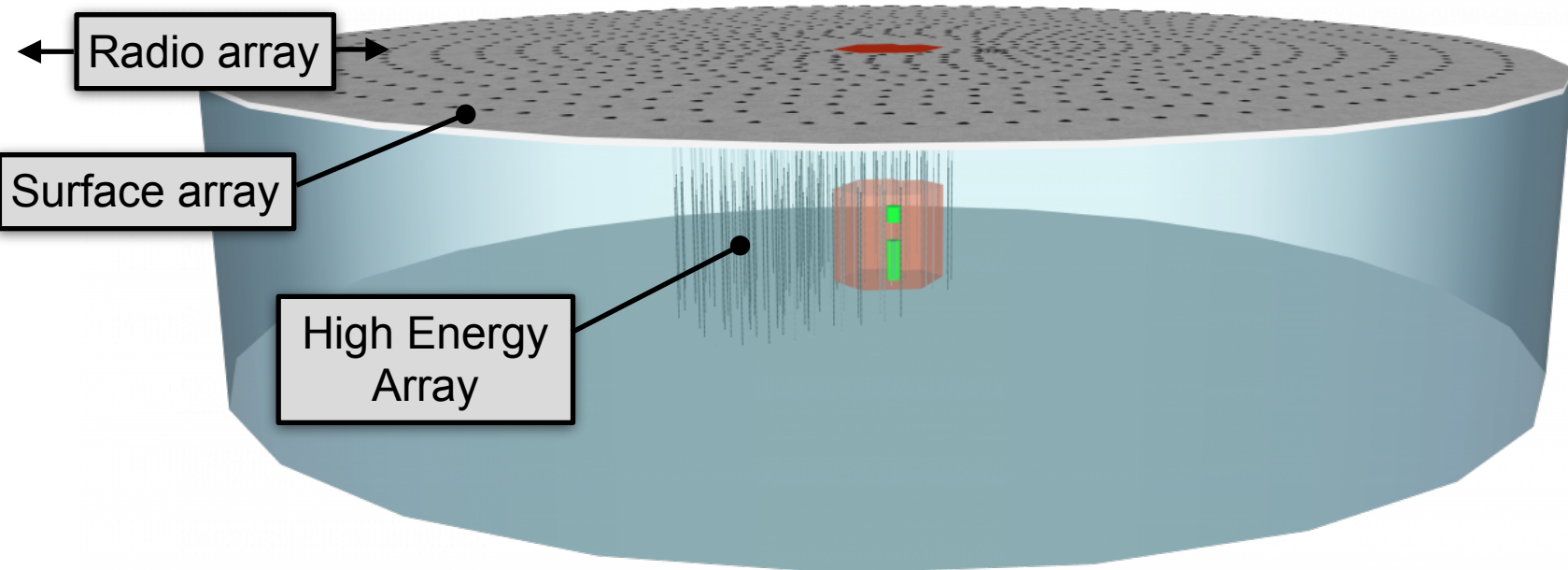
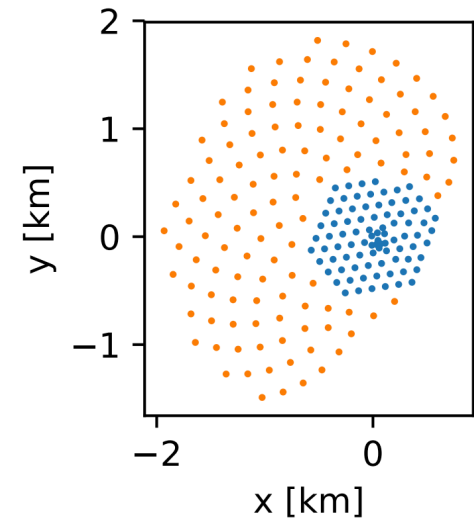
## High energy facility

### In-Ice High Energy Array (HEA)

- 120 strings with  $\sim 240$  m spacing and 80 OMs each
- 6.2 - 9.5 km<sup>3</sup> instrumented volume (not yet fixed)

### Surface array

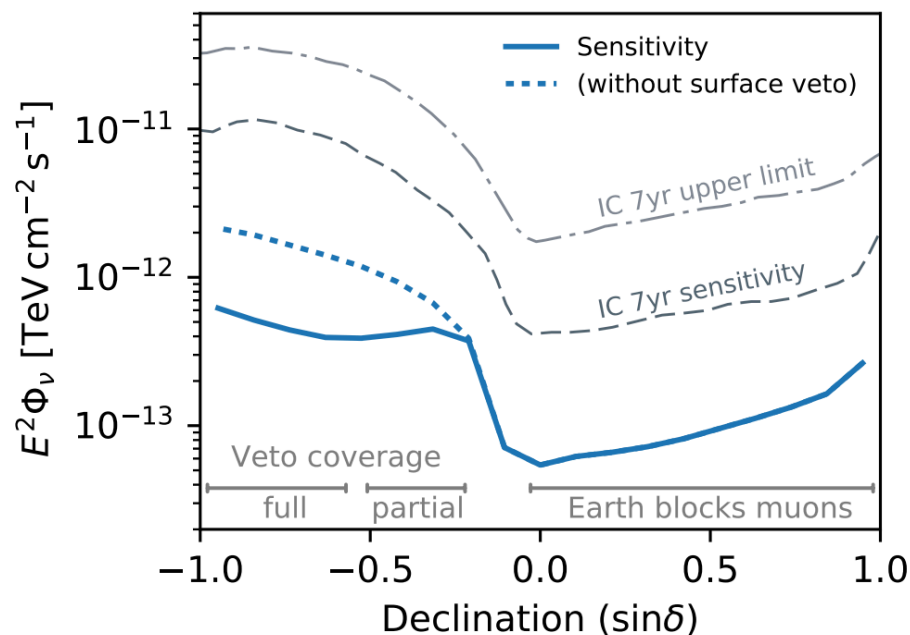
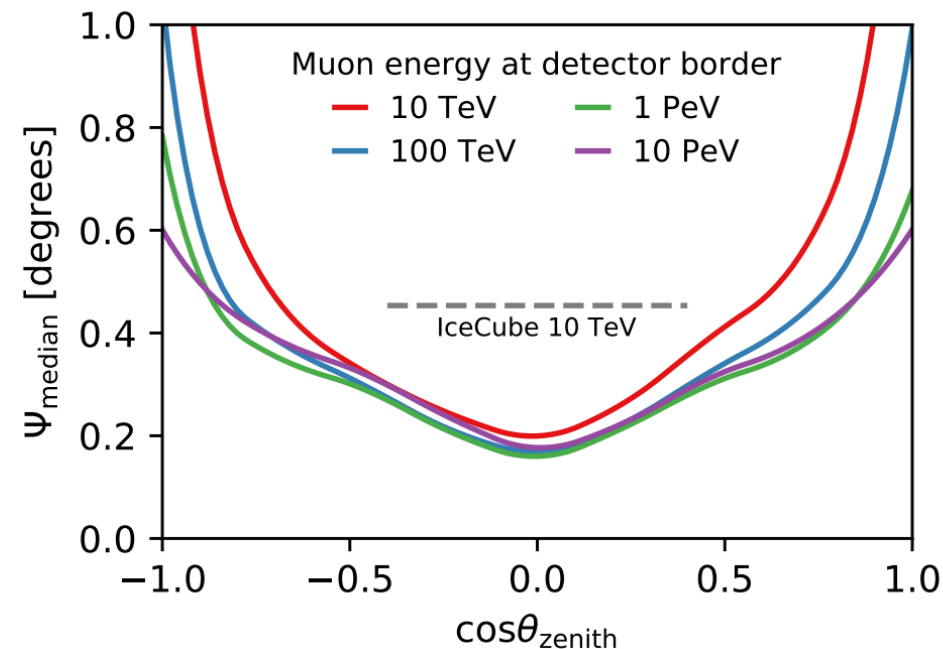
- Under investigation: Air Cherenkov Telescope (IceAct) vs scintillator panels
- Prototypes of both systems deployed and operating at the South Pole



# High Energy Array

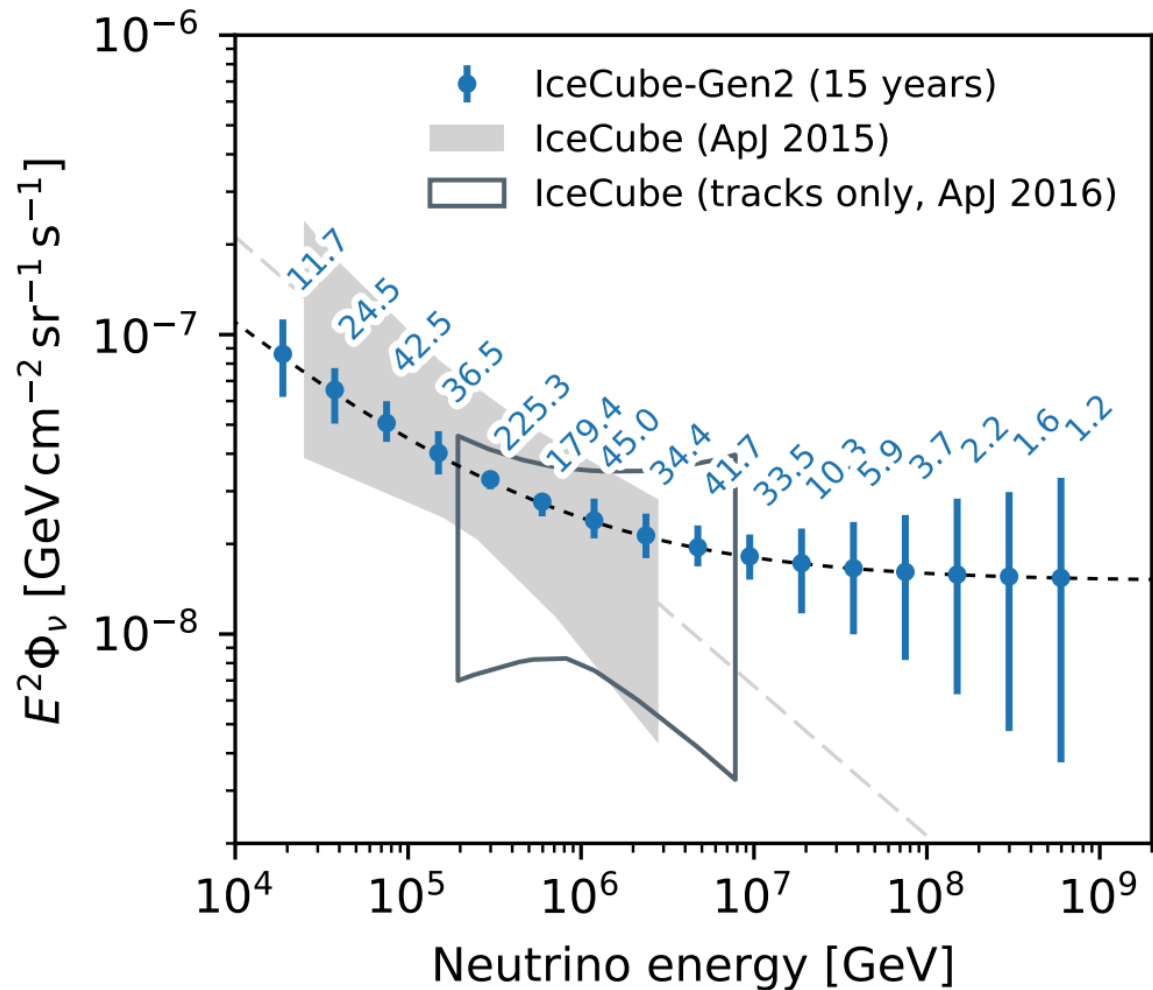
## Projected sensitivity

- Improved angular resolution
- Better point sensitivity, here shown for 15 y IC86 + 15 y IC-Gen2
  - Discovery potential  $\sim 2.5x$  better than sensitivity
- Surface veto (assumed  $75 \text{ km}^2$ ) improves sensitivity (discovery potential) by factor  $\sim 3$



