

Neutrino Oscillation Tomography

(and Neutrino Absorption Tomography)

(and Neutrino Parametric-Refraction Tomography)

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Letter of Intent:

The Precision IceCube Next Generation Upgrade (PINGU)

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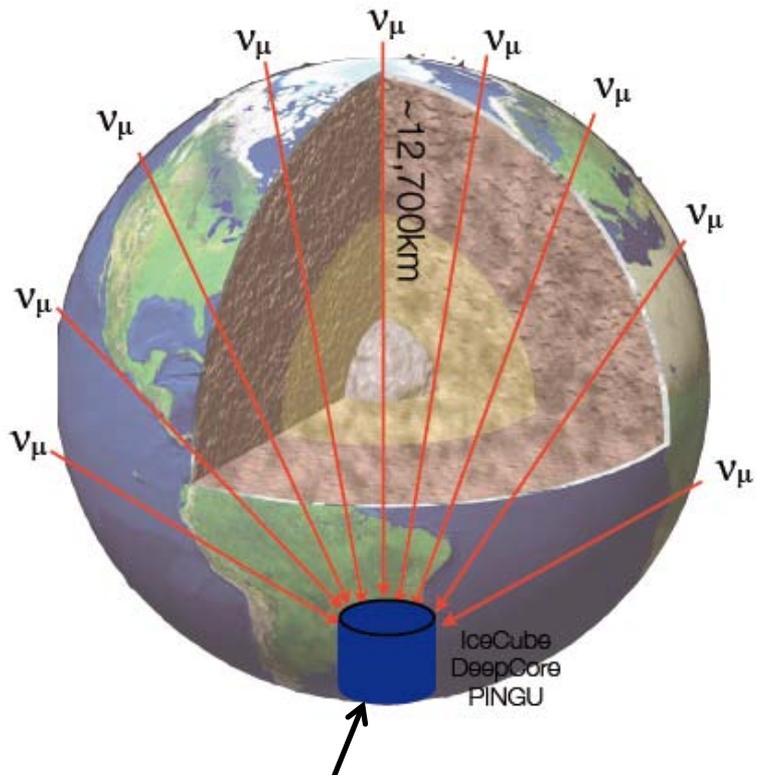
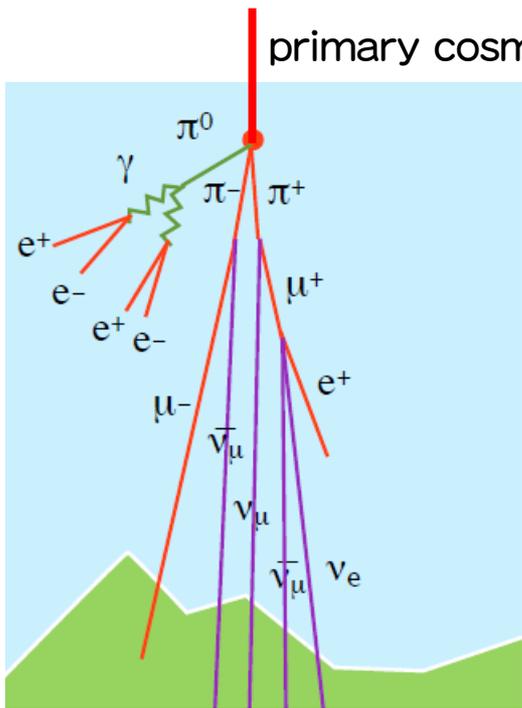
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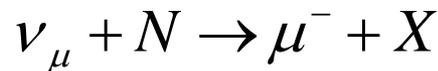
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Atmospheric Neutrinos

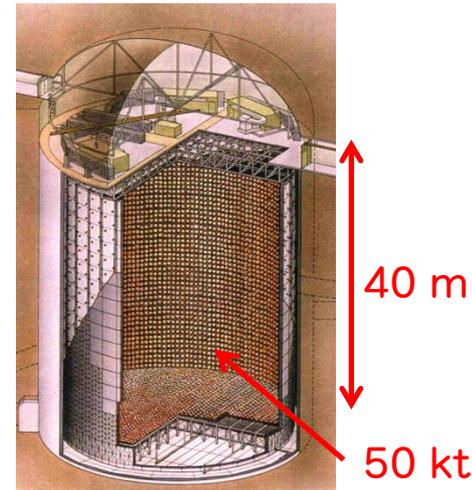
primary cosmic ray (proton)



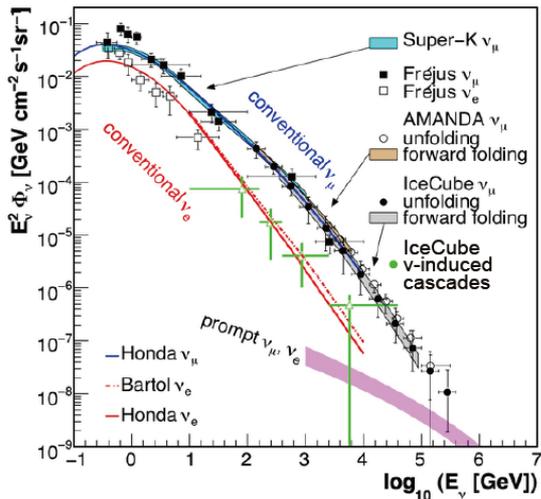
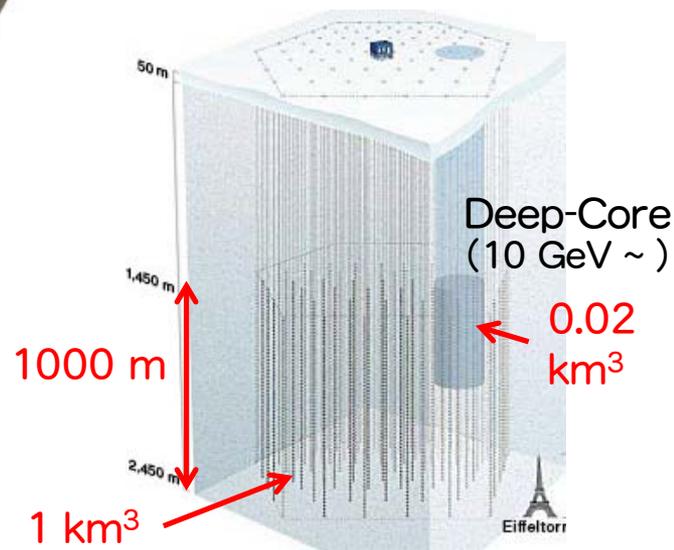
Detection by Charged-Current



Super-Kamiokande in Japan
(10 MeV ~ 100 GeV)



Ice Cube at South Pole
(100 GeV ~)

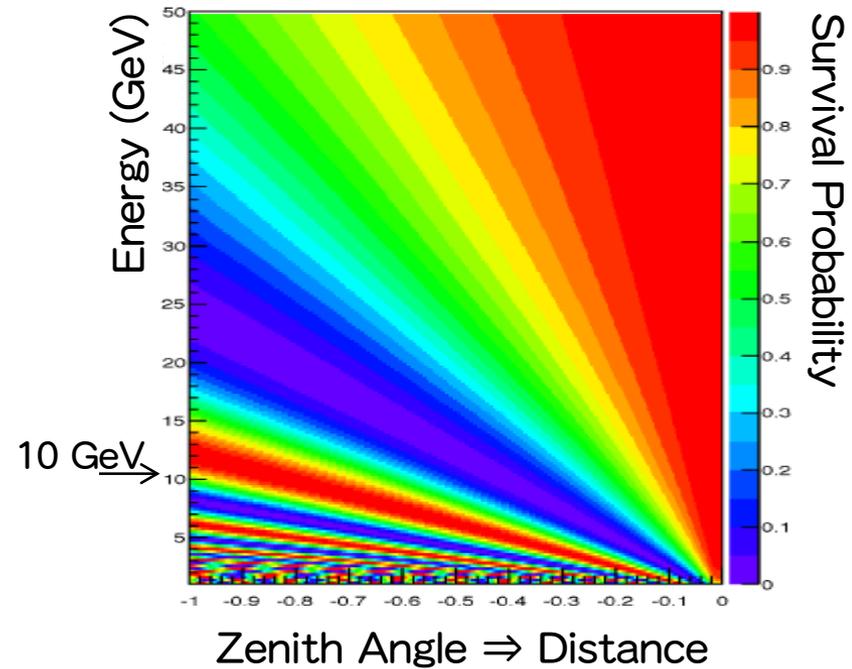
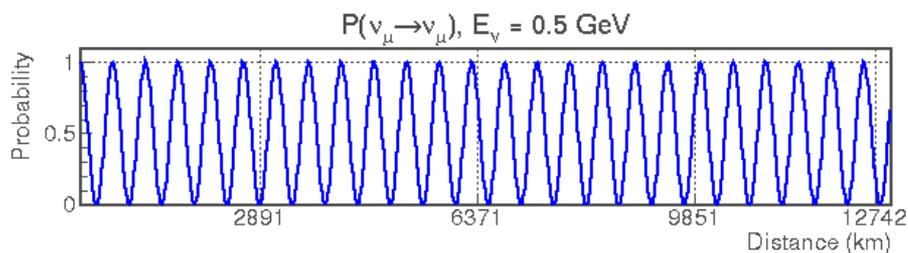
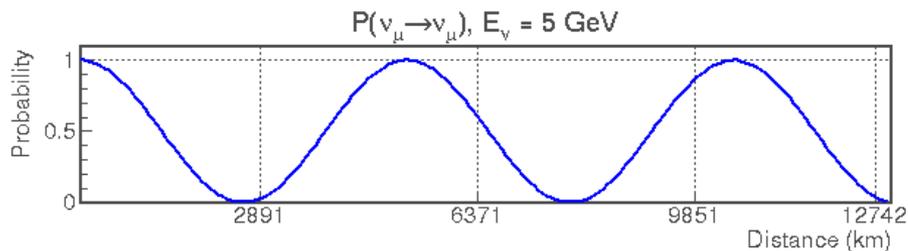
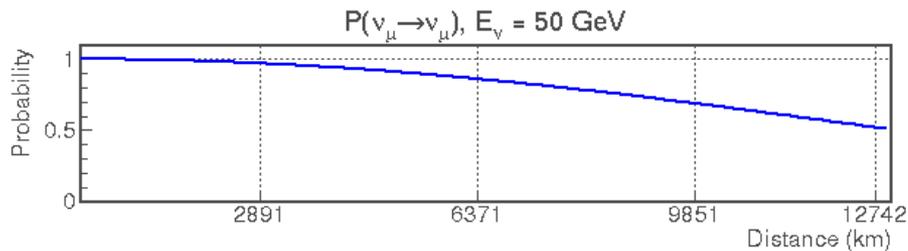
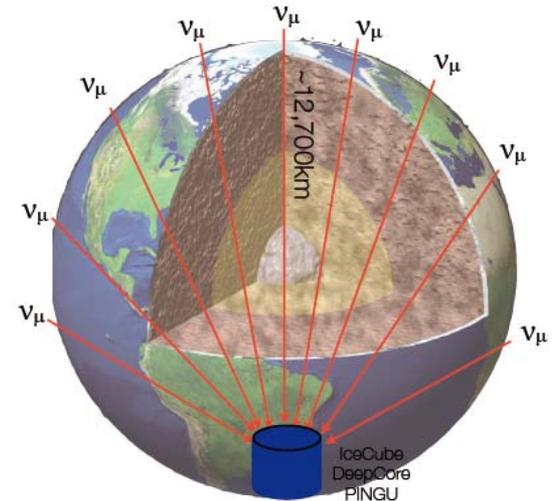
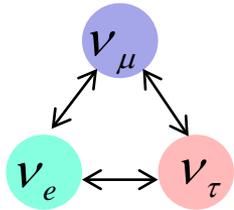


