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 v'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 (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

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- 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





Computing Infrastructure

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





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



Data processing impacts - Upgrade

- Overall: expect the DeepCore efforts now in place to move to Upgrade as it's deployed.
- Online
 - Expecting modest increases in data/trigger rates (see previous slide)
 - Online computing for "online compression" of waveform data likely sufficient
 - Some expected to be done in-device for simple waveforms
- Simulation
 - Upgrade proposal used special-made versions of low-energy Deep Core (and PINGU) simulation effort.
 - Manpower effort mostly provided by collaboration students/postdocs using tweaked versions
 of standard tools.
 - 400 CPU-hr, 300 GPU-hr, 400 GB disk. (Derived from PINGU simulation effort...)
 - Higher fidelity Upgrade simulations will likely require additional GPU/CPU to generate and reconstruct – additional impact TDB as still in development.
- Analysis
 - Reconstruction of low-energy events known to be a resource intensive process.
 - O(30s) per event reconstruction at final level not uncommon.
 - New techniques to improve in development



Deep Core -OscNext

Total usage			
	Disk space [GB]	CPU [hr]	GPU [hr]
GENIE (nue)	7,054.45	462,800.00	29,250.00
GENIE (numu)	18,105.55	1,102,437.50	69,750.00
GENIE (nutau)	8,021.30	466,340.00	15,750.00
MuonGun	132,311.30	999,568.06	852,000.00
Noise	1,454.02	60,305.56	0.00
Detector data			
TOTAL	166,946.62	3,091,451.11	966,750.00

- Deep Core OscNext
 - Current DeepCore oscillation analysis sample
 - 70 yrs of signal MC, 6 years of Muon background, ~months of "noise"
 - Includes production, and multiple levels of filtering.
- Expect Deep Core analyses to evolve into Upgrade analyses
 - Expect similar (modulo increases in complexity of Upgrade) MC needs



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 highenergy 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 highenergy neutrinos



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100

150

Flare duration (days)

200

250

300





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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







Gen2 – IceCube Impacts

- Online systems
 - Gen2 represents a large extension in data and detector types for online systems
 - Expect sizeable increase in overall detector data rates (higher threshold of Gen2 array will temper background rates)
 - But, 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
- Gen2 funding requests MUST include additional support for M&O (online and offline) efforts





Data processing impacts – Gen2

- Overall: Gen2 computing and storage needs are very much open questions
 - Early Gen2 designs have focused on astrophysical neutrino simulations for physics impact
- Online
 - Expecting modest increases in data/trigger rates (see previous slide)
 - Online computing for "online compression" of waveform data likely sufficient
 - Some expected to be done in-device for simple waveforms
- Simulation
 - Original Gen2 designs informed by sets of IceCube standard simulation scaled to larger volumes
 - As signal simulation only, very modest computing needs to generate and store.
 - cpu:22.6 kh, gpu:2.3 kh, ~few TB disk
 - On-going round of design efforts will require much better understanding of backgrounds, data rates, etc.
- Analysis
 - Expect needs to be very similar to IceCube at this point, but no concrete estimates exist.



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!