# High Energy Array

Precise measurement of diffuse flux

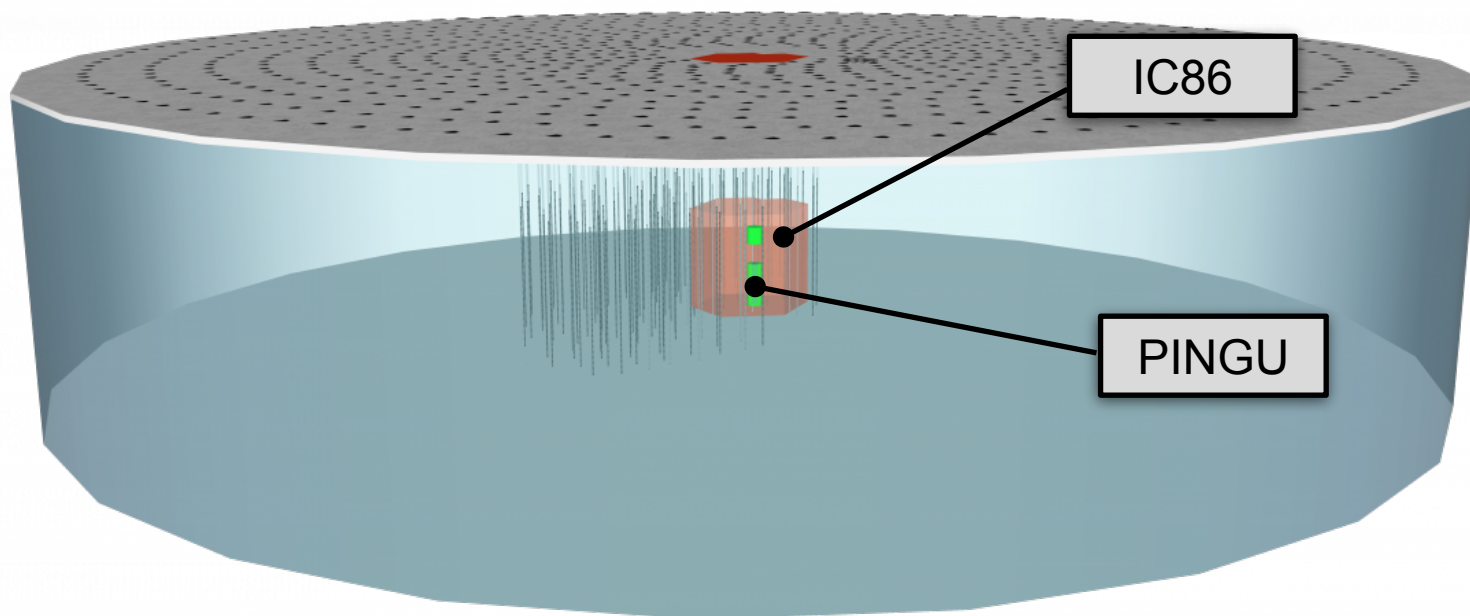
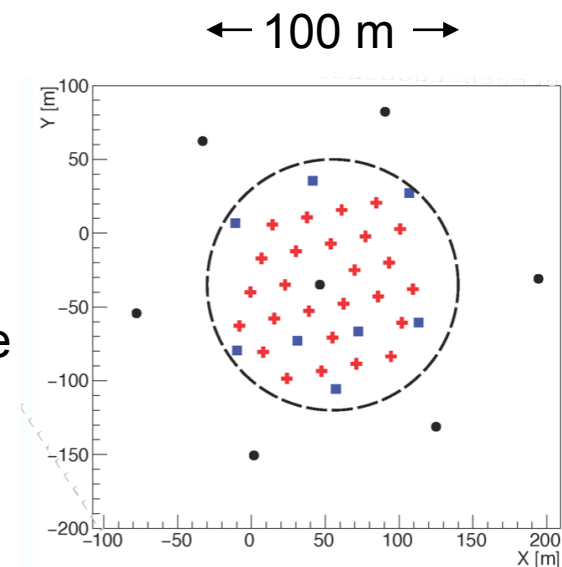


# IceCube-Gen2

## Low energy facility

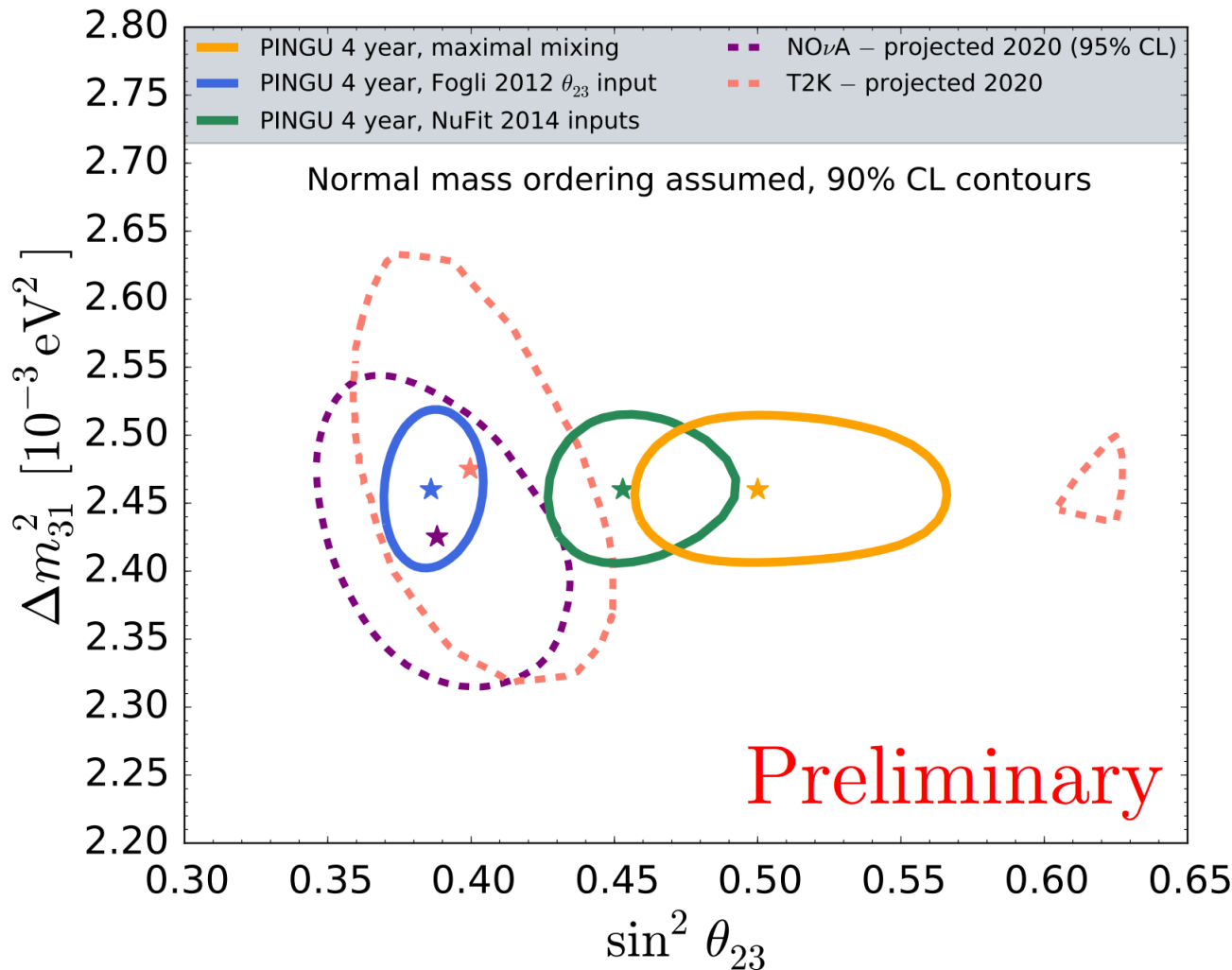
### Precision IceCube Next Generation Upgrade (PINGU)

- 26 strings with  $\sim 20\text{-}30$  m spacing and 125 OMs each
- Profit from surrounding 86-strings of IceCube-DeepCore as cosmic muon veto
- Lower energy threshold to  $\sim 100$  MeV



# Neutrino oscillations

Highest energy probe of atmospheric  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$  mixing