Atmospheric Neutrinos and Neutrino Oscillation

Probability of detecting ν_μ after distance L

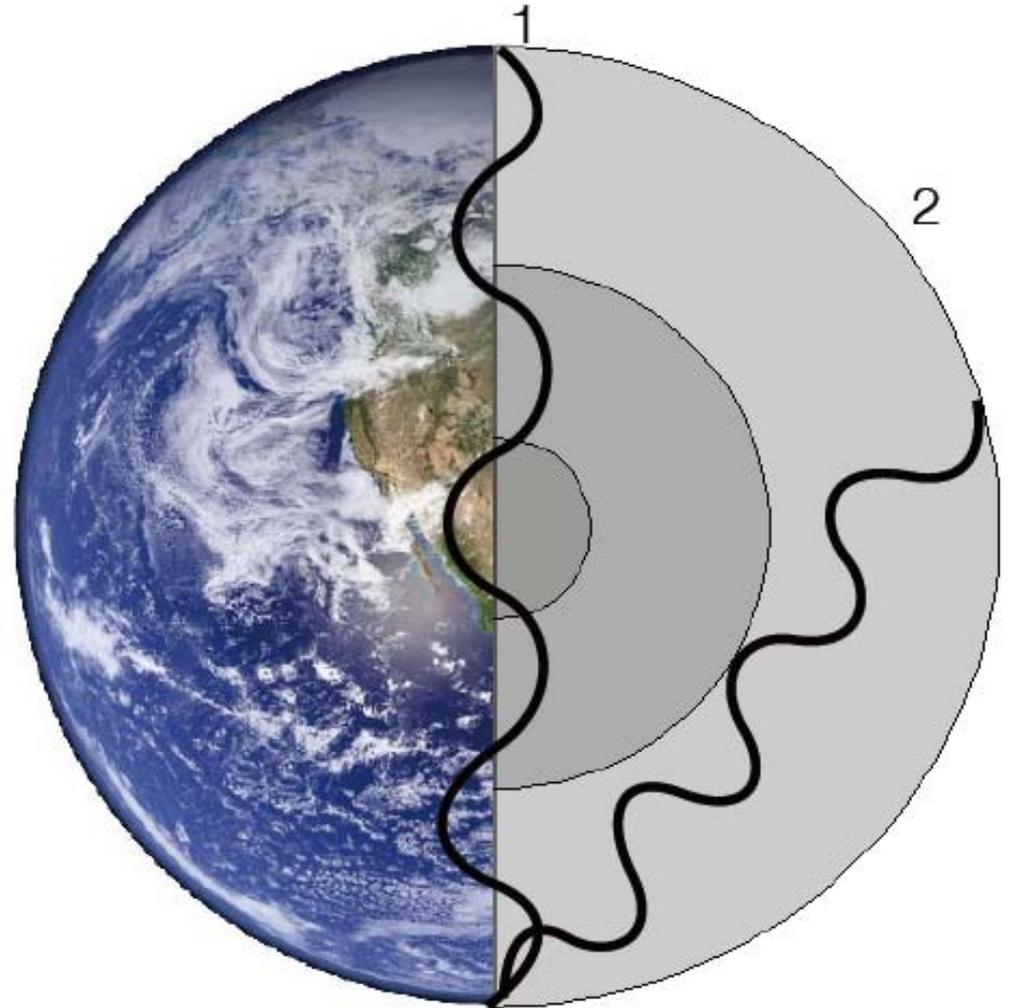
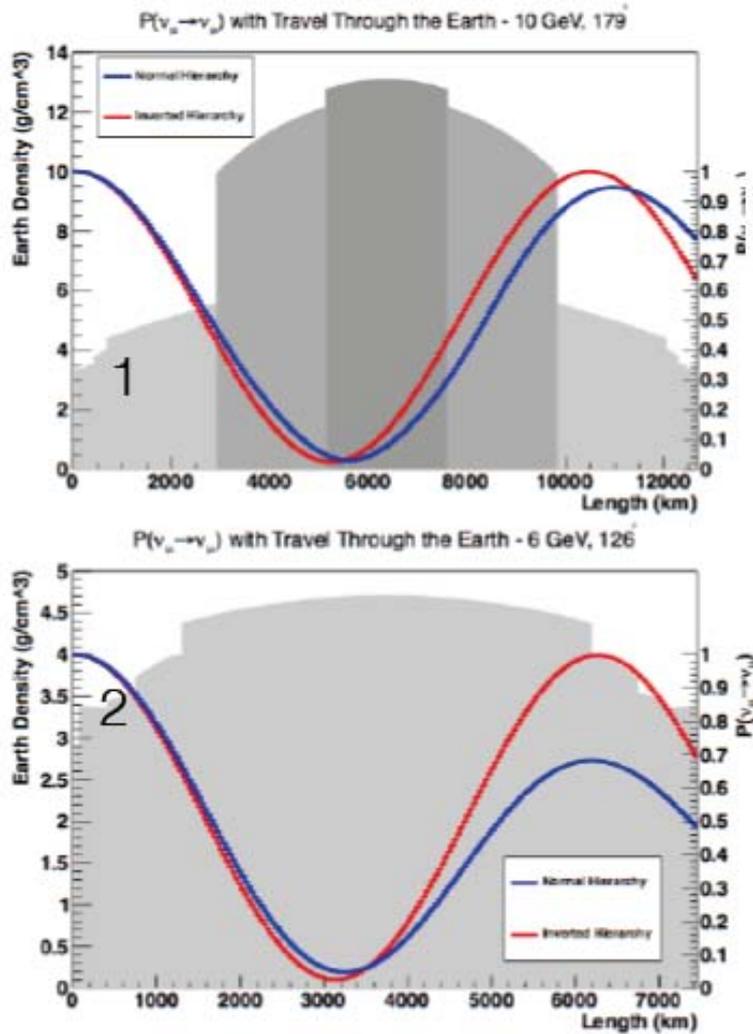
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \approx 1 - \sin^2 \left(3 \times 10^{-3} \cdot \frac{L / \text{km}}{E / \text{GeV}} \right)$$

(w/o matter effects)



Oscillation Tomography using Matter Effect

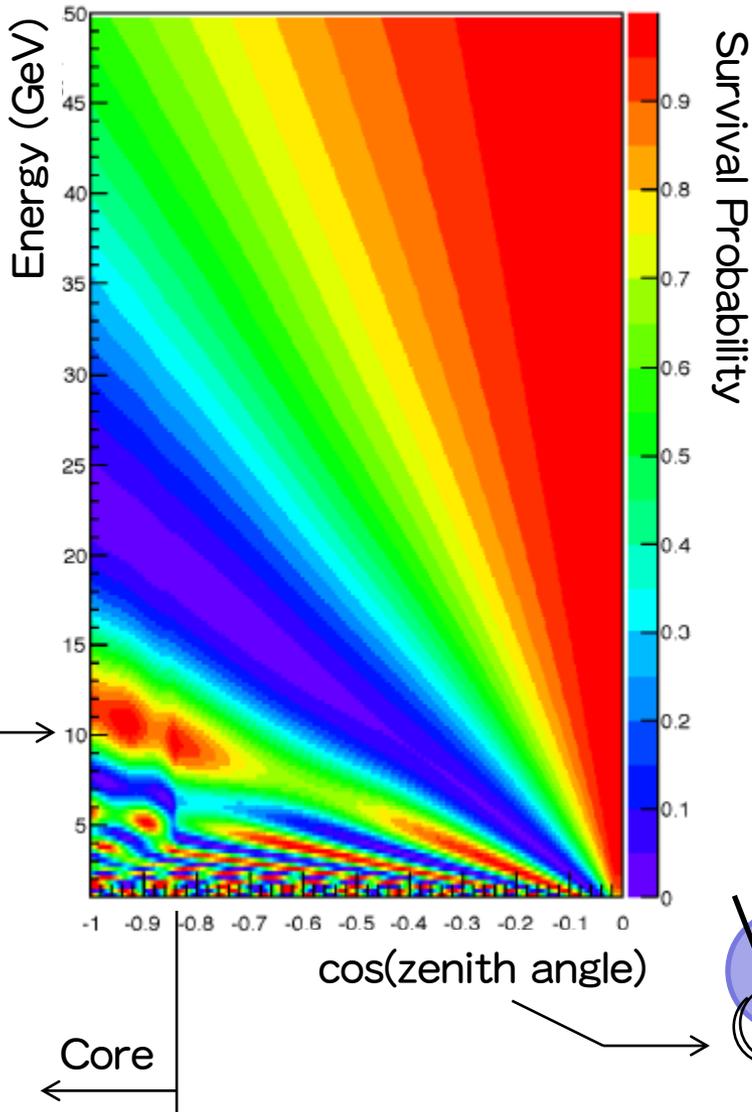
Neutrino oscillation is affected by Electron Density



Neutrino Oscillation through Earth

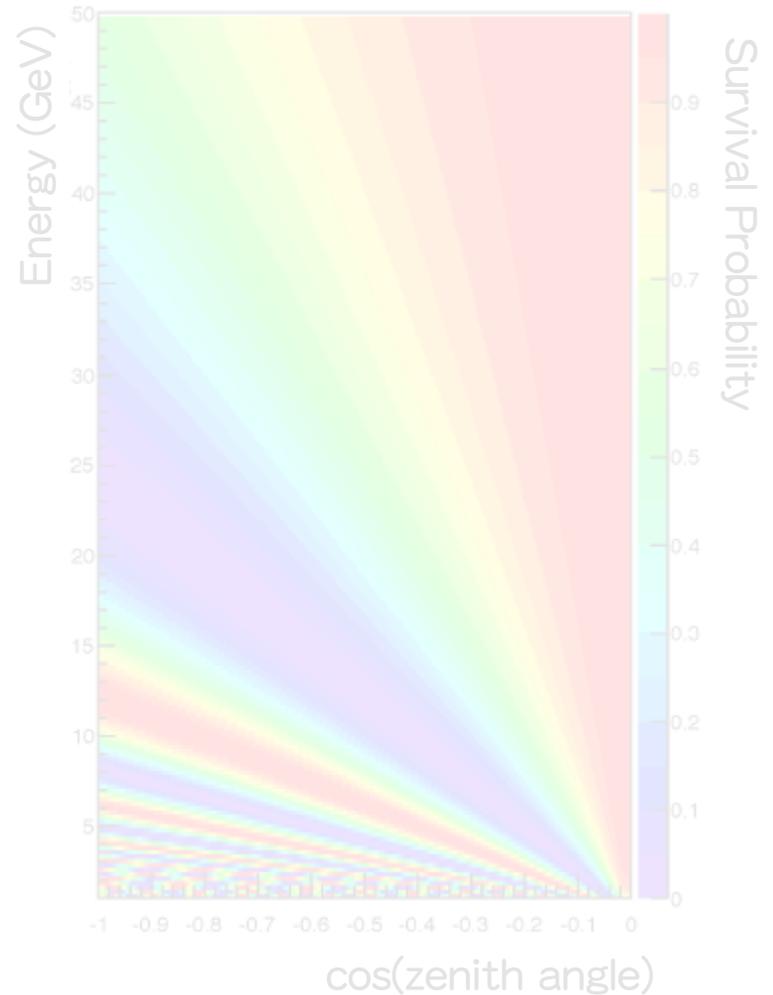
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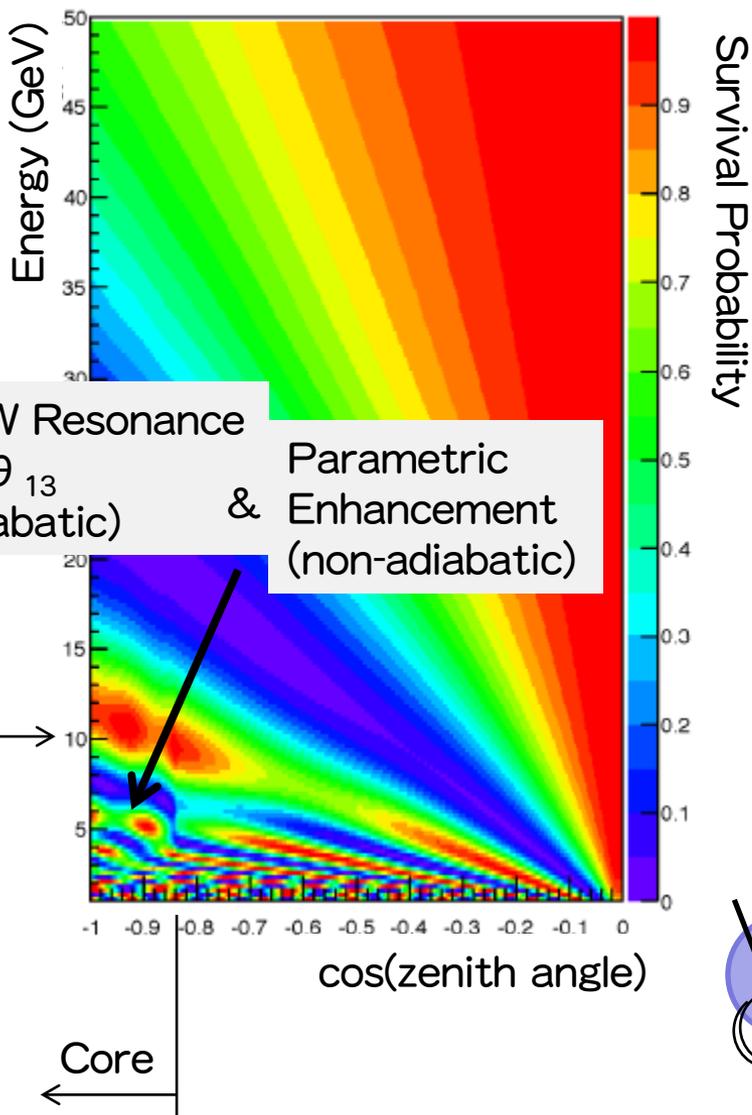
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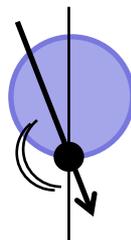
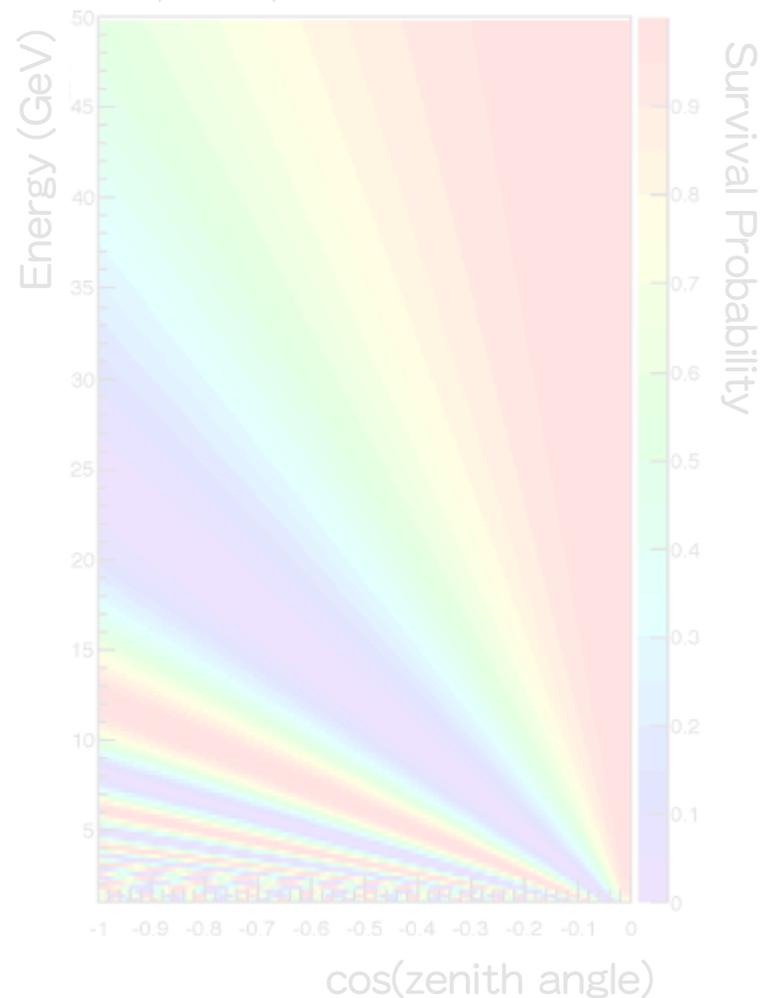
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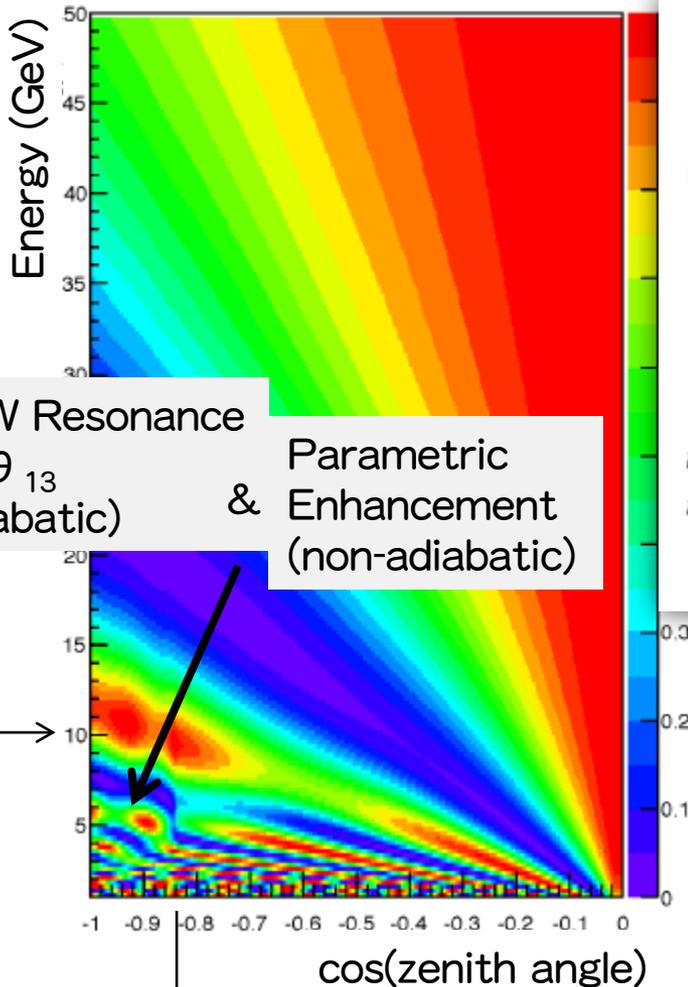
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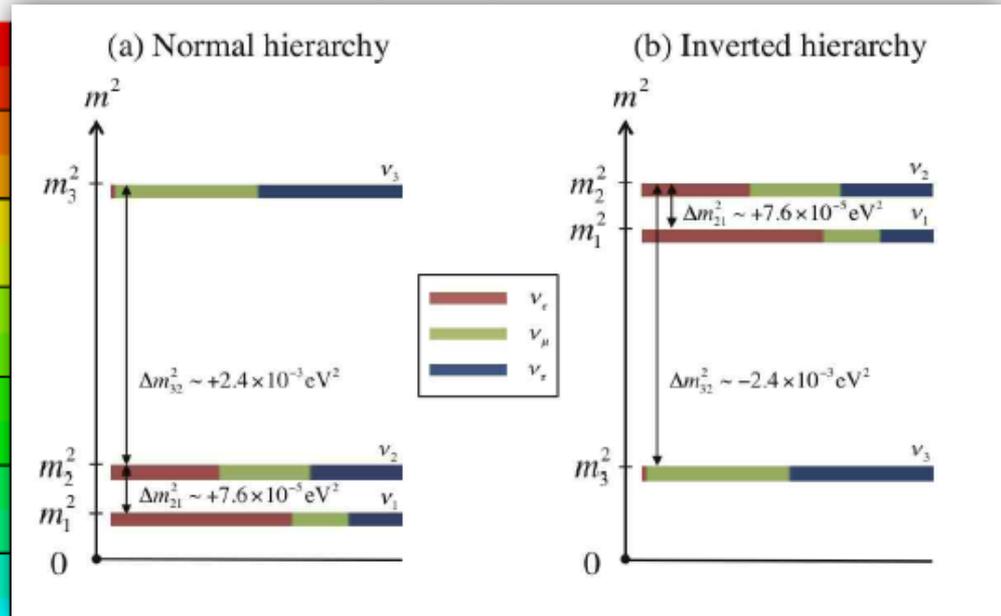
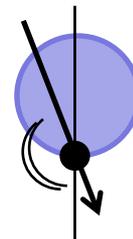


MSW Resonance
on θ_{13}
(adiabatic)

& Parametric
Enhancement
(non-adiabatic)

10 GeV →

Core ←



$\cos(\text{zenith angle})$

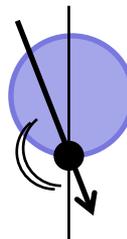
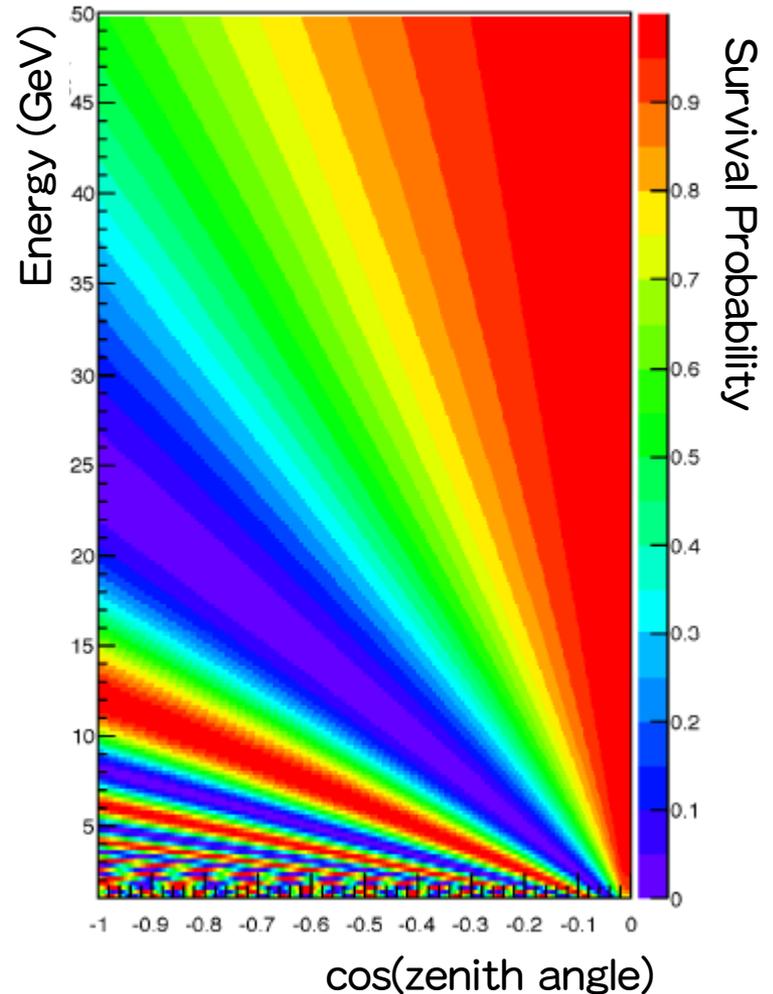
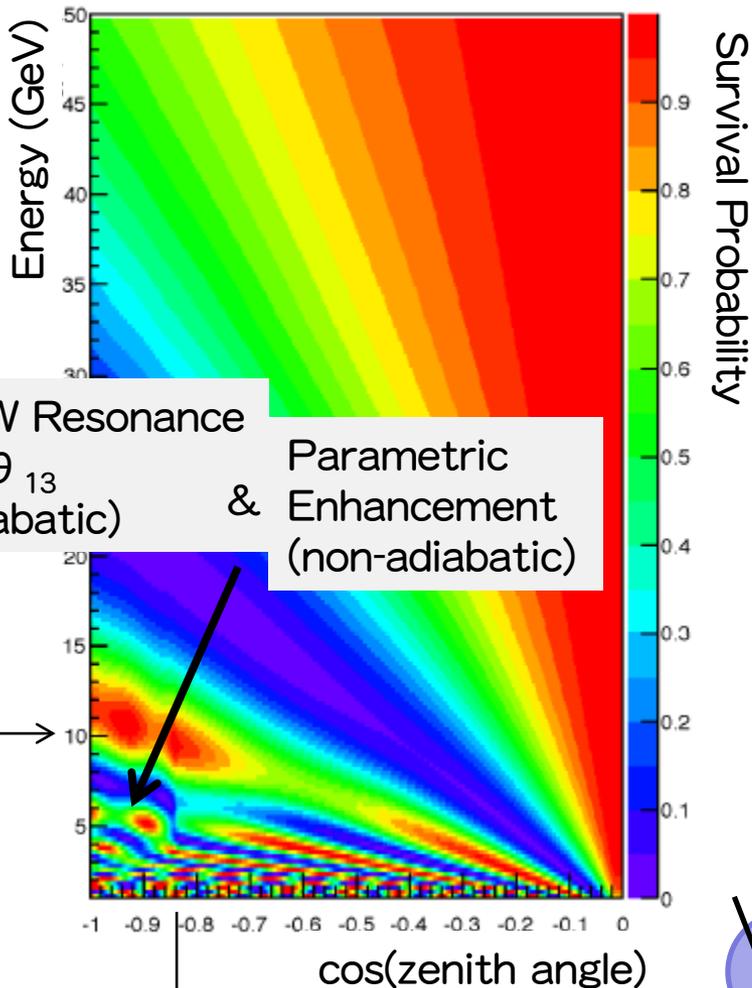
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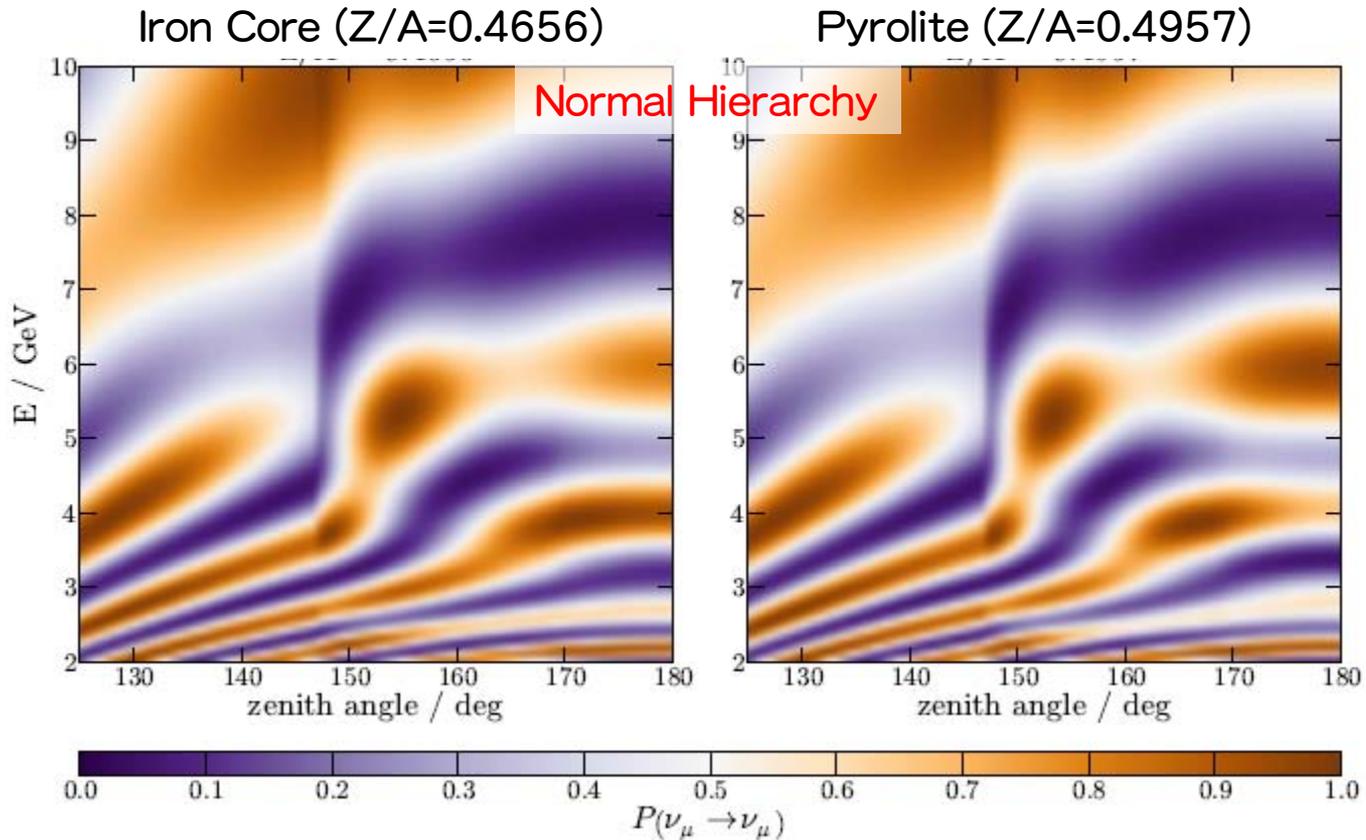