**Expected precision:**

$\Delta m_{32}^2 \sim 1\% (1\sigma)$

$\theta_{23} \sim 4\% (1\sigma)$

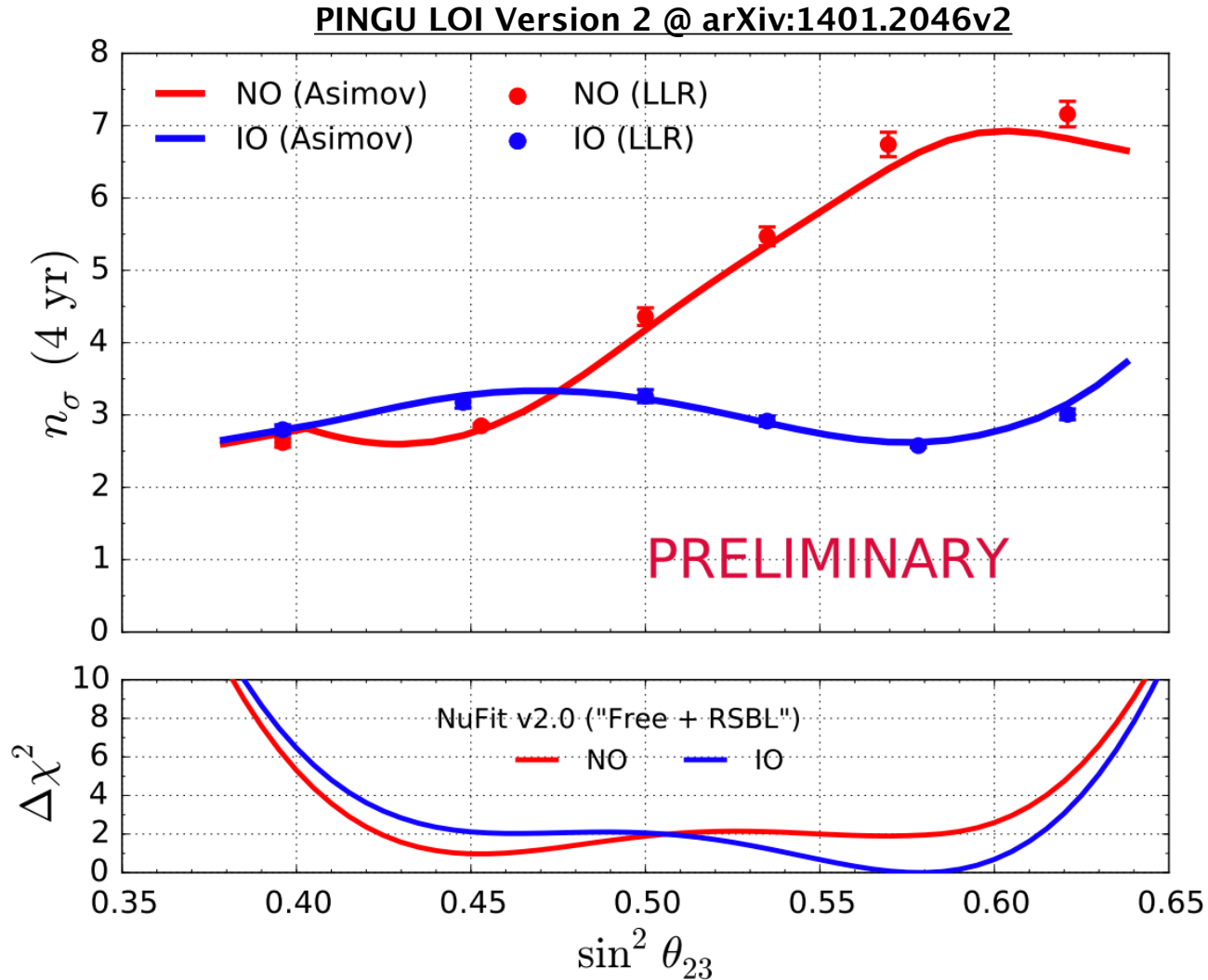
depends on NMO and true  $\theta_{23}$

Preliminary



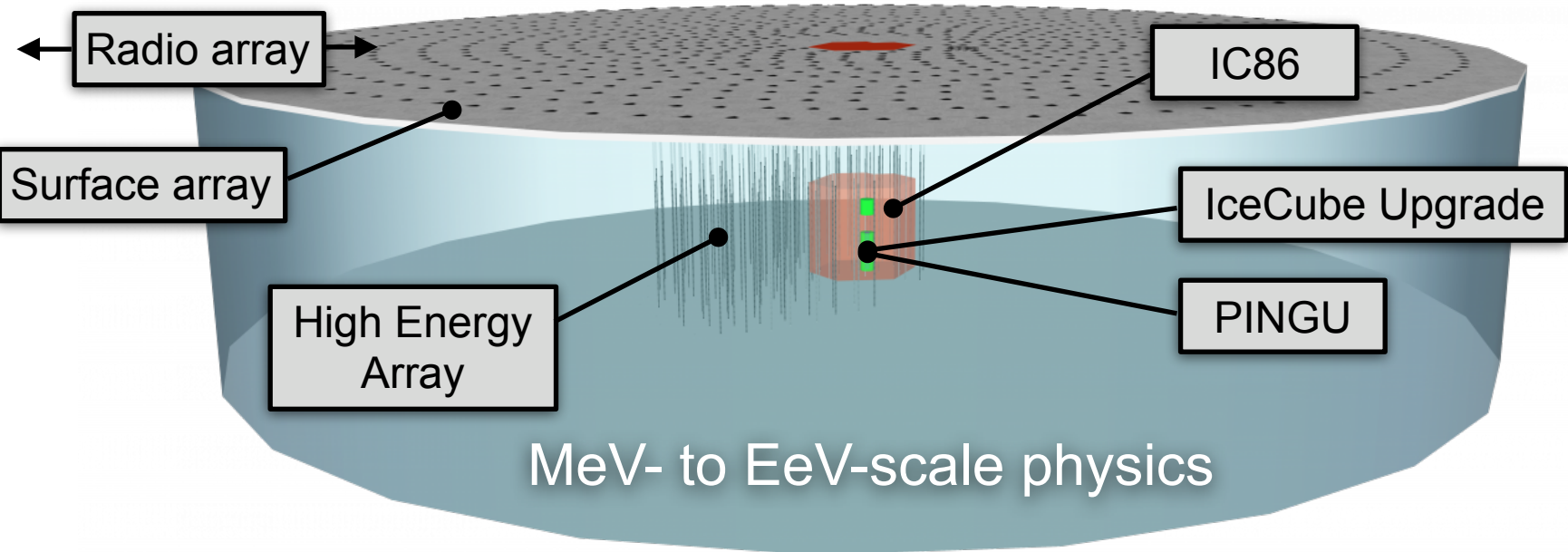
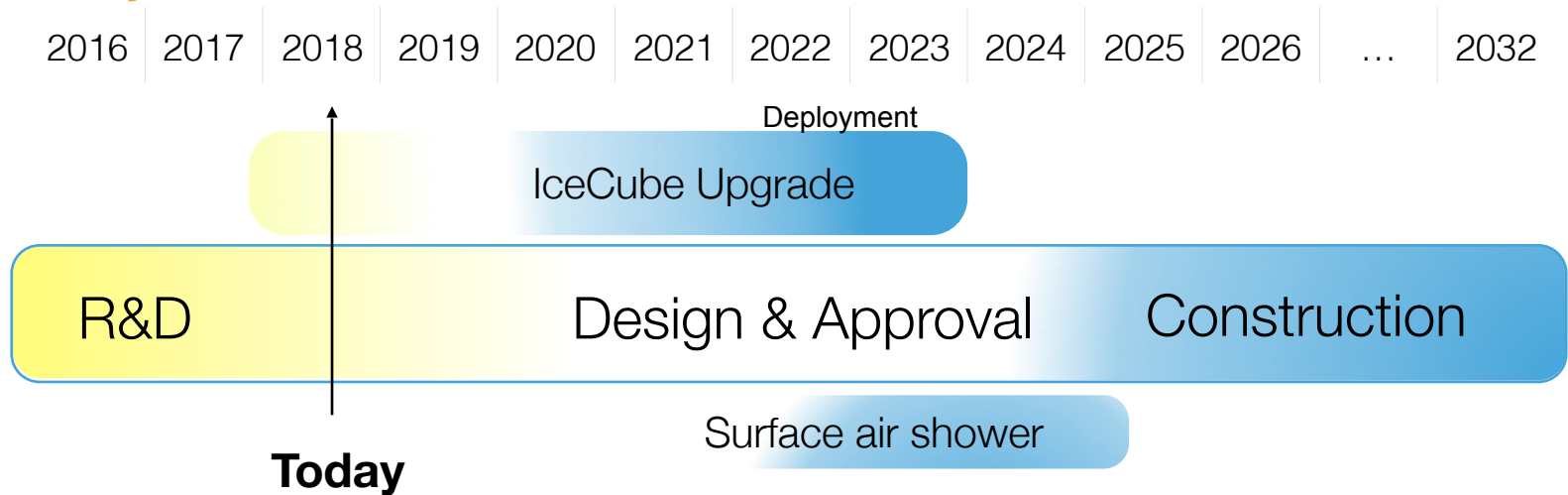
# Neutrino oscillations

## Neutrino Mass Ordering



# The IceCube-Gen2 Facility

## Preliminary timeline



# Summary



## Short term: IceCube 7-string Upgrade

- Deploy new optical sensors for testing
- Re-calibration of existing array for improved measurements at all energy scales
- Precision measurements of atmospheric neutrino oscillations

## Longer term: IceCube Gen2 facility

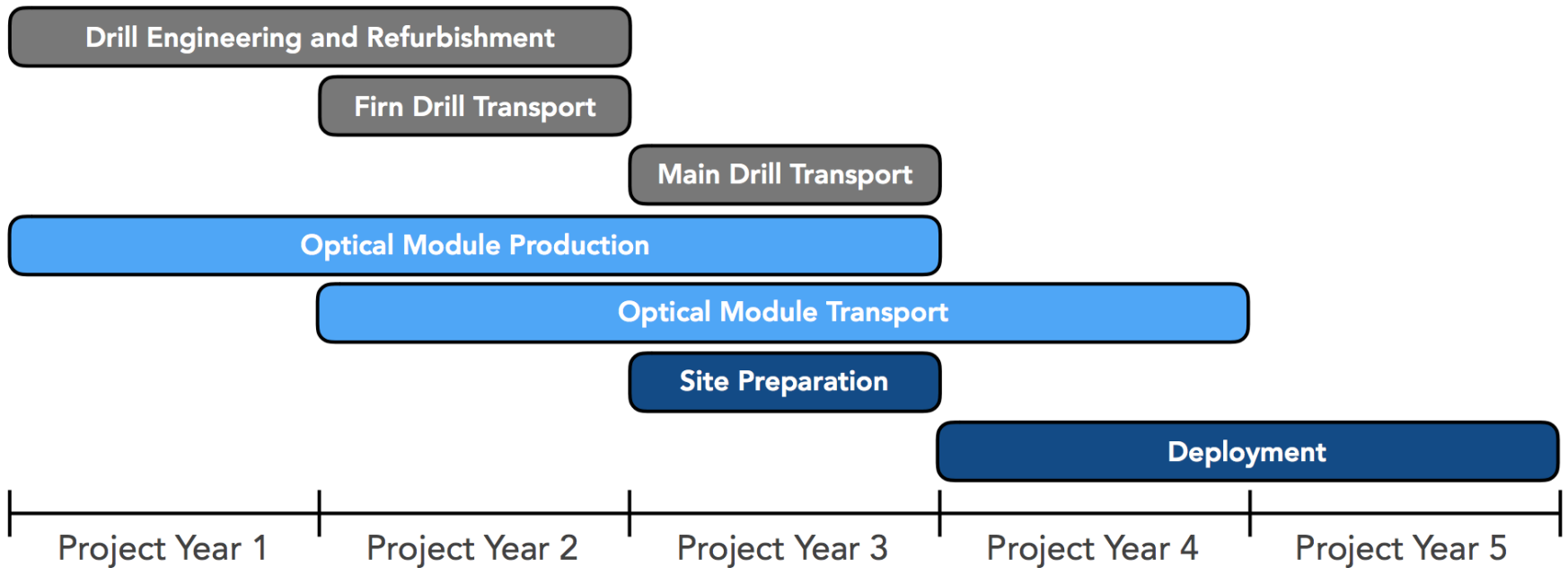
- High energy array:
  - ~ 3.5x improved sensitivity to point sources
  - ~ 2x more PeV neutrinos compared to IceCube rate
- PINGU:
  - Precision measurements of oscillations, including NMO and tests of unitarity
  - Complementary L/E to future accelerator projects
- Both high and low energies sensitive to many BSM processes (e.g. sterile neutrinos, dark matter (WIMPs), magnetic monopoles... )



**Thank you for your attention!**

# Backup

# Timeline in project years



# Atmospheric neutrino physics

## Neutrino oscillations

$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum U_{\alpha k}^* |\nu_k\rangle$$

↑  
Flavour states

↑  
Mass states  
(not equal)

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & e^{-i\delta} s_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -e^{i\delta} s_{13} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Atmospheric  
Accelerator

Reactor  
Accelerator

Solar  
Reactor

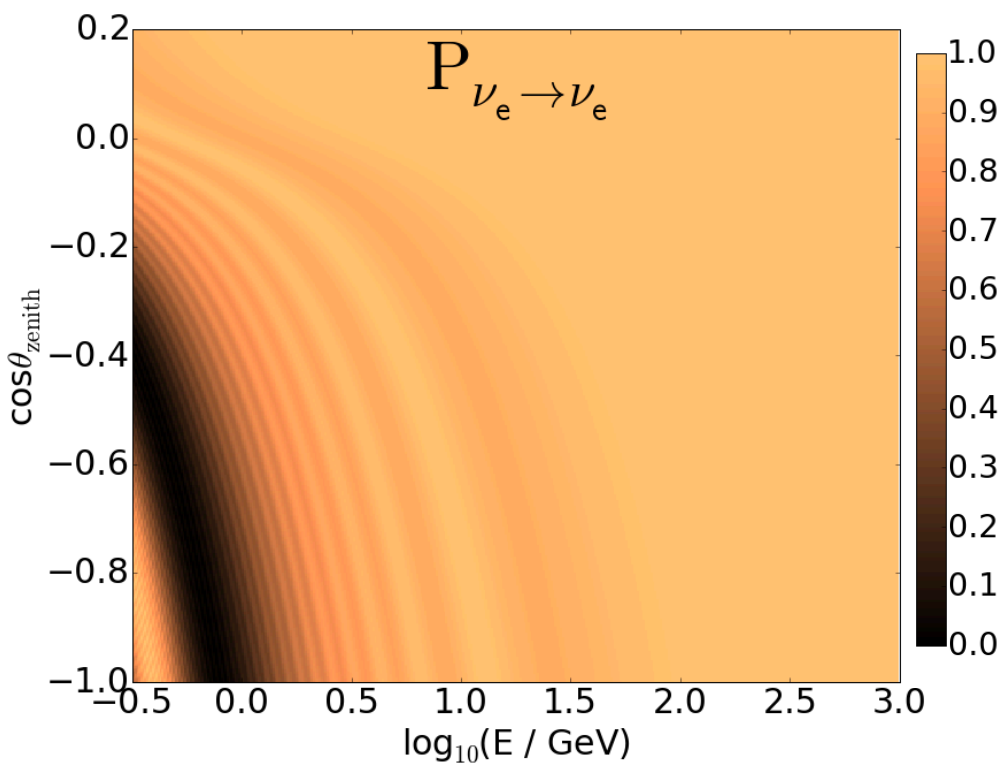
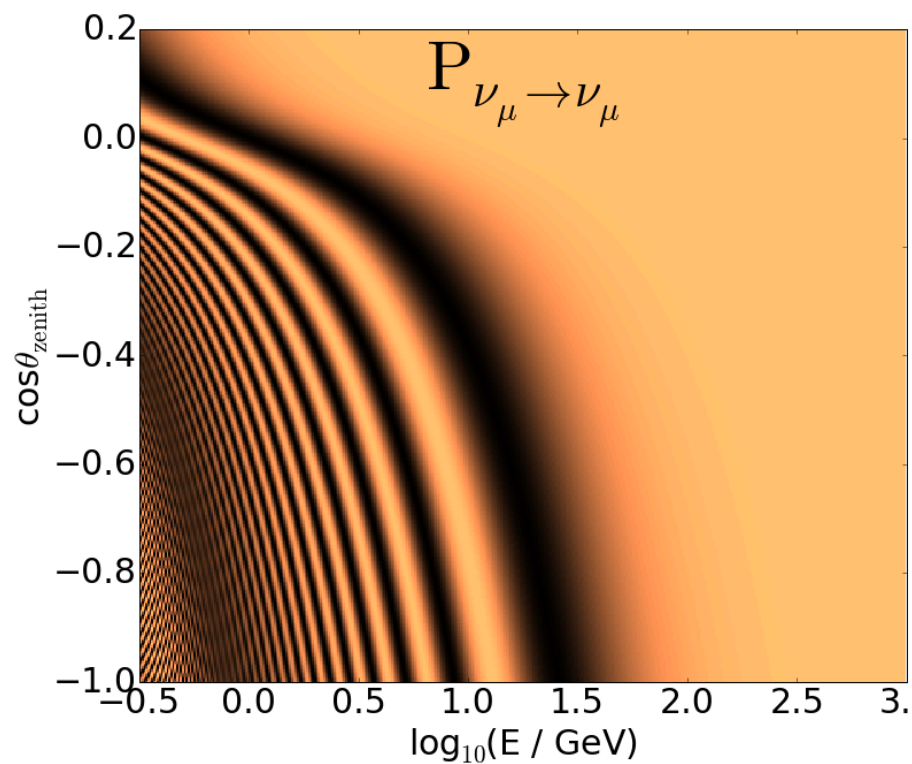
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# Neutrino oscillations