Sensitivity to Core Z/A

If Density is known, electron density gives Z/A ratio

Z/A Ratio:

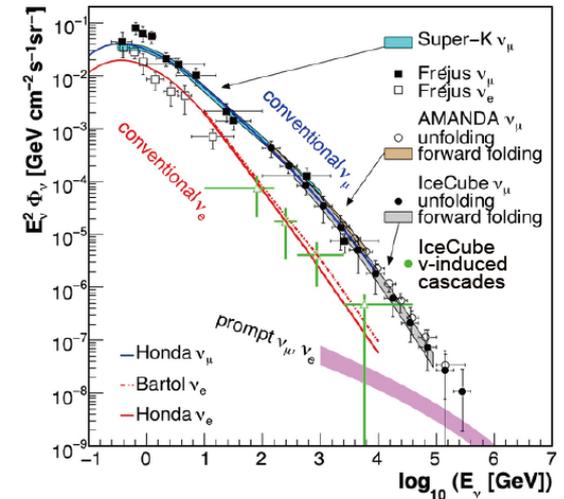
Hydrogen:	1	
Light Elements:	0.5	
Mantle (Pyrolite):	0.4957	↔ 6.5% difference
Iron:	0.4656	



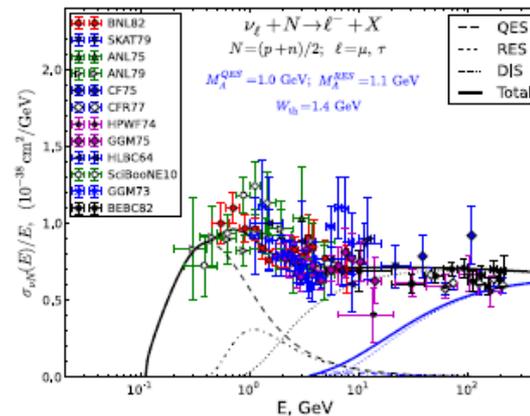
Wish List

- ✓ Gigantic Detector (~ Mega ton)
- ✓ Dense Detector (~1 GeV threshold)
- ✓ Good Energy and Angular Sensitivity
- ✓ Normal Hierarchy Preferred ☺
(antineutrino cross-section is smaller)

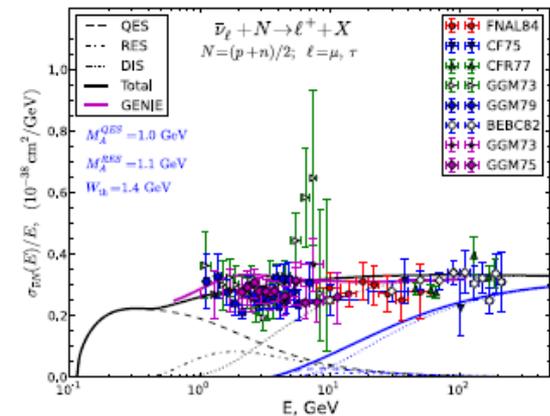
Atmospheric Neutrino Flux



Neutrino Charged-Current Cross-section



(a) Neutrino cross-sections



(b) Anti-neutrino cross-sections

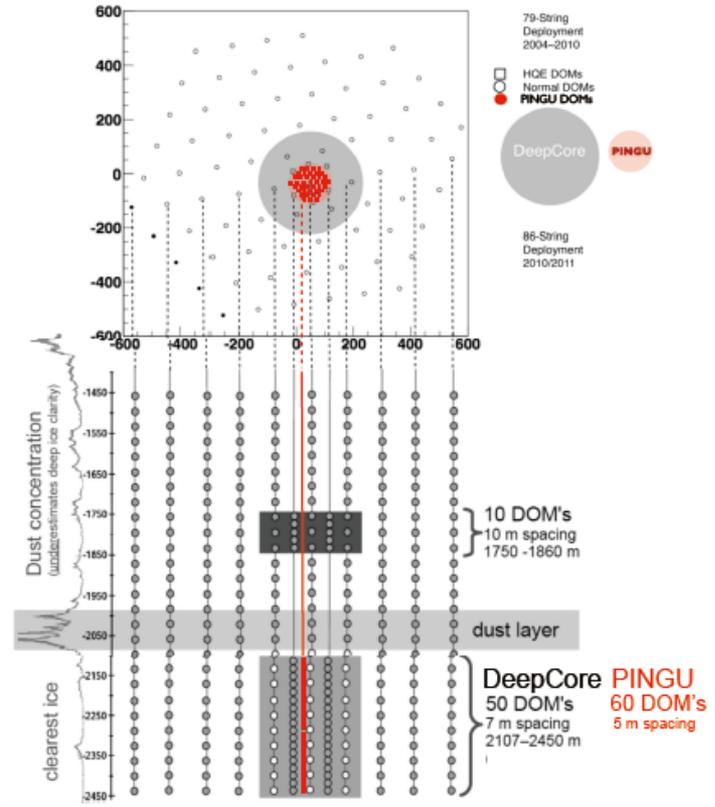
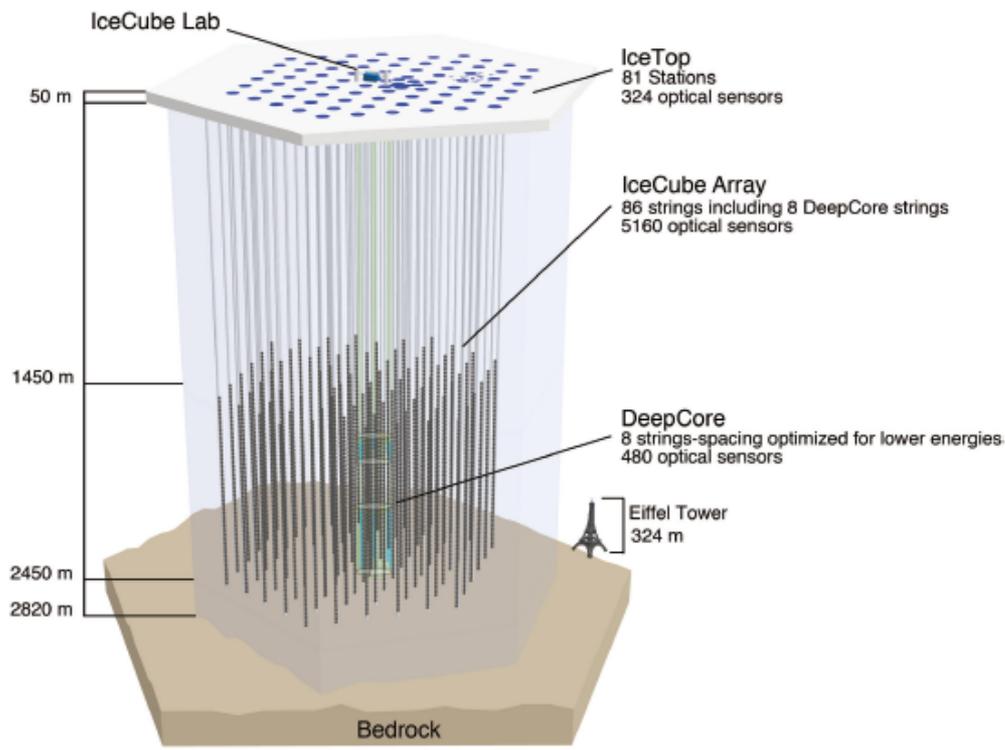
- Ice-Cube is too sparse (Deep-Core detects $E > 10 \text{ GeV}$)
- Super-Kamiokande is too small (total 50 k-ton)

PINGU: Ice-Cube Upgrade for Lower Energy

Letter of Intent:

The Precision IceCube Next Generation Upgrade (PINGU)

arXiv:1401.2046 (9 Jan 2014)



- ✓ ~3 M-ton effective volume
- ✓ x20 photo cathode density
- ✓ sensitivity down to **few GeV**

\$100M, ready in ~5 years

Hyper-Kamiokande (Super-K successor)

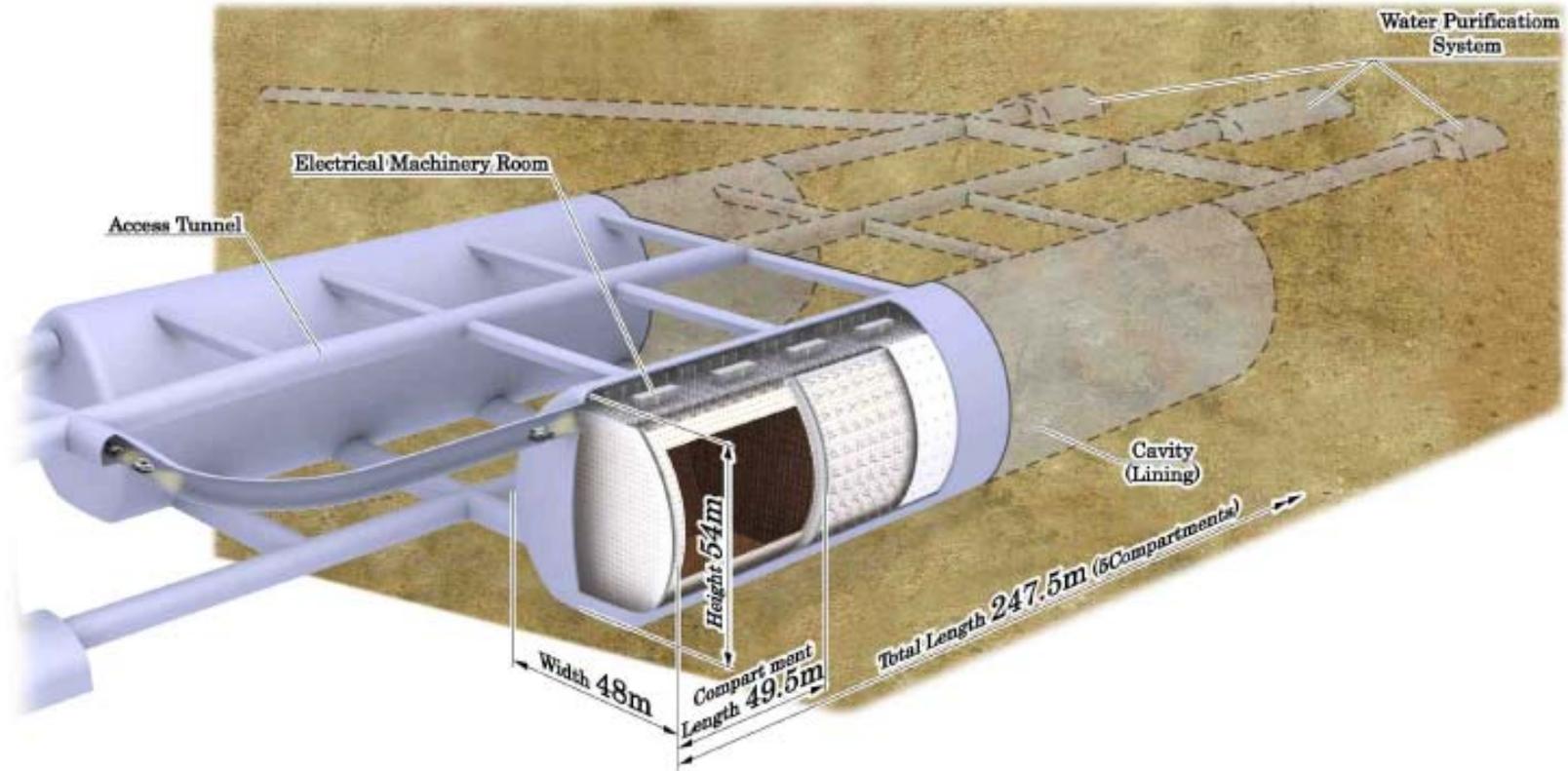
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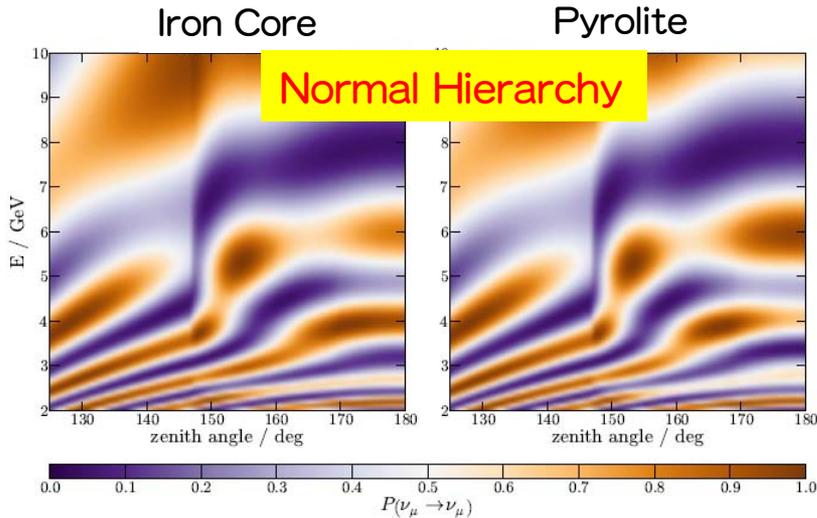
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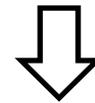
- ✓ 0.99 M-ton
- ✓ 20% photo coverage
- ✓ **few MeV** threshold



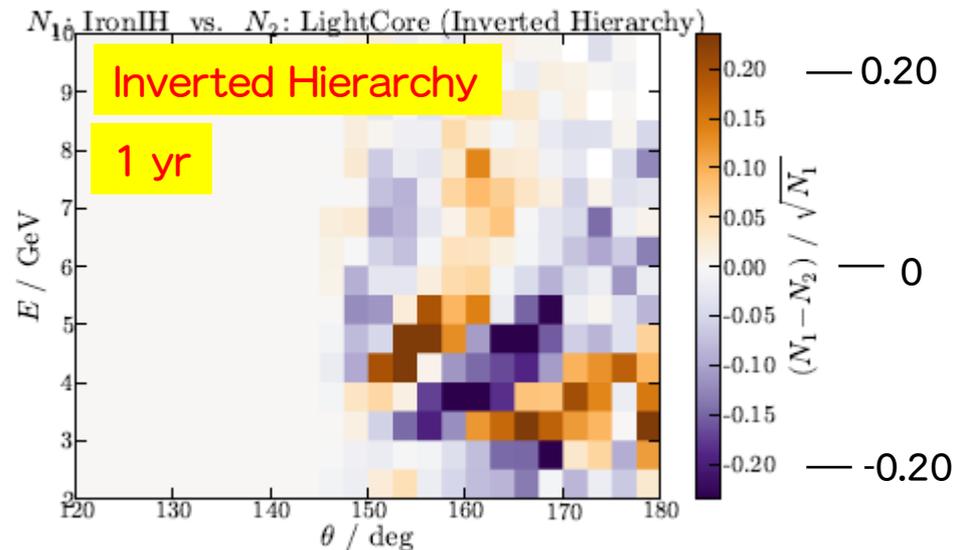
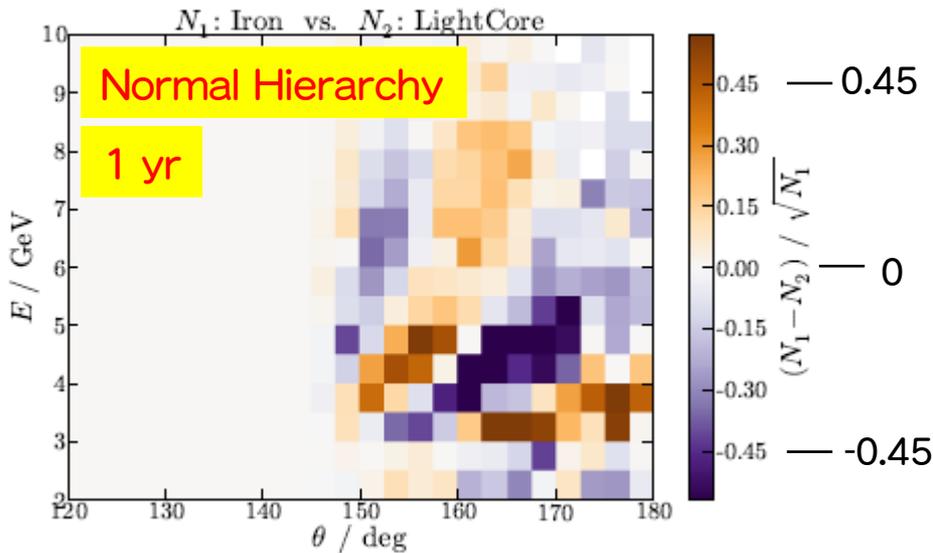
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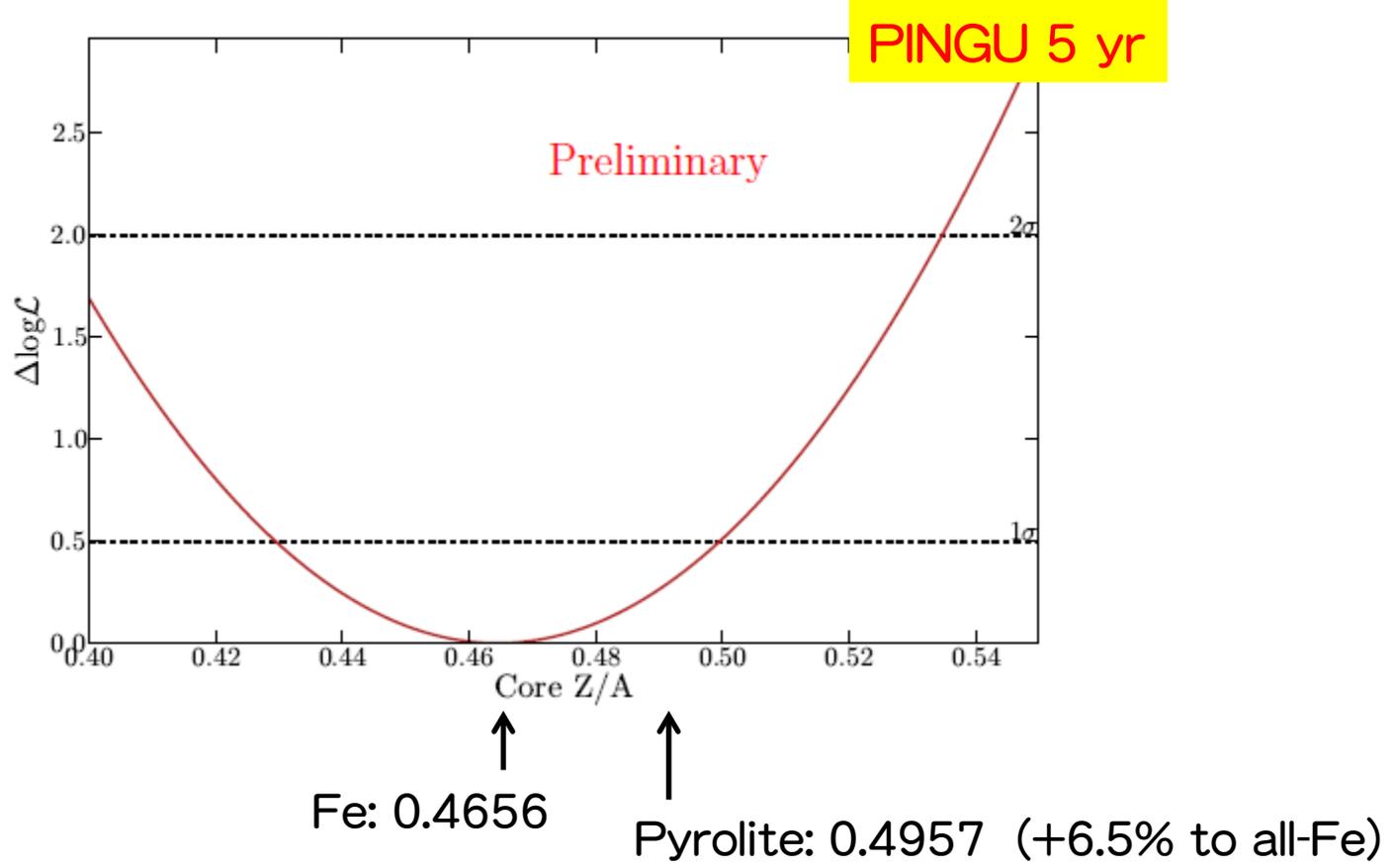
- PINGU volume (40 string)
- PINGU energy resolution ($\Delta E/E = 0.33$)
- PINGU angular resolution ($\Delta \theta = 15^\circ$)
- PINGU systematic errors



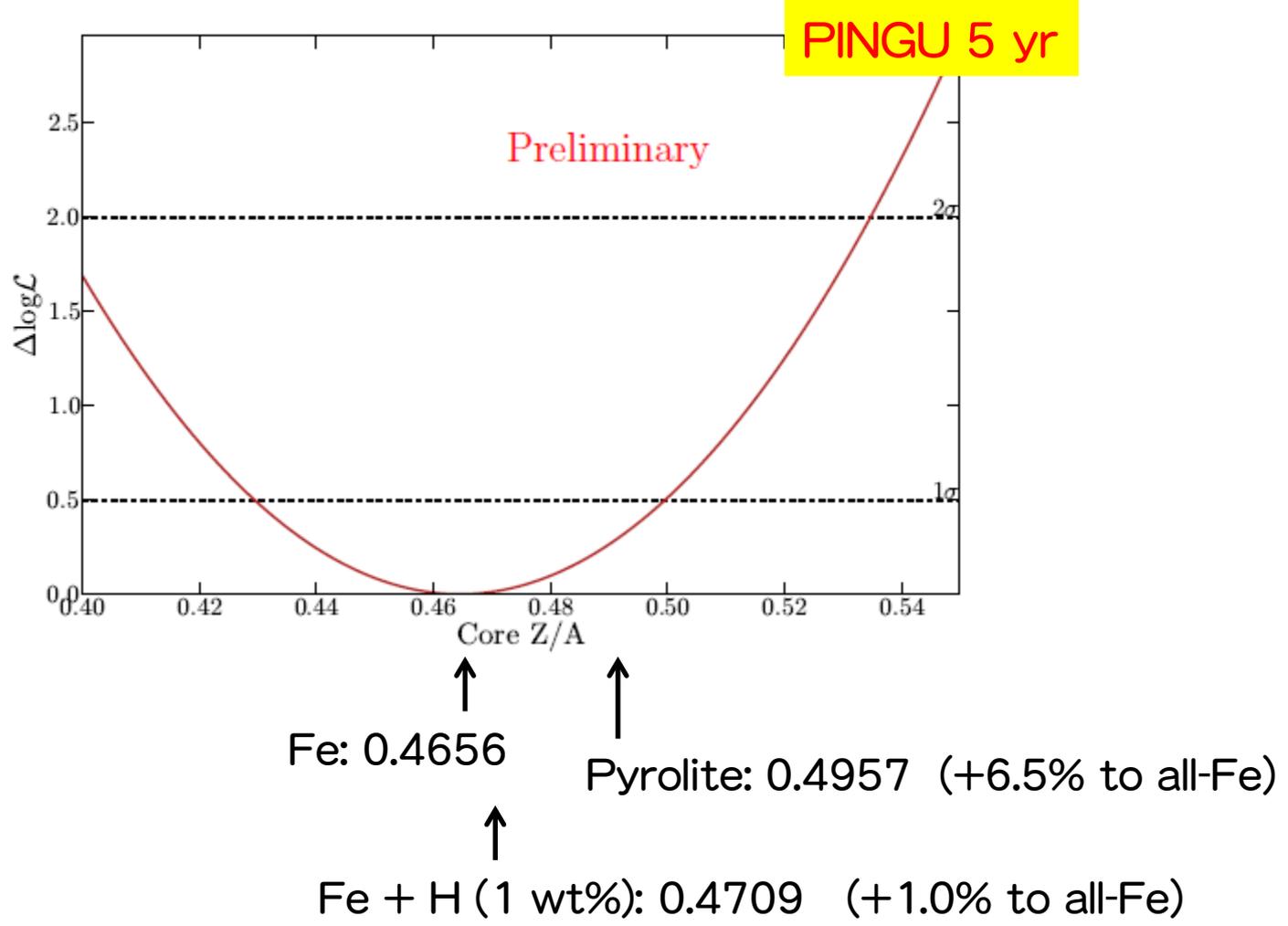
Difference in Number of Events



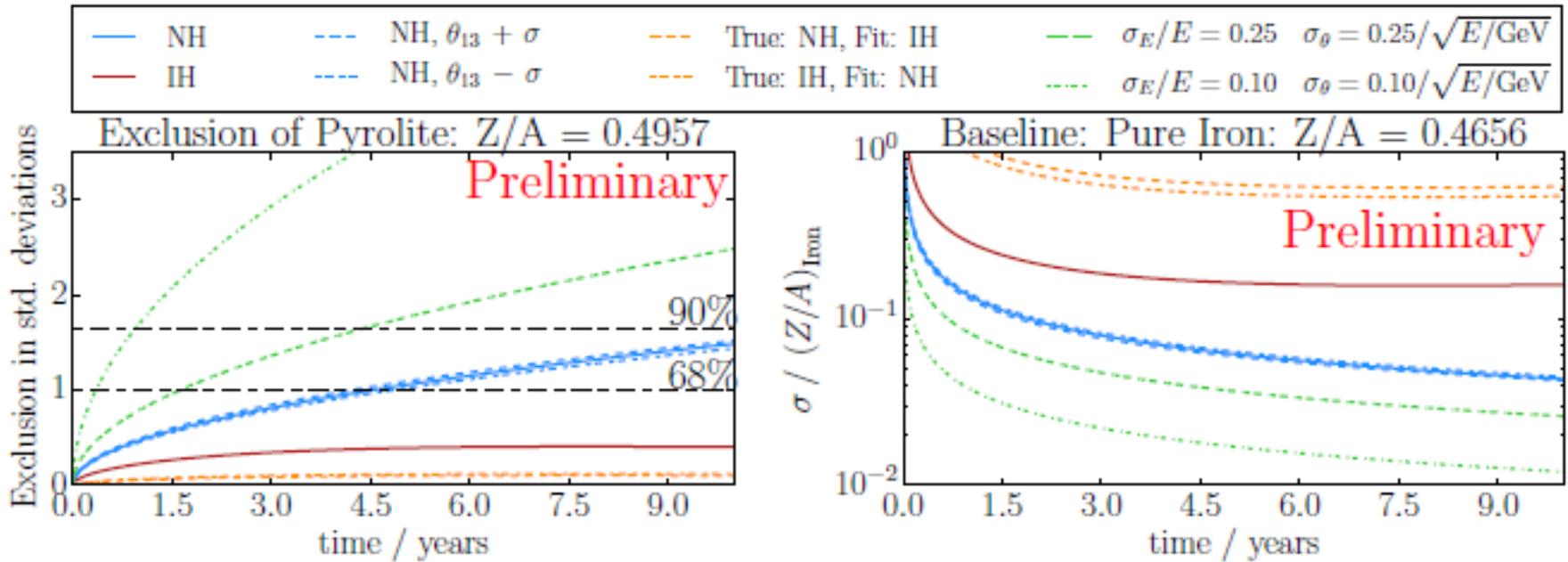
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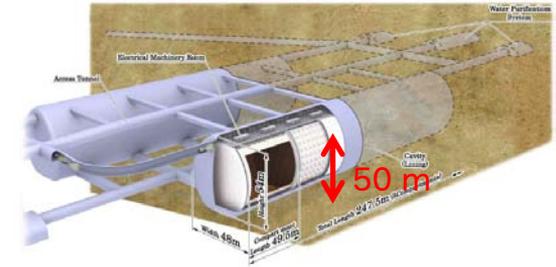
PINGU: Sensitivity to Core Z/A