## Vacuum oscillations

\*Normal mass ordering assumed



$$\theta_{23} = \pi/2$$

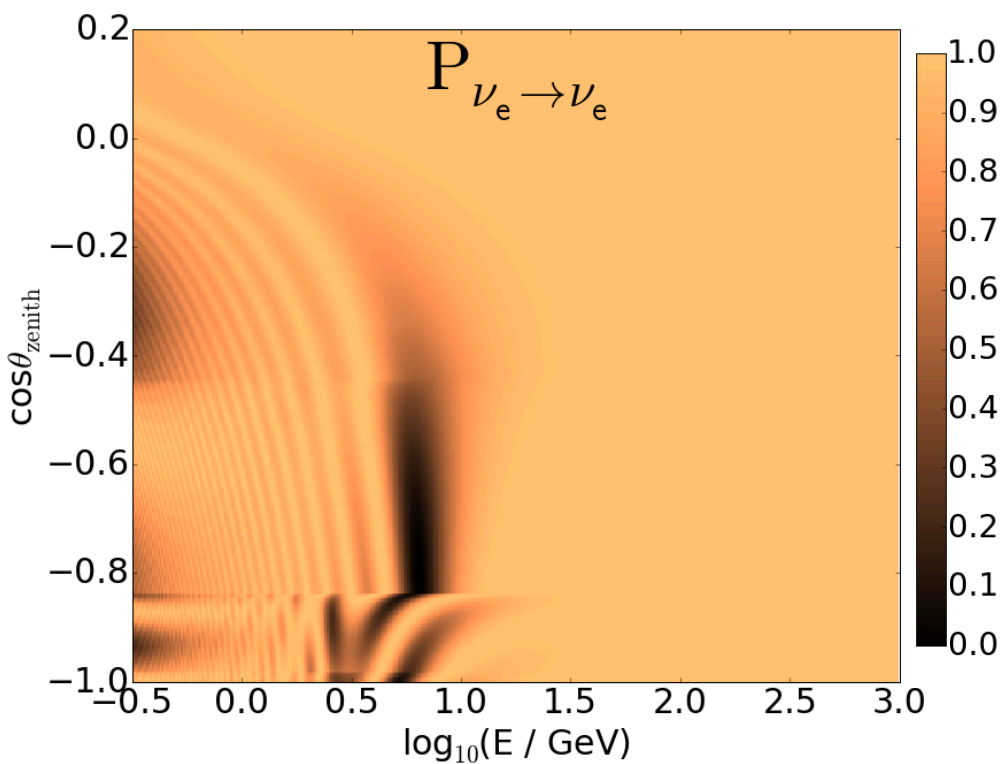
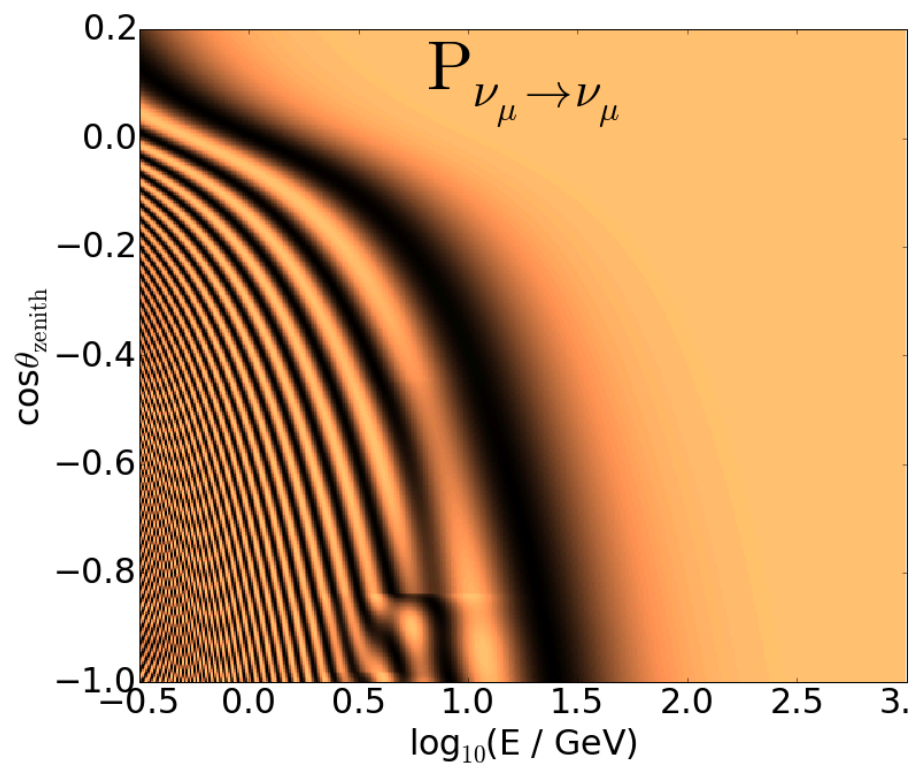
$$\Delta m_{32}^2 = 2.51 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$



# Neutrino oscillations

Including matter effects

\*Normal mass ordering assumed



$$\theta_{23} = \pi/2$$

$$\Delta m^2_{32} = 2.51 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\hat{H}_F = \frac{1}{2E_\nu} \mathbf{U} \hat{M}^2 \mathbf{U}^\dagger + \hat{V}_{int}$$

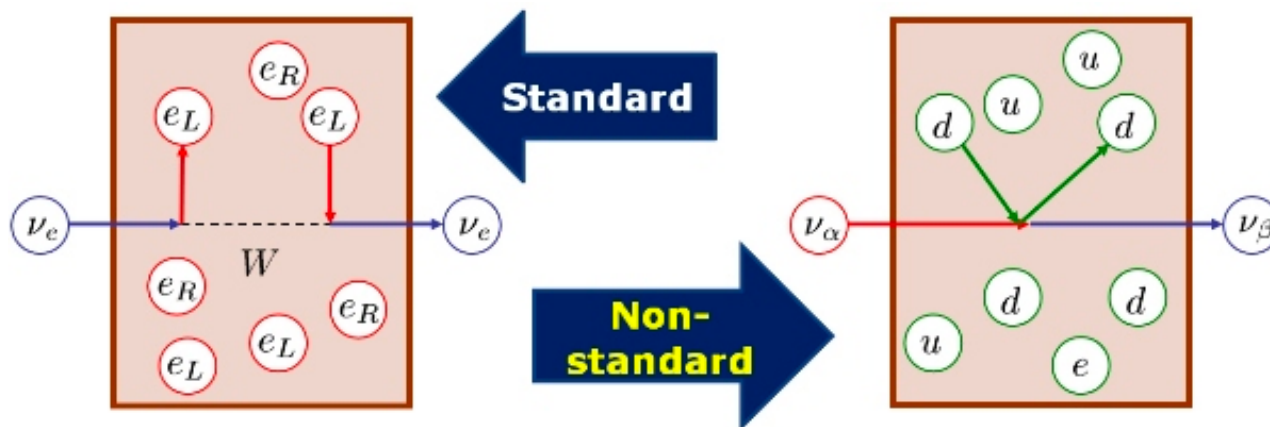
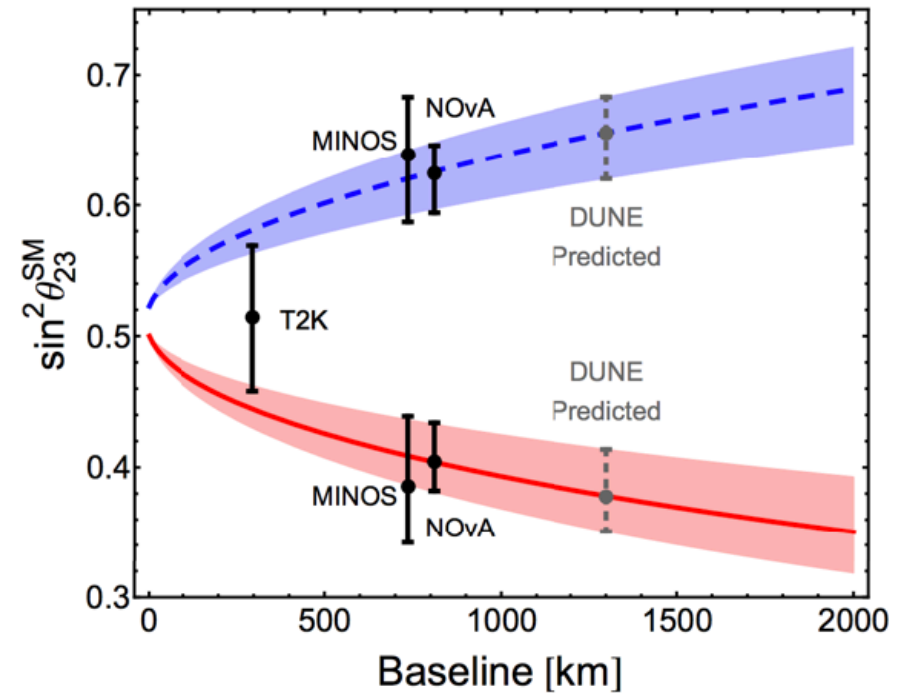
# A probe for new physics

PRL 118, 221801 (2017)

The matter matters!

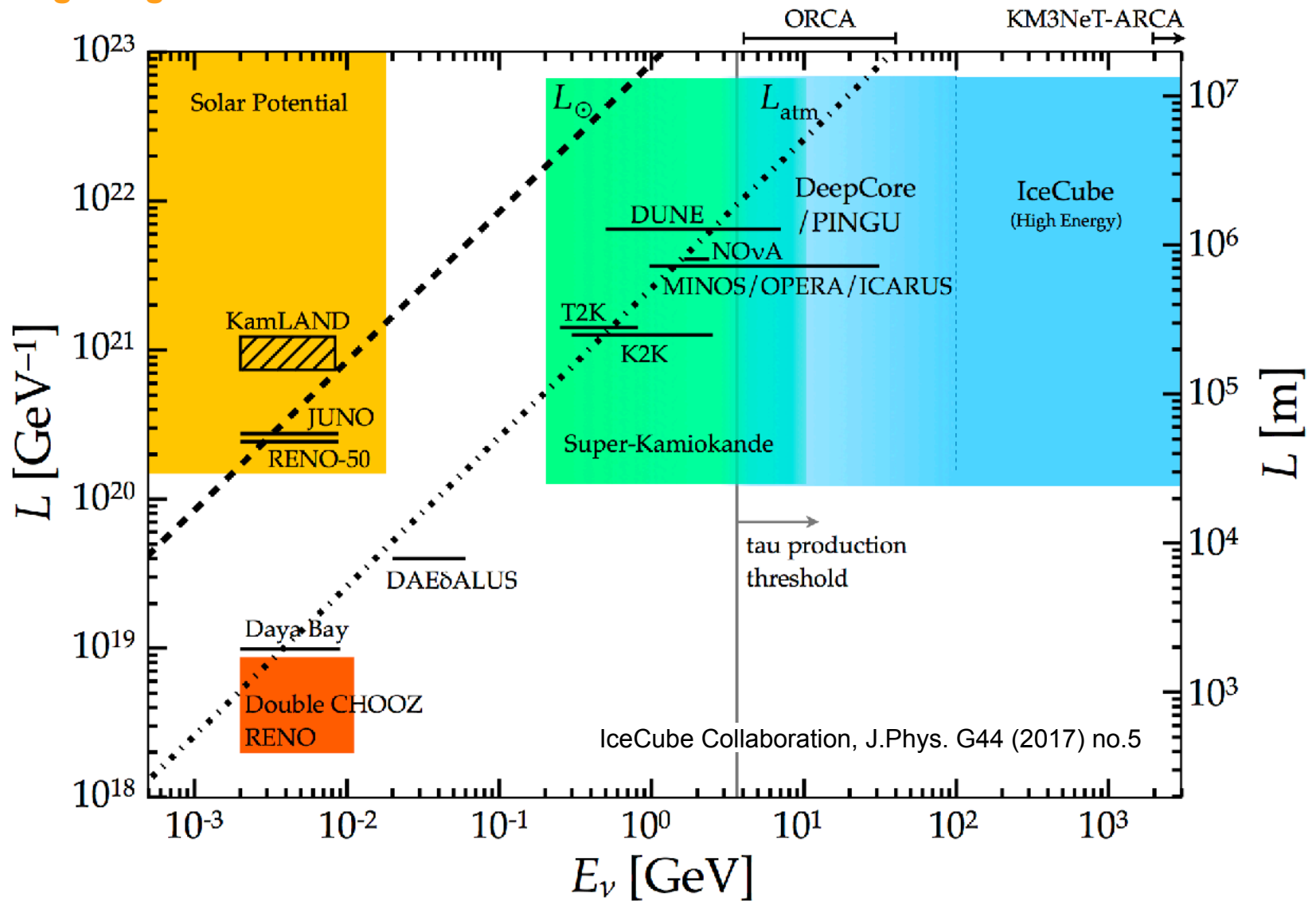
## New Physics

- Unitarity of PMNS matrix
- Non-standard interactions
  - Flavour changing
  - Cross-section enhancement
- Environmental decoherence