- ✓ Pyrolite model can be tested at 1σ after 5 years (Normal Hierarchy)
- ✓ Inverted Hierarchy will limit the sensitivity to $\sim 20\%$,
“because antineutrino cross-section is half of neutrinos” ...
- ✓ Dependence on θ_{13} value is small
- ✓ Better energy resolution will largely improve the sensitivity

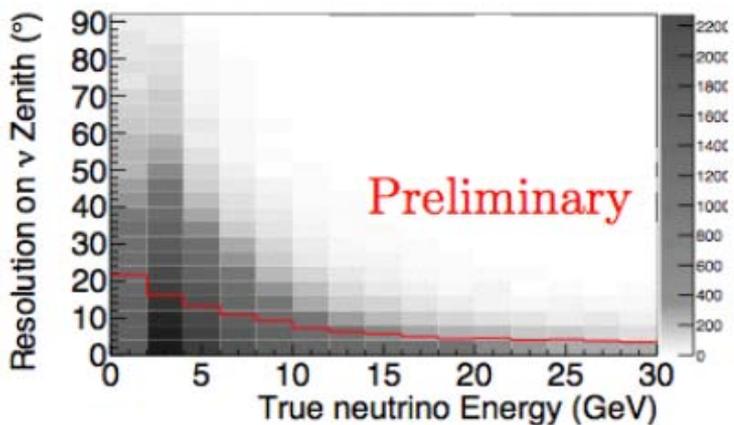
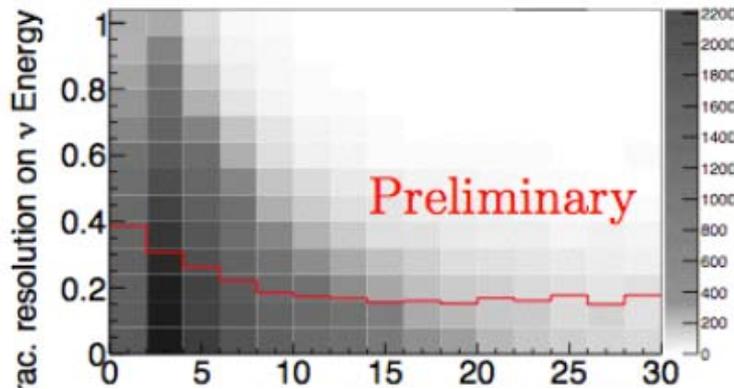
Hyper-Kamiokande might do it better

- ✓ Better energy and angular resolutions
- ✓ ν_e channel usable
- Smaller active volume??

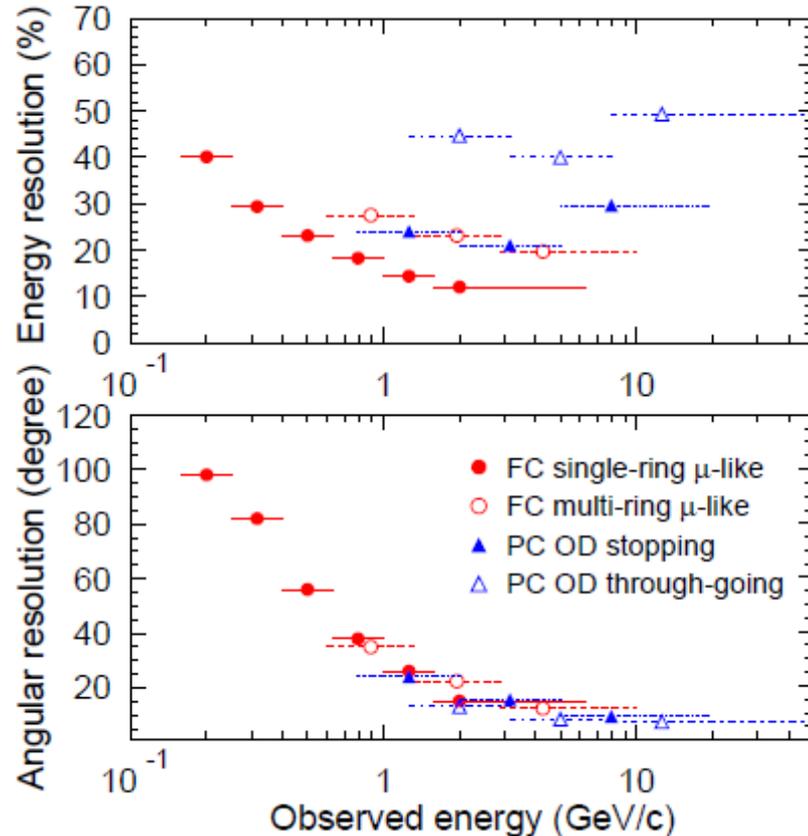


HK: 1 M-ton water cherenkov

PINGU

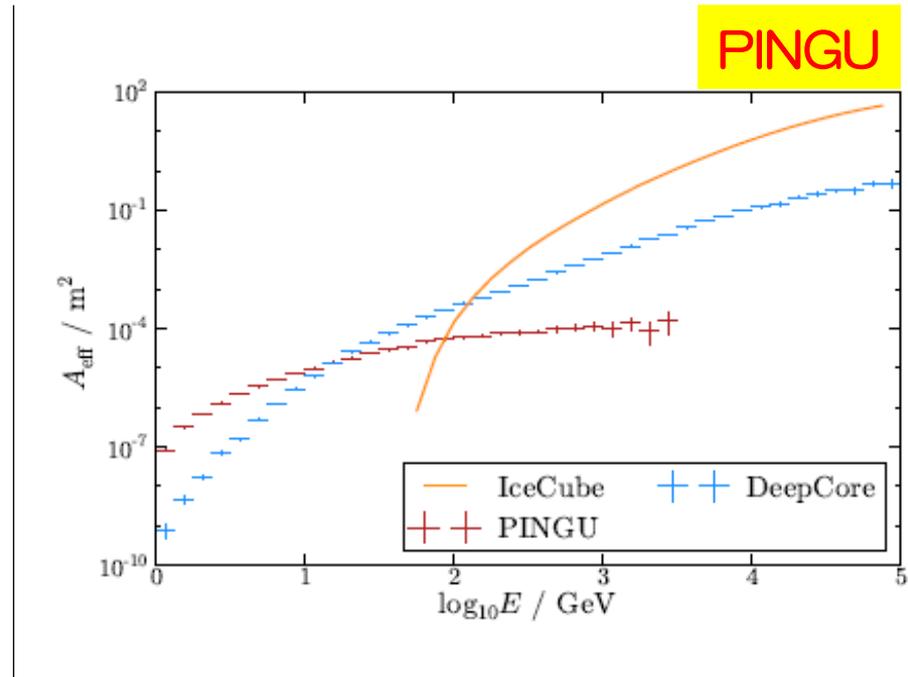
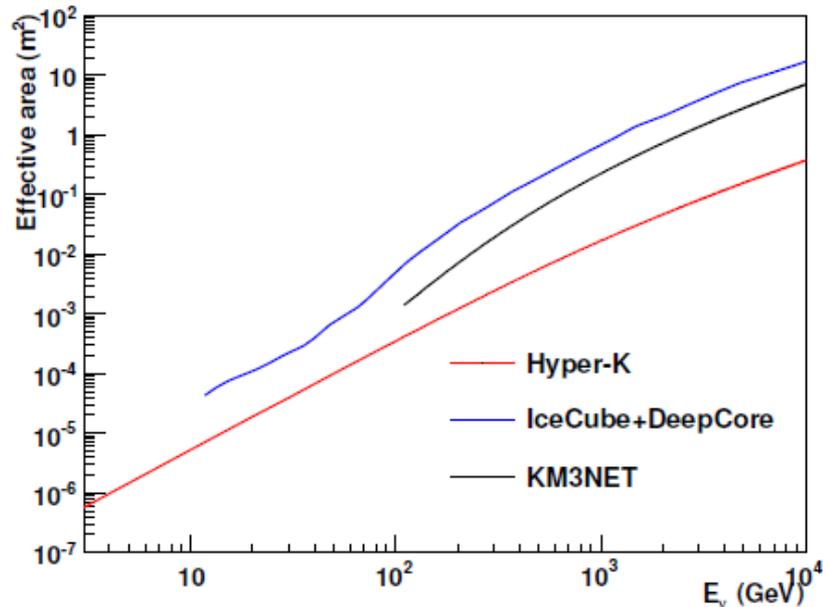


Hyper-Kamiokande



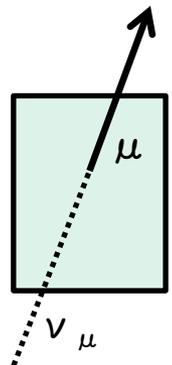
Low-energy sensitivity increases effective volume

Hyper-Kamiokande Letter of Intent
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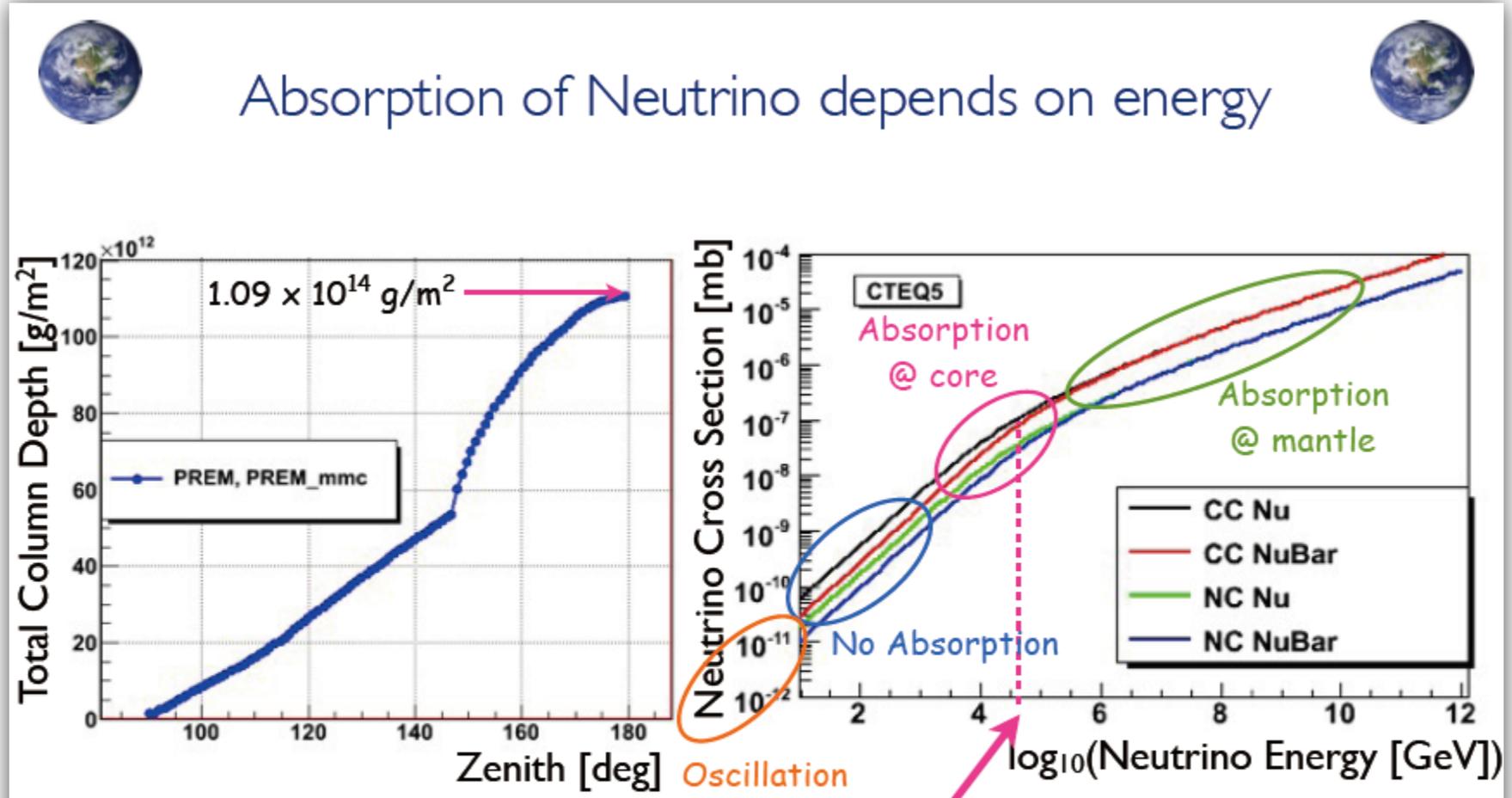
Thanks to its good low energy performance for upward-going muons, Hyper-K has a larger effective area for upward-going muons below 30 GeV than do cubic kilometer-scale neutrino telescopes (see Fig. 65 in Sec. III E). Additionally, fully contained events in Hyper-K have energy, direction, and flavor reconstruction and resolutions as good as those in Super-K. This high performance will