# The global picture

## Putting things in context



# Neutrino oscillations

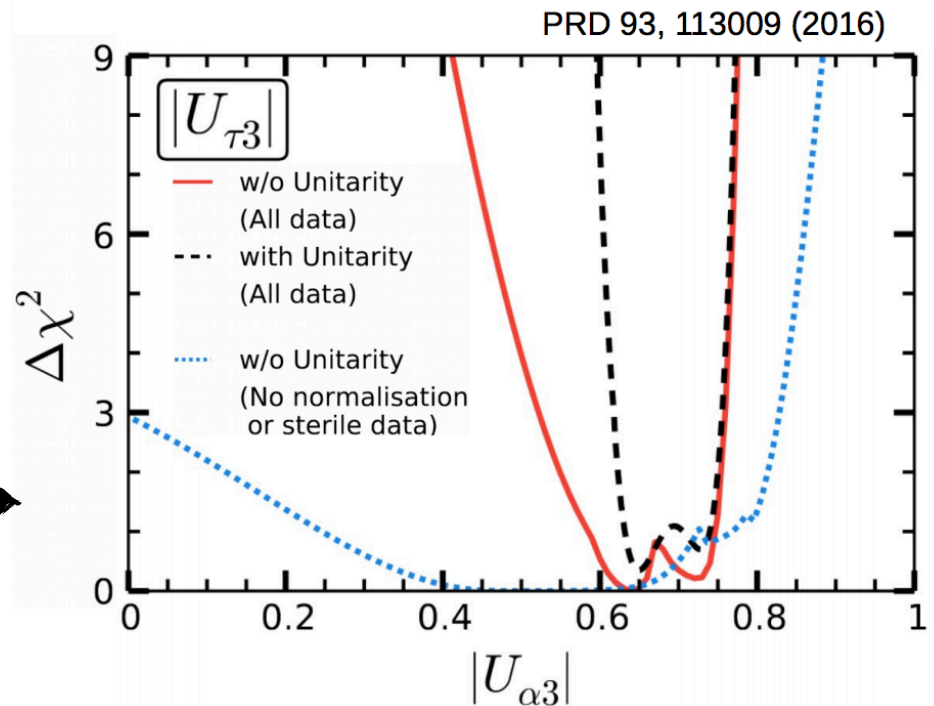
## Testing unitarity

Standard mixing

$$U_{\text{PMNS}}^{\text{Extended}} = \begin{pmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix}}_{U_{\text{PMNS}}^{3 \times 3}} & \cdots & U_{en} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ U_{s_n1} & U_{s_n2} & U_{s_n3} & \cdots & U_{s_n n} \end{pmatrix}$$