Partially-Contained
Event



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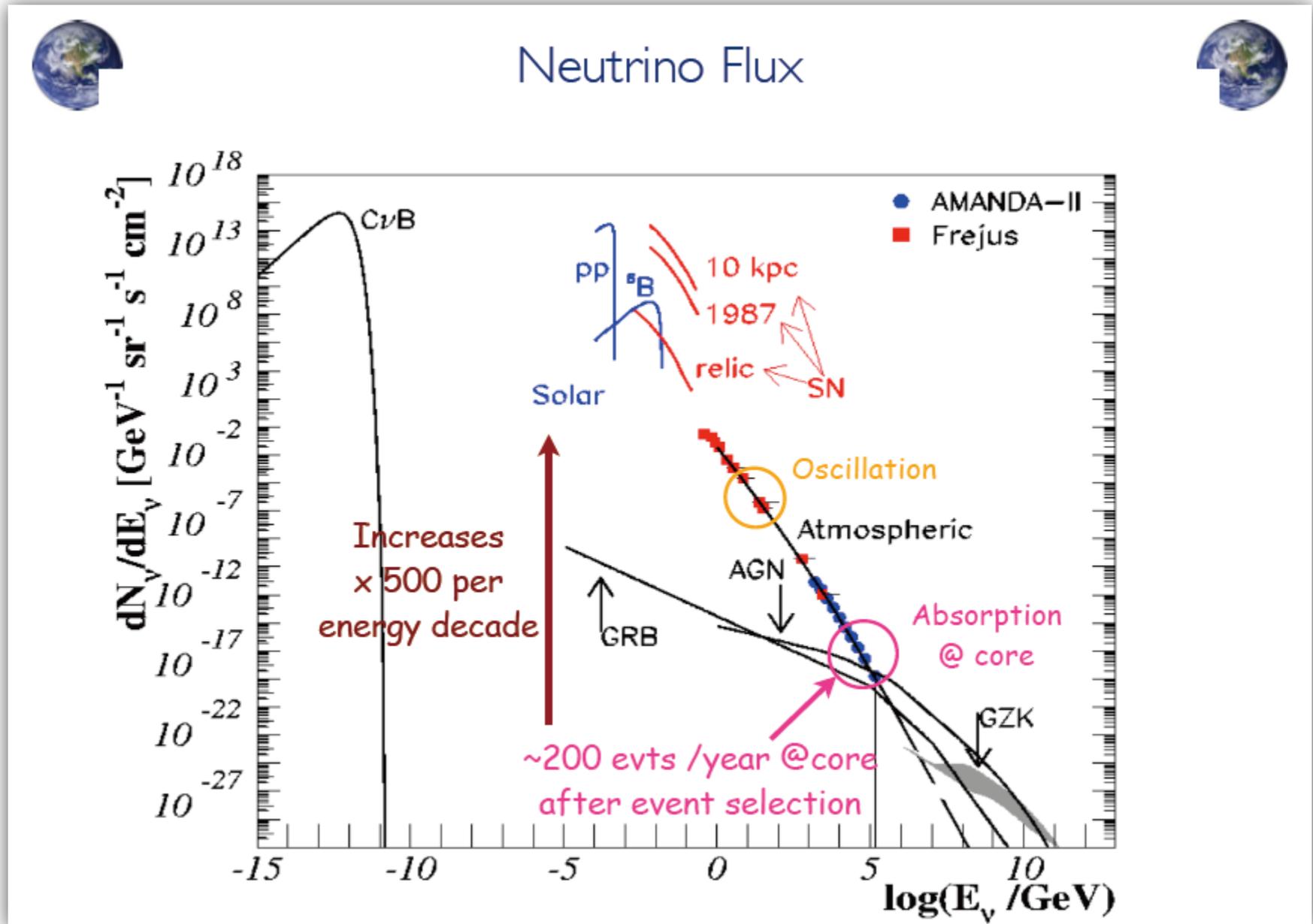
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Mean free path of $\sim 40\text{TeV}$ neutrino is equivalent to the Earth's total column depth at 180°

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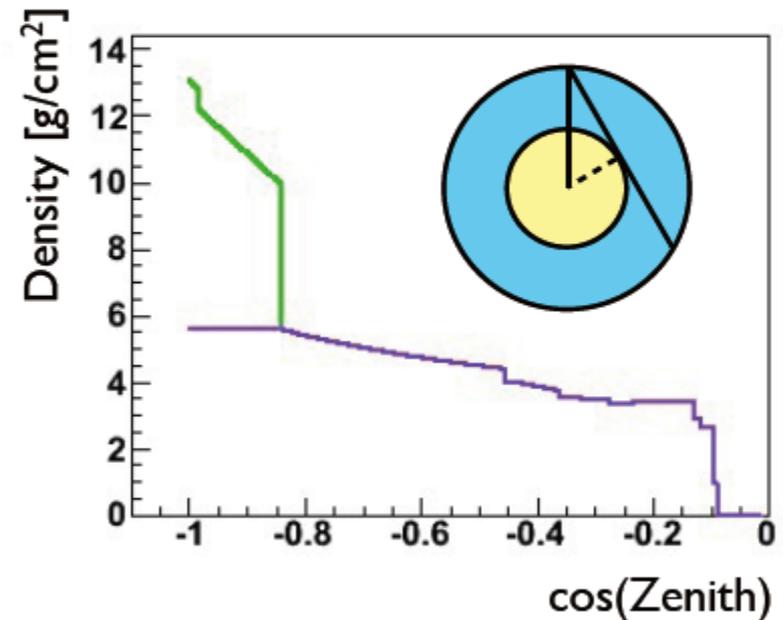
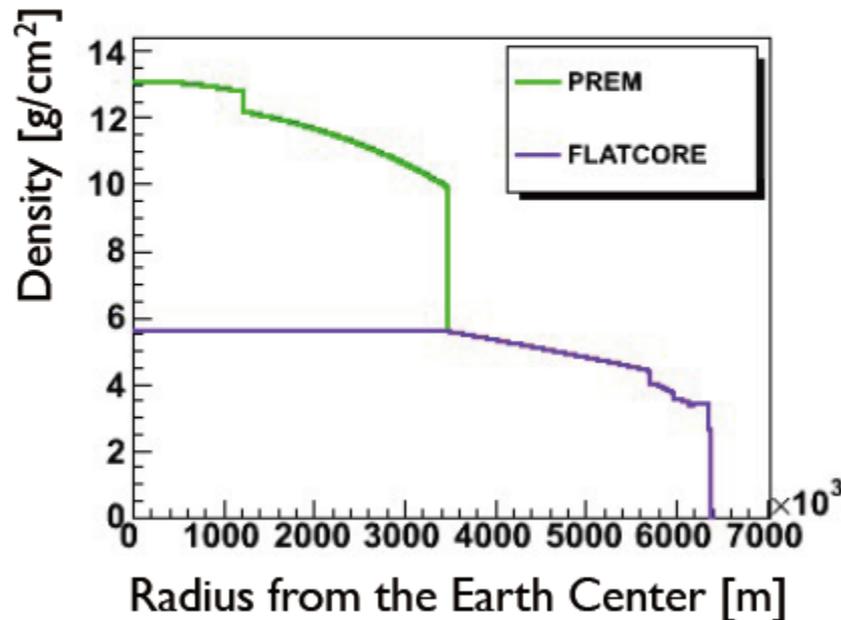
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PREM vs FLATCORE model



PREM (Preliminary Reference Earth Model)
 FLATCORE (Density of Core is constant)



FLATCORE model doesn't conserve Earth's mass, but still useful to estimate the resolution of Earth's density at core angle with the IceCube

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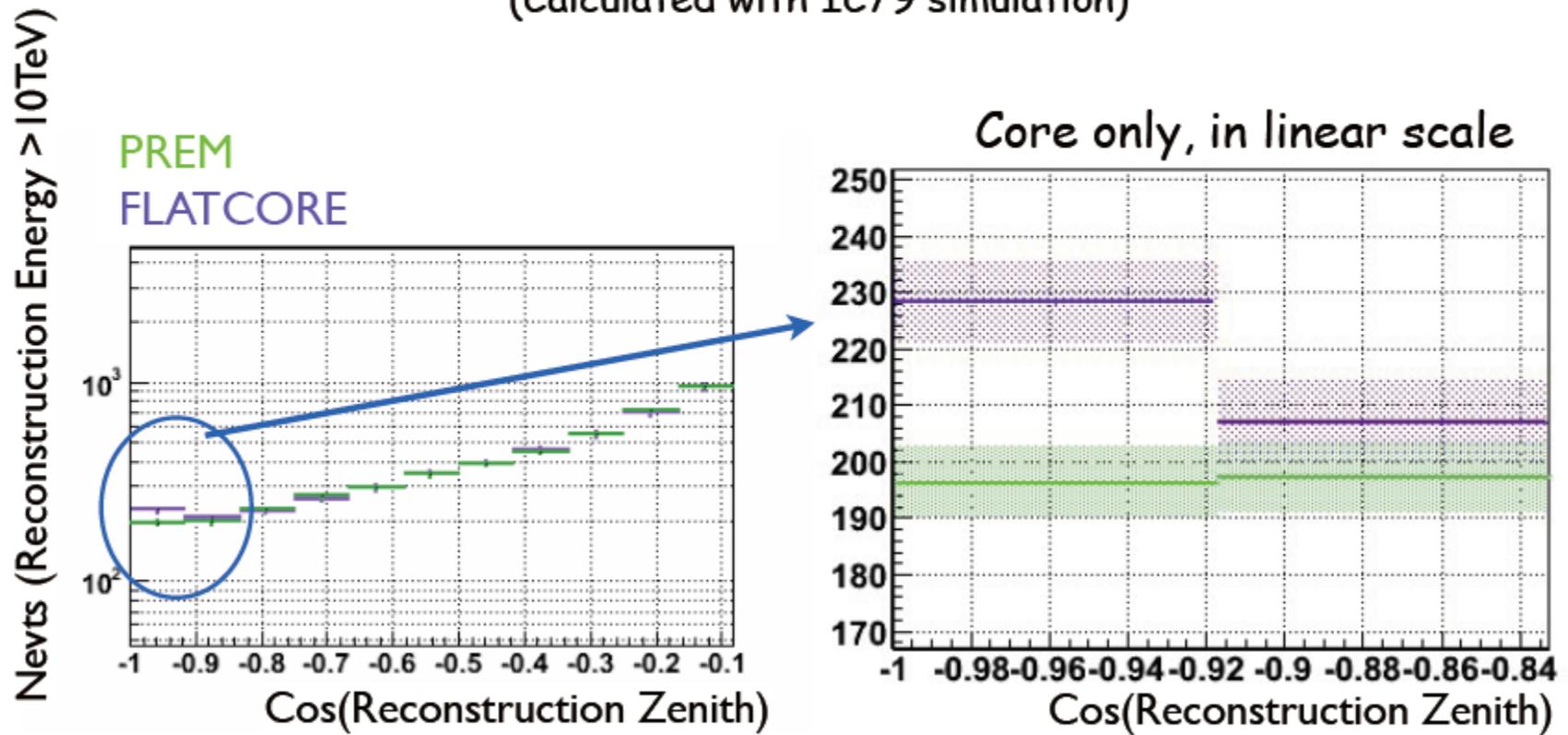
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Simulation with IC79 10 years