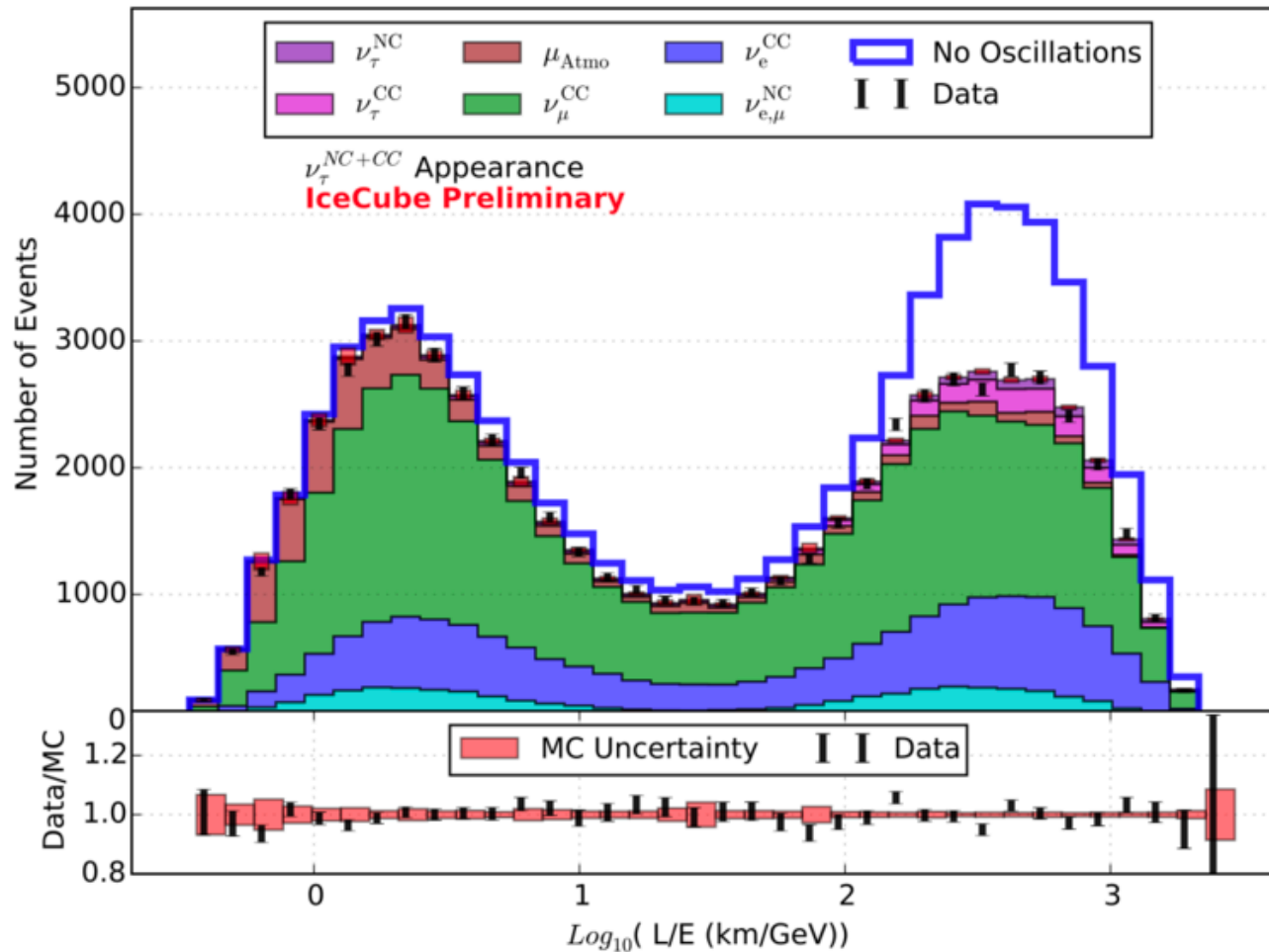
New physics

NuTau normalisation as model-independent way to test 3x3 unitarity



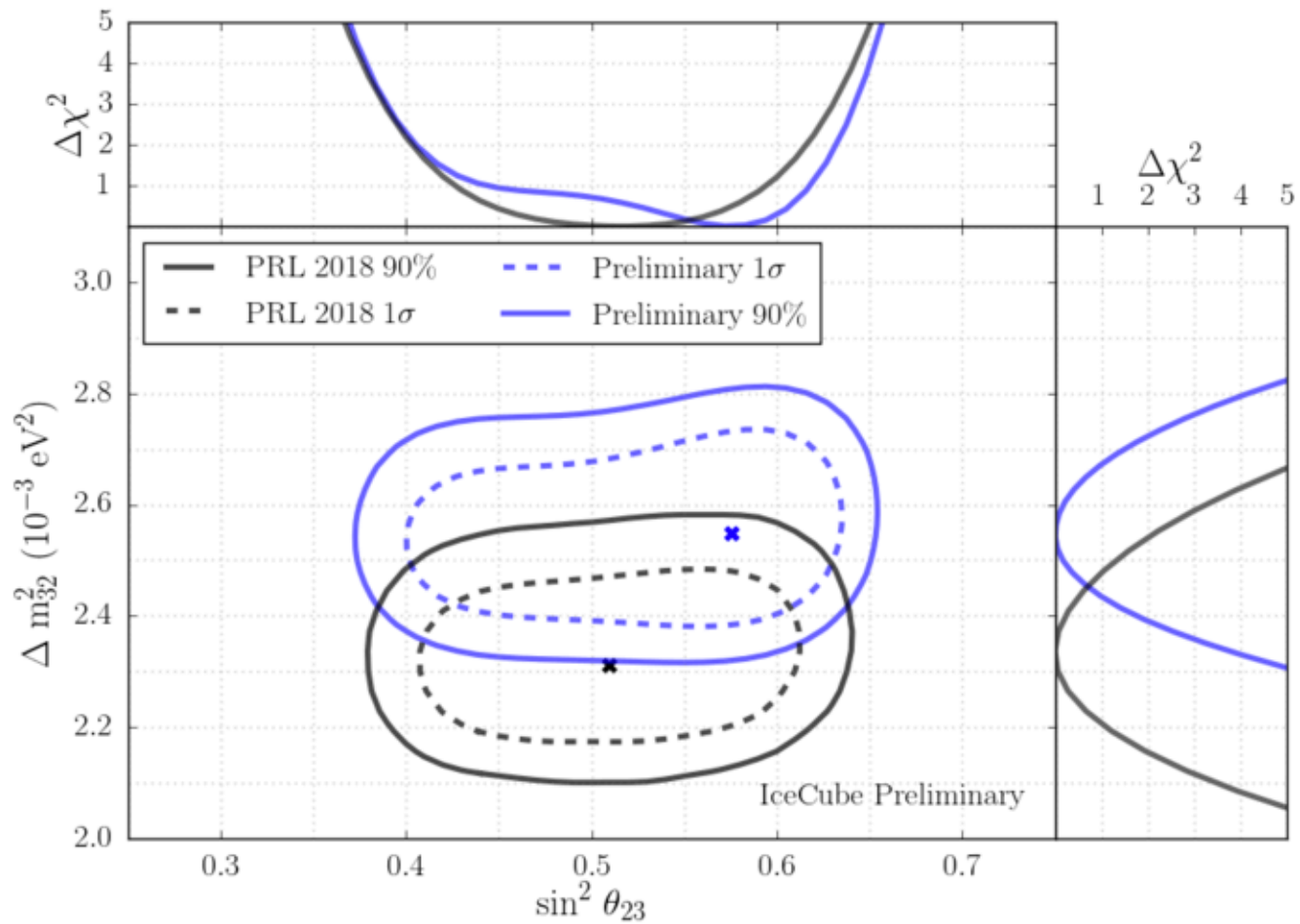
# Neutrino oscillations

## DeepCore NuMu Disappearance



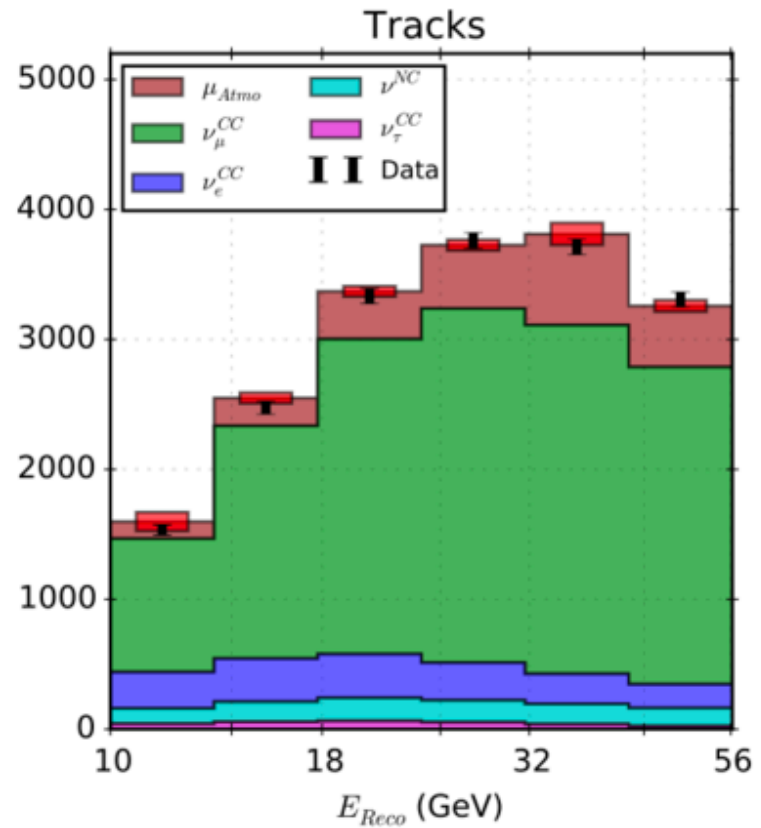
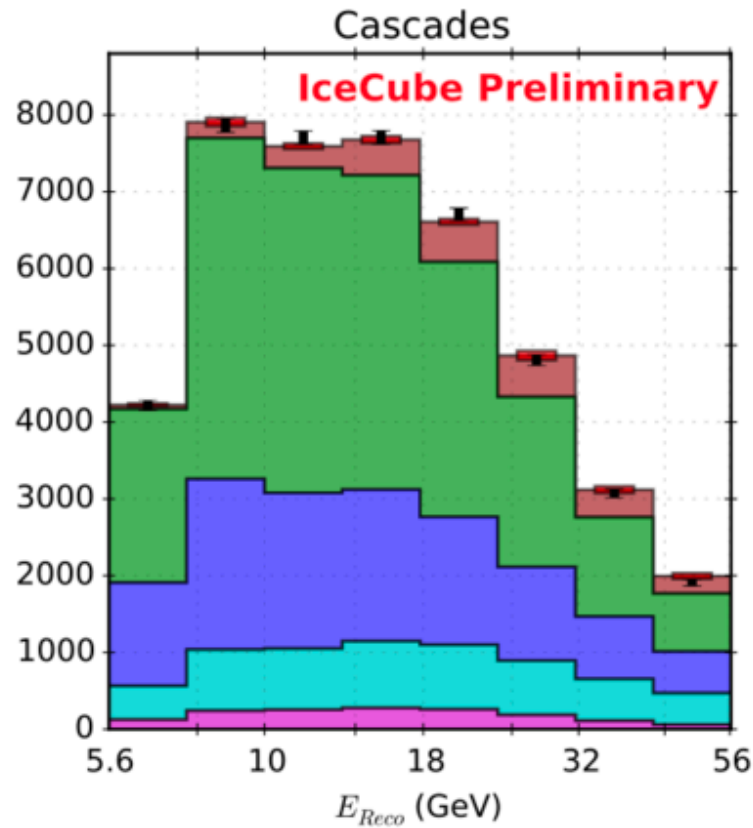
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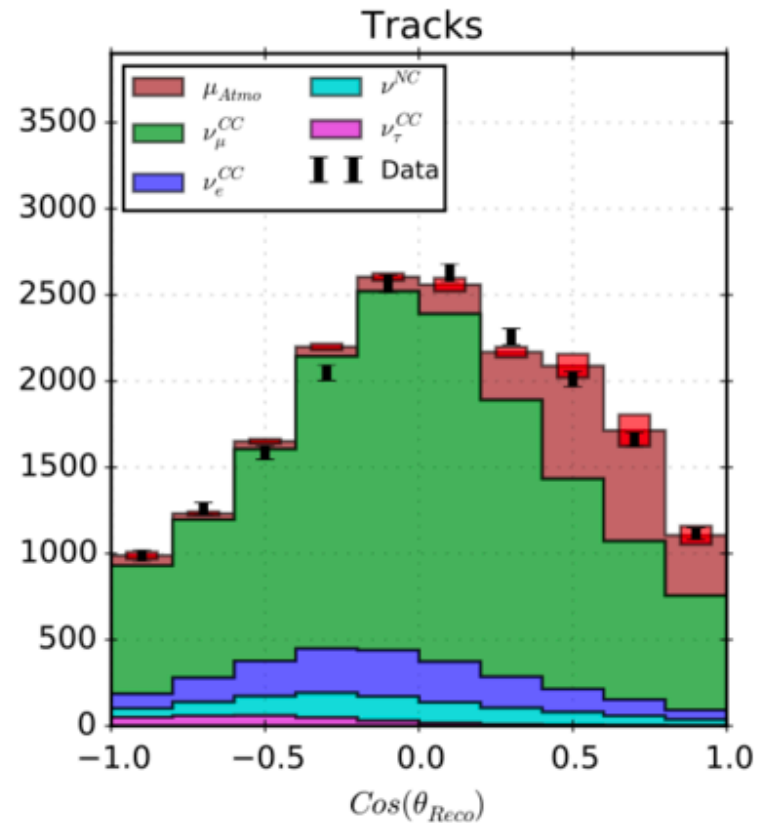
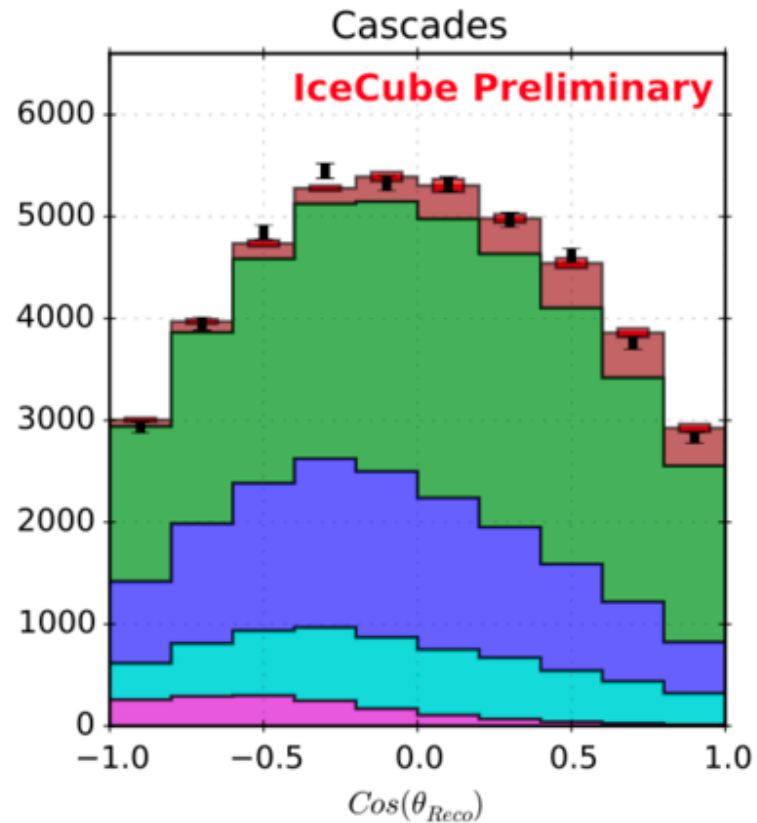
# Neutrino oscillations

## NuTau Appearance - energy signature



# Neutrino oscillations

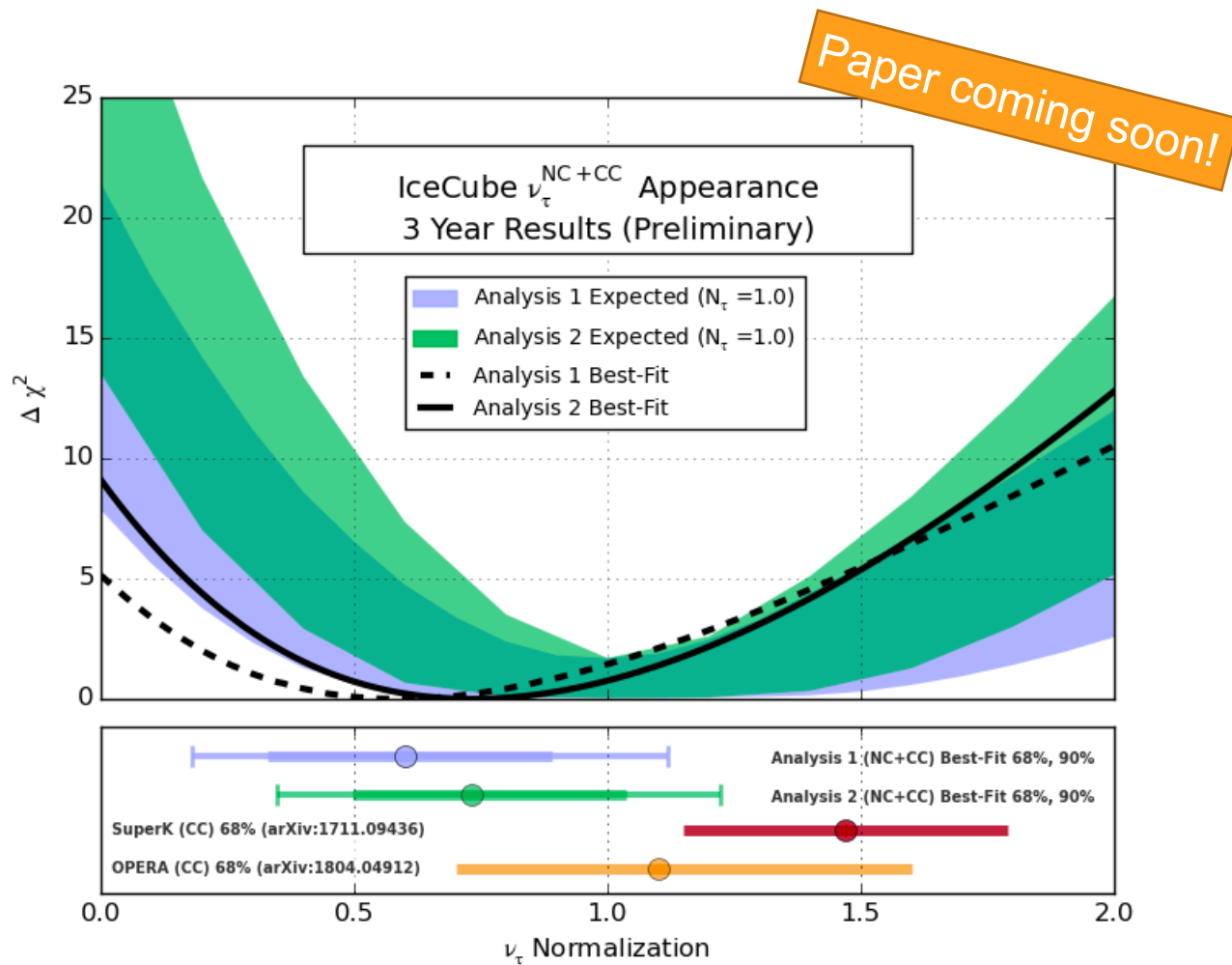
## NuTau Appearance - zenith signature





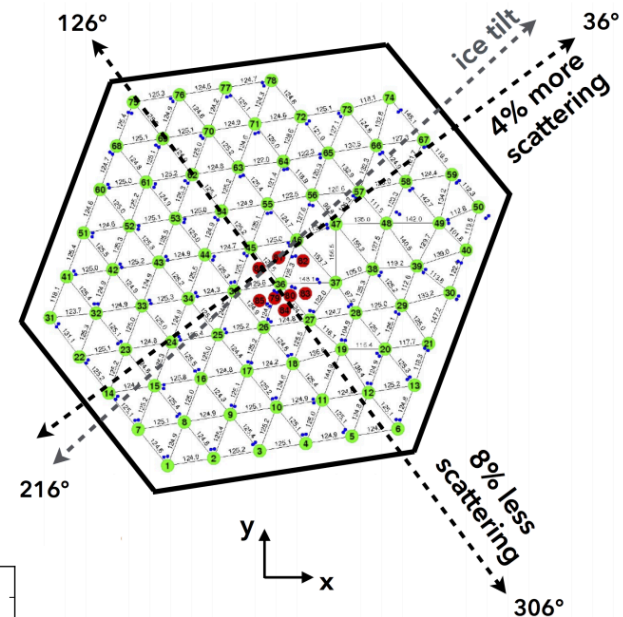
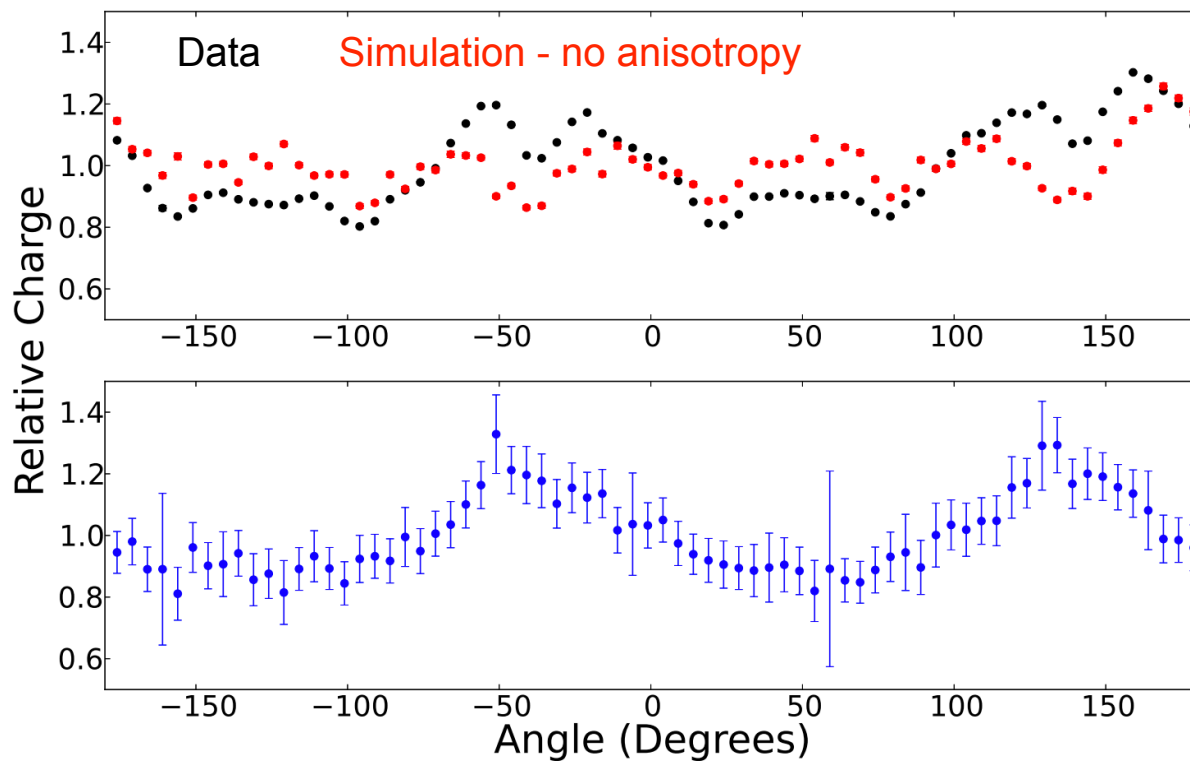
# Neutrino oscillations

## DeepCore NuTau Appearance



# Ice anisotropy

South Pole ice anisotropy: Proceedings of ICRC2013 0580, 2014



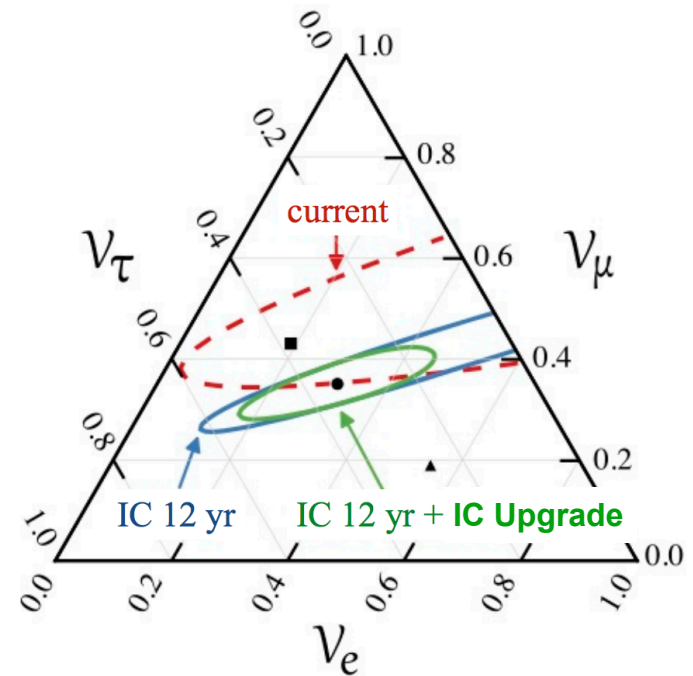
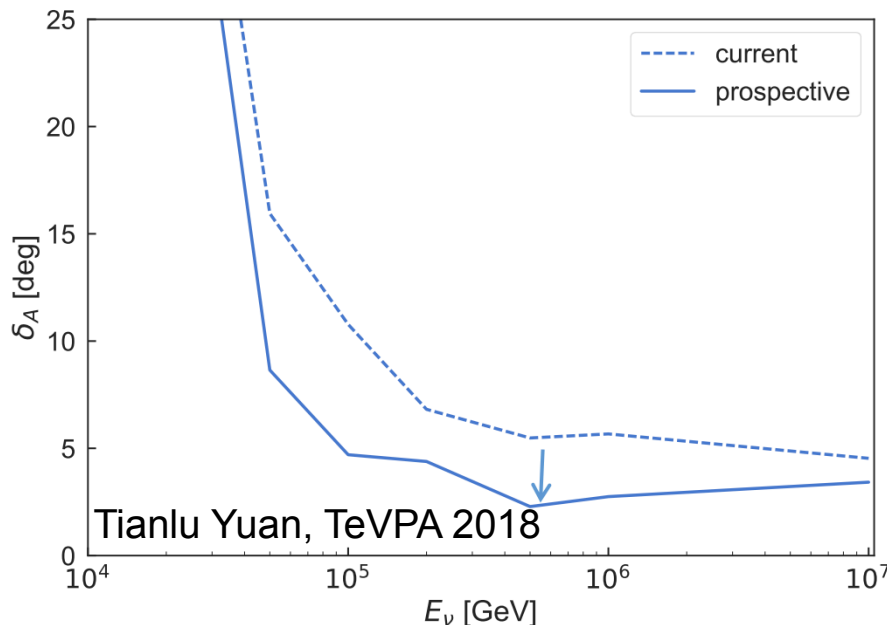
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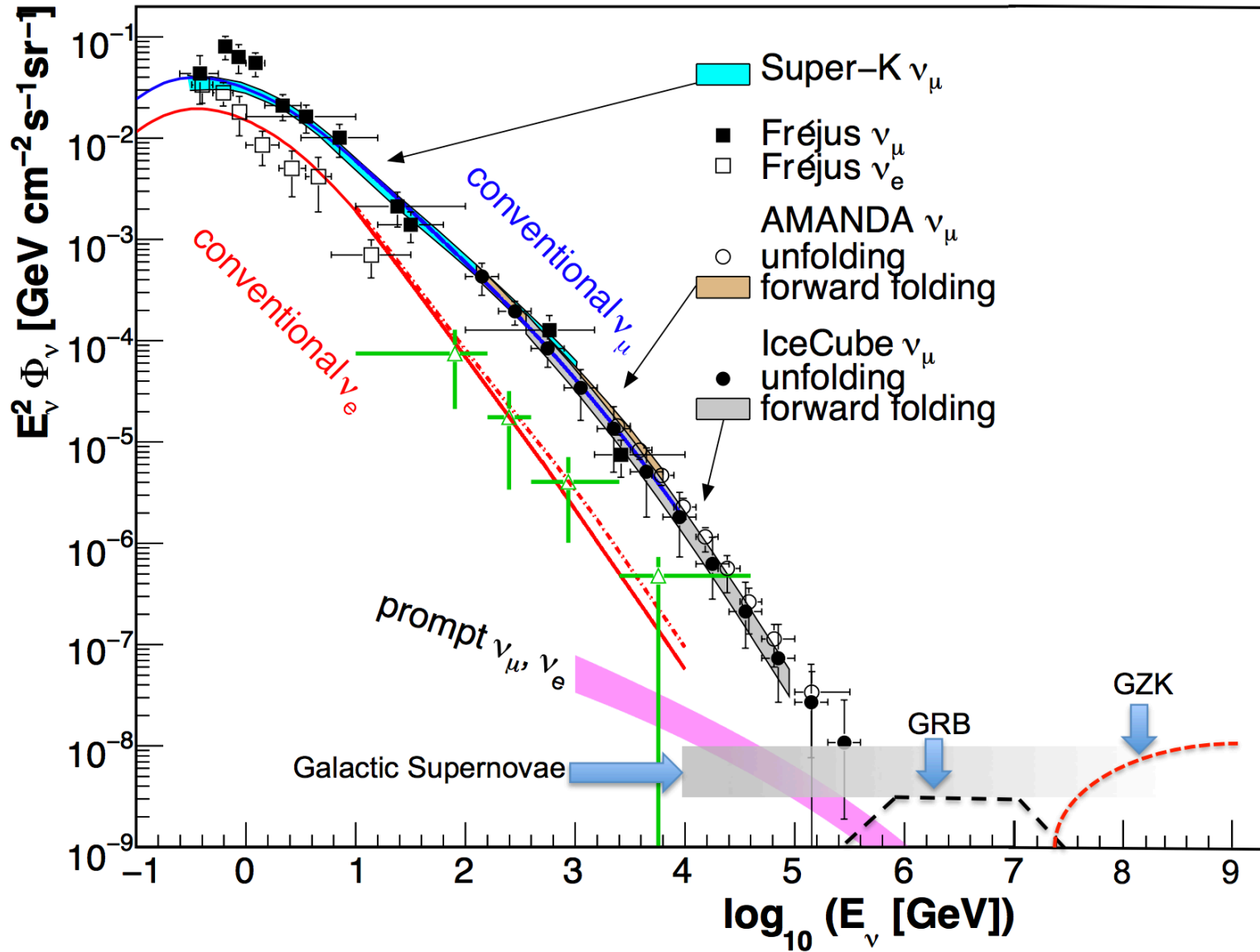
## Improved reconstruction of high energy interactions

### Improved cascade angular resolution

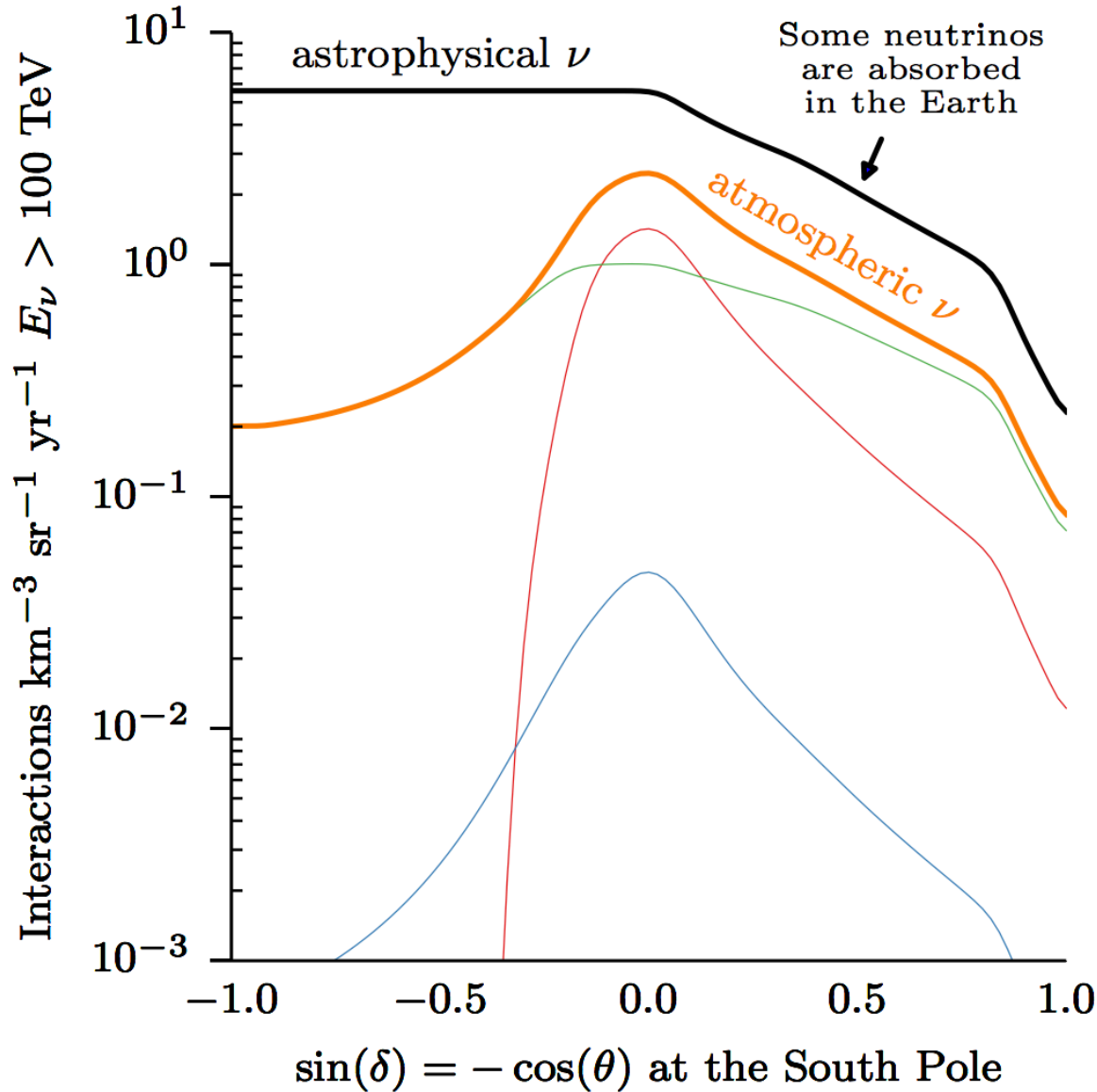
### Improved identification of astrophysical $\nu_\tau$