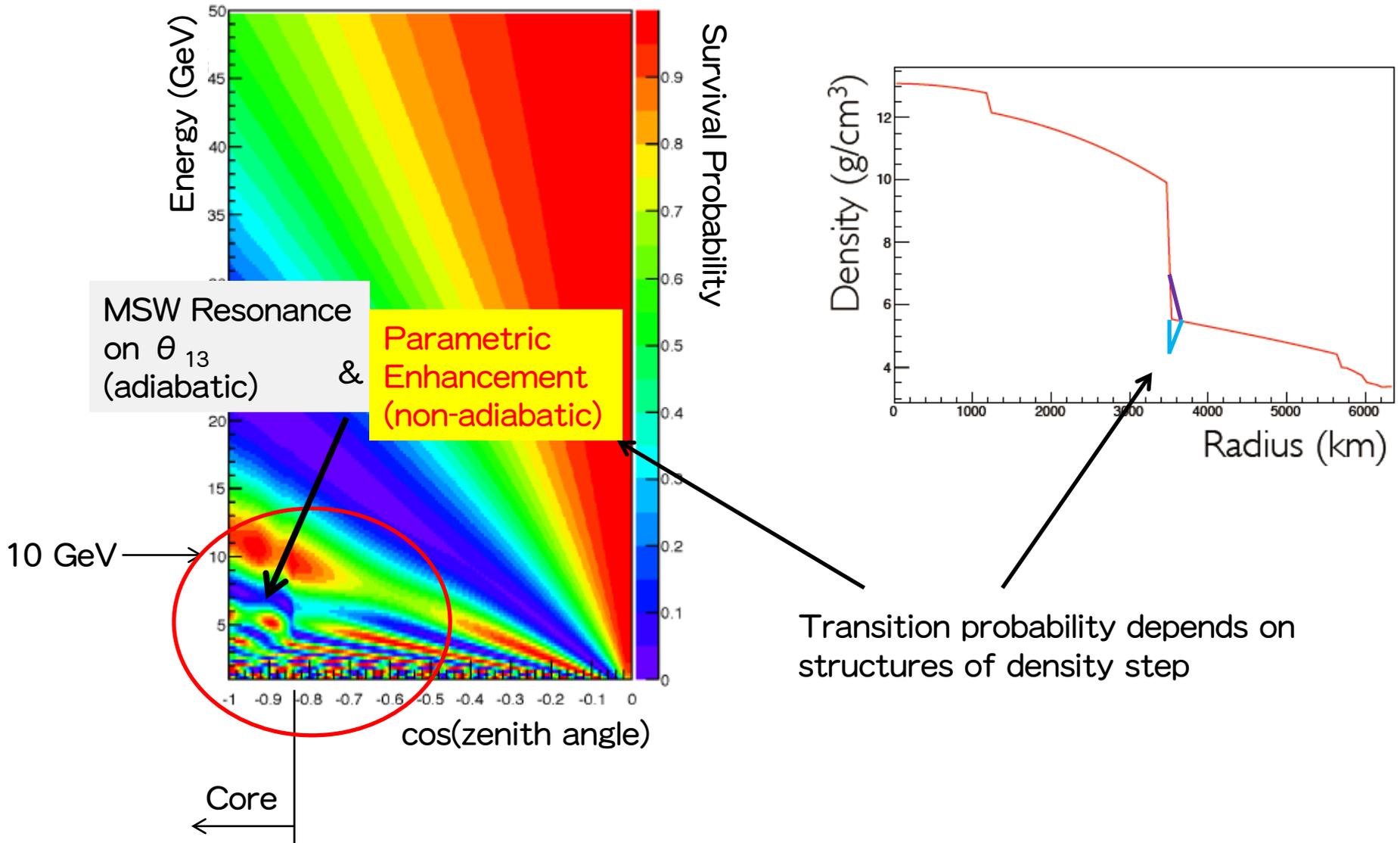
very conservative estimation of ~10yr measurement
(Calculated with IC79 simulation)



Errors are statistical uncertainty of **center prediction** due to limited simulation statistics

Appendix:

Parametric Enhancement is Sensitive to CMB?



Summary

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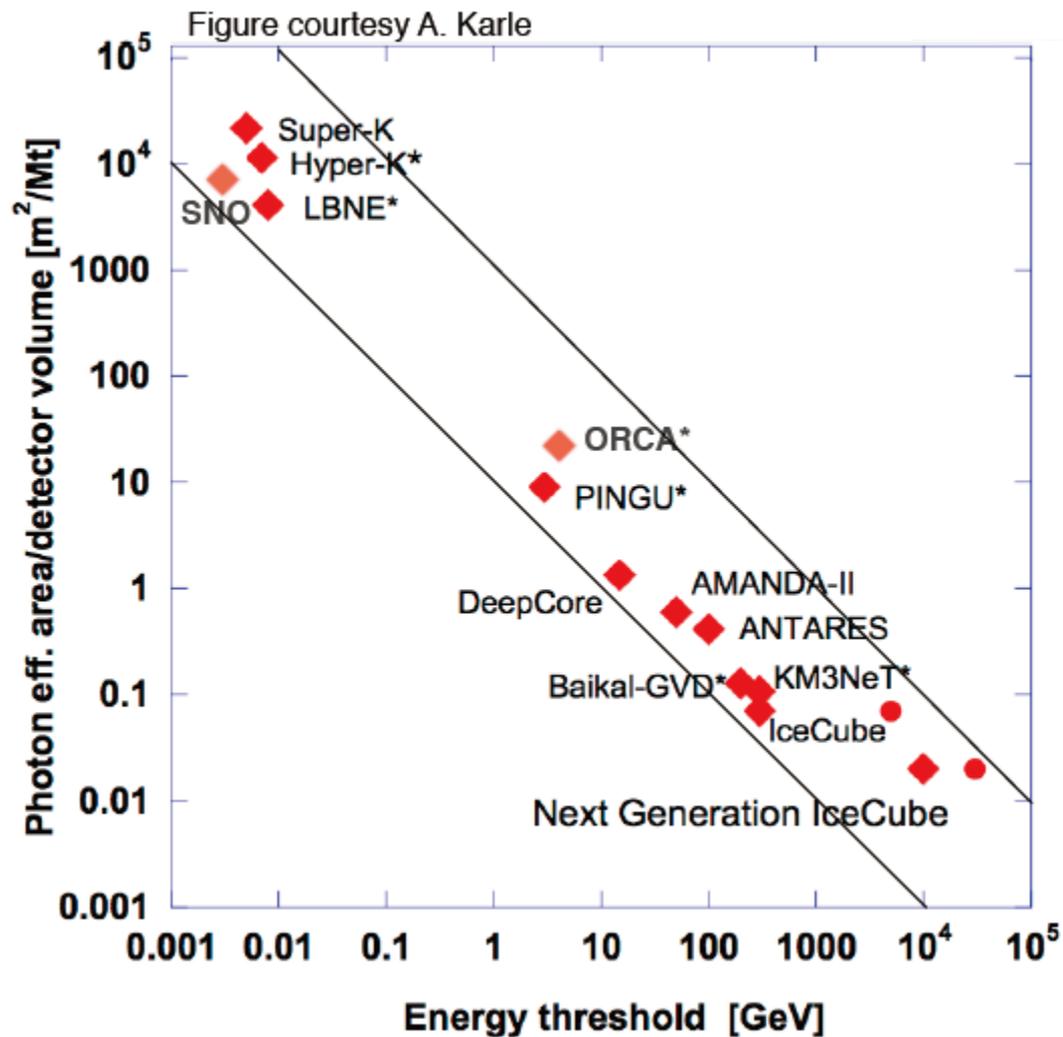
- Direct measurement of **core composition**
- Uses oscillation matter effect (MSW) at **1~10 GeV**
- PINGU will measure Z/A at ~8% accuracy (NH case), possibly better
- Inverted hierarchy will limit the sensitivity to ~20%
- Hyper-Kamiokande might be able to do it better
- ORCA (KM3NeT, 1.8 M-ton in sea water) can do the same?

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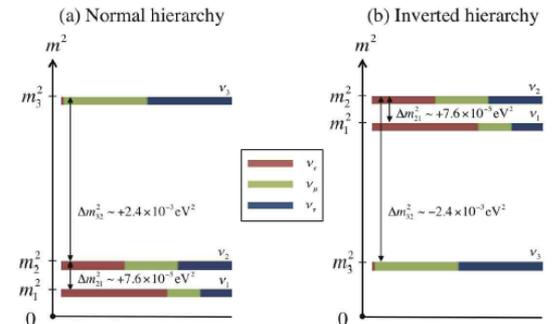
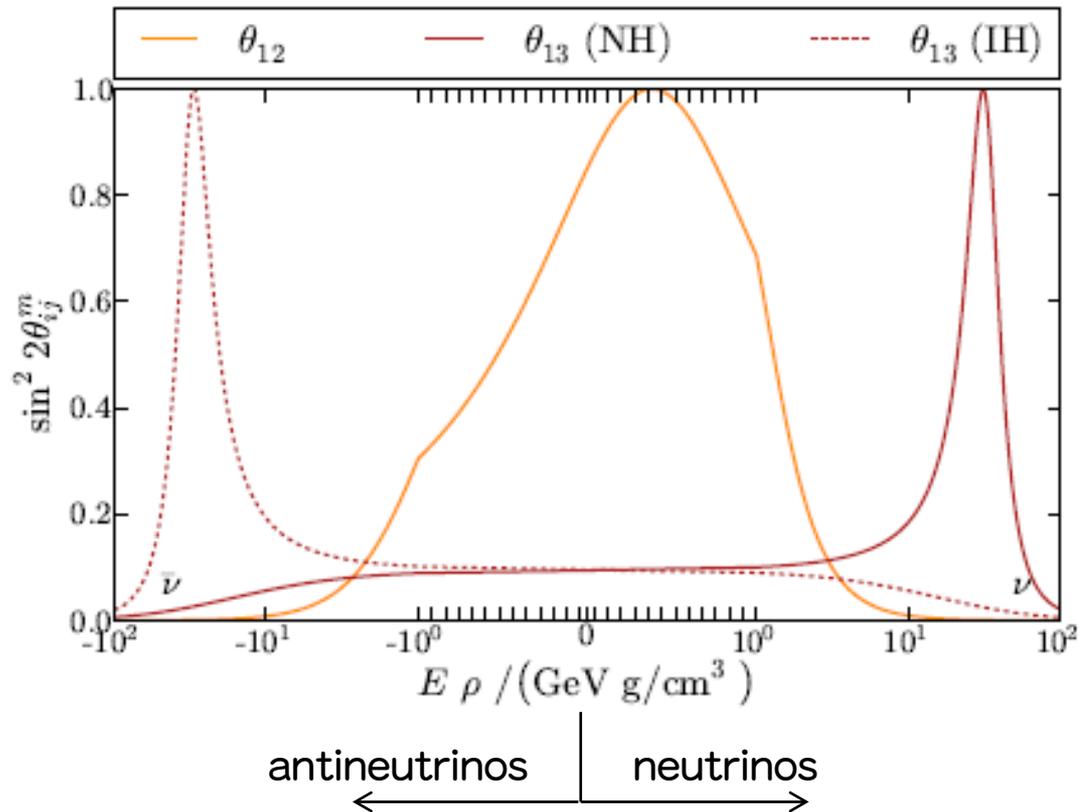
- Direct measurement of **core density**
- Uses neutrino absorption at **~10 TeV**
- 10 yr Ice-Cube will discriminate core from mantle

Back Up

Photo Coverage vs Energy Threshold

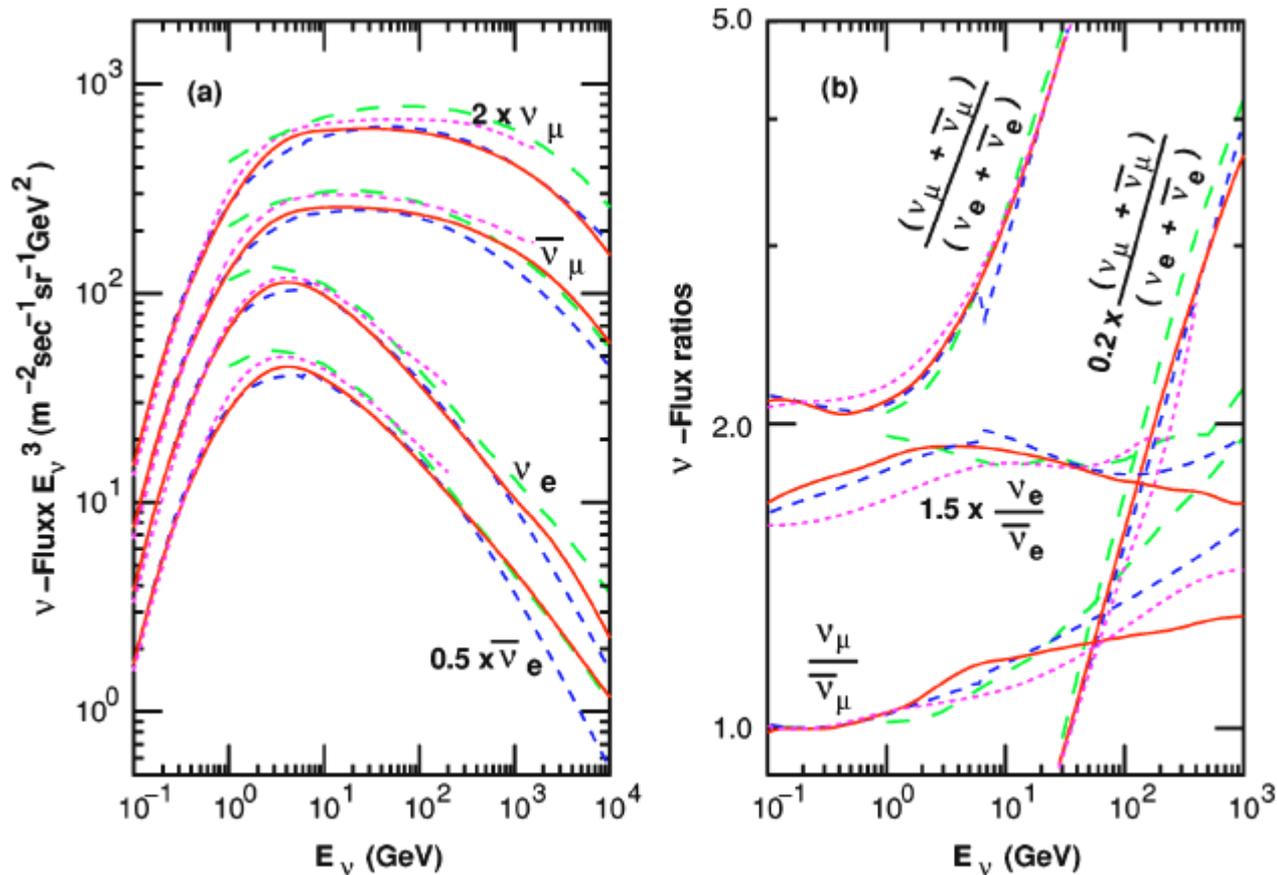


MSW Resonance



$$\sin^2 2\theta^m = \frac{\sin^2 2\theta}{\left(\cos 2\theta \mp \frac{2\sqrt{2}EG_F N_e}{\Delta m^2}\right)^2 + \sin^2 2\theta}$$

Atmospheric Neutrino Composition



M. Honda et al, Phys Rev D 70, 043008 (2004)