- Use POCAMs to mimic double-bang with 20m spacing
- Reduced uncertainty on ice anisotropy





# Zenith distribution of astrophysical neutrinos



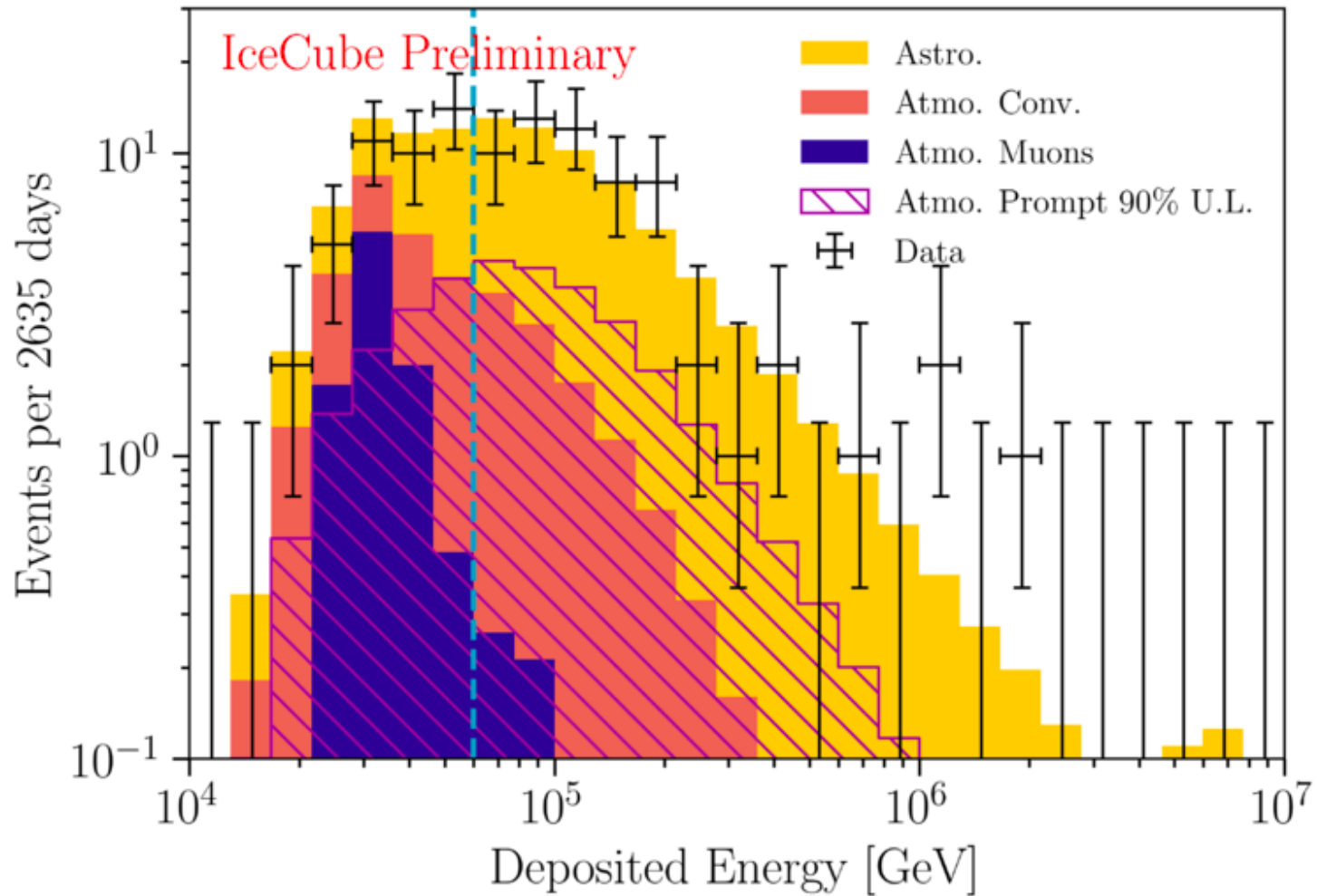
The zenith distributions of high-energy astrophysical and atmospheric neutrinos are fundamentally different.

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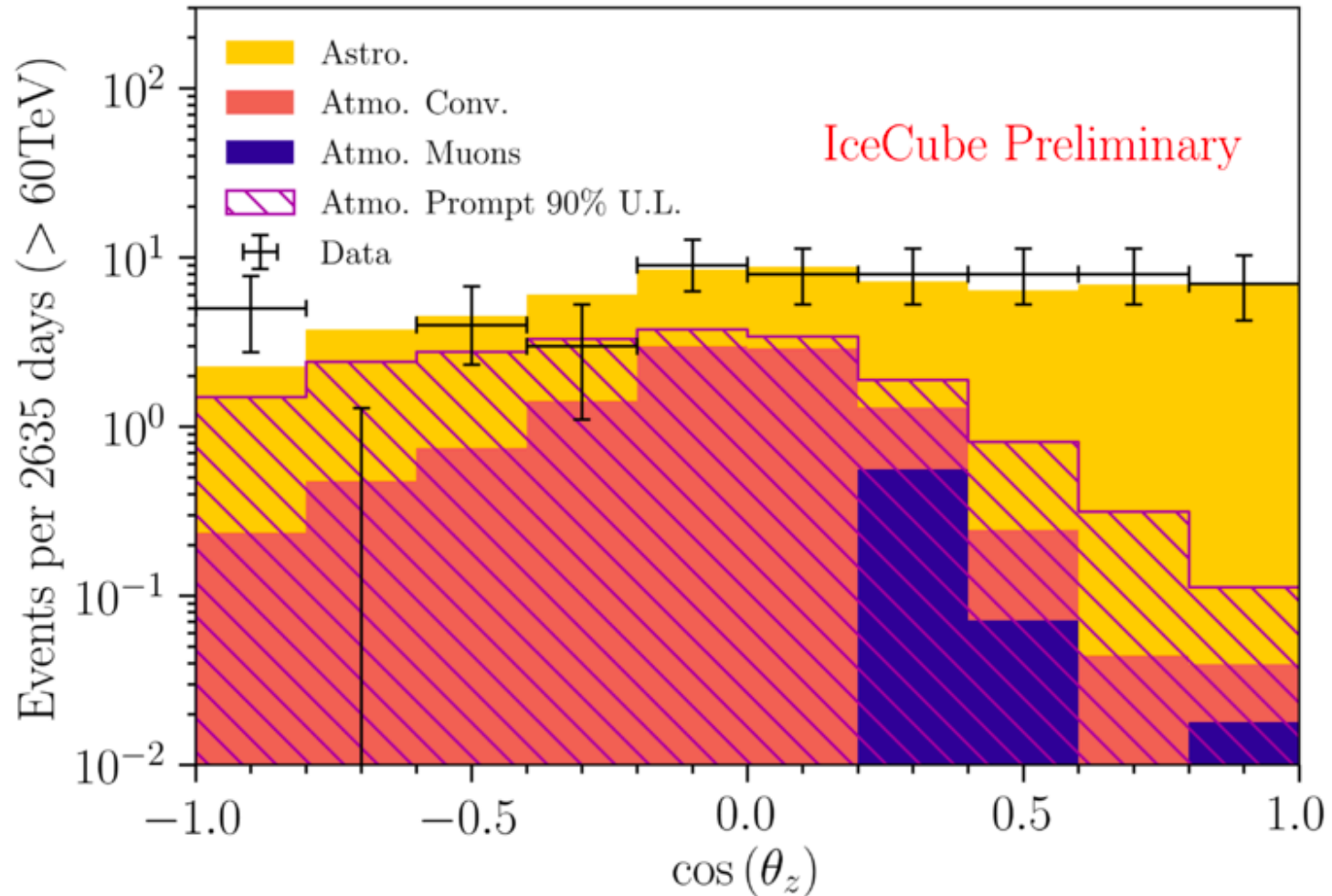
# Astrophysical Neutrinos

HESE 7 yr - Energy



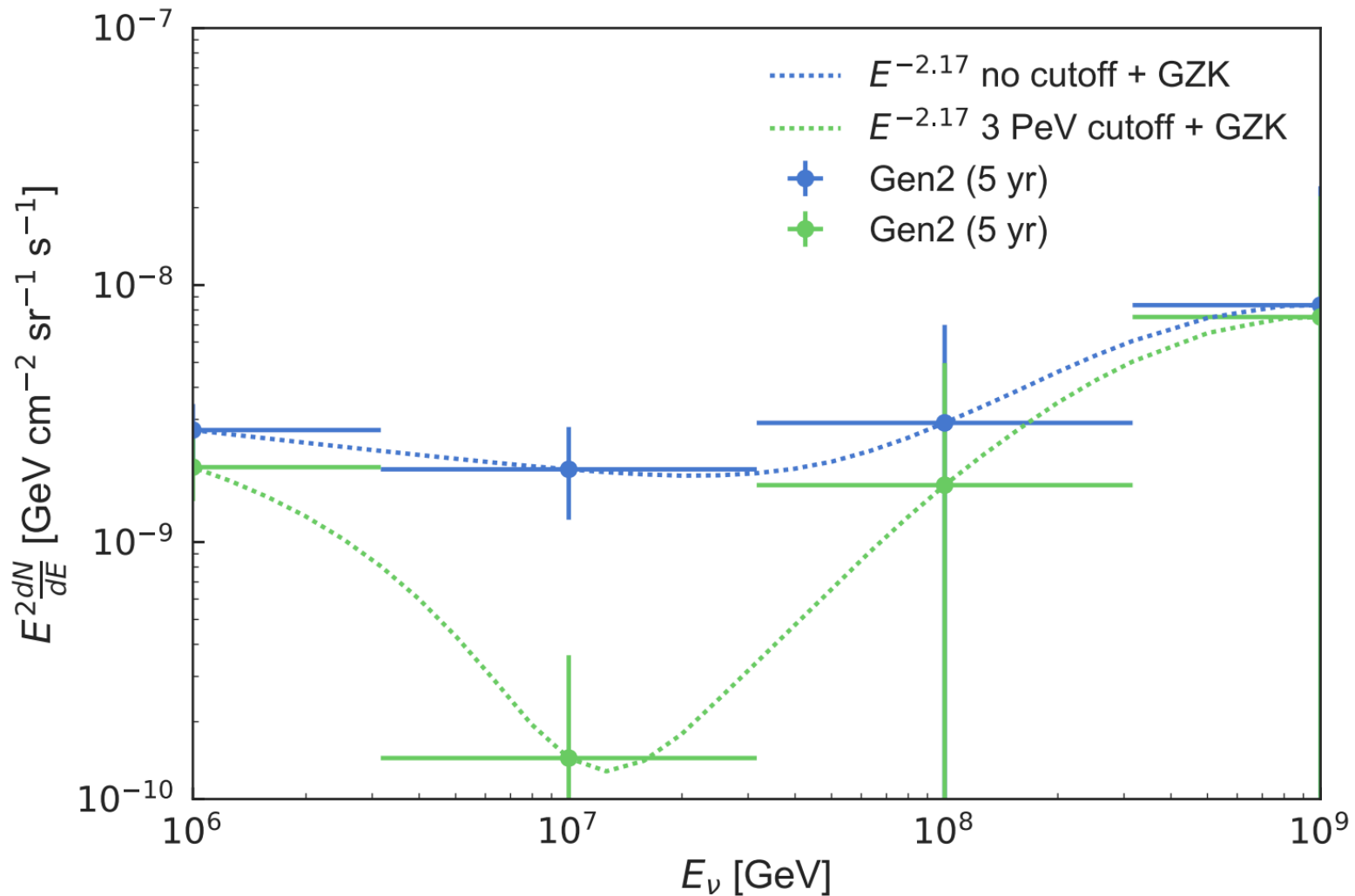
# Astrophysical Neutrinos

HESE 7 yr - Direction



# IceCube Gen2

## PeV cut-off sensitivity





# IceCube Gen2

## PINGU Dark Matter

### Solar WIMPs

