

# CamSim: Camera Simulations

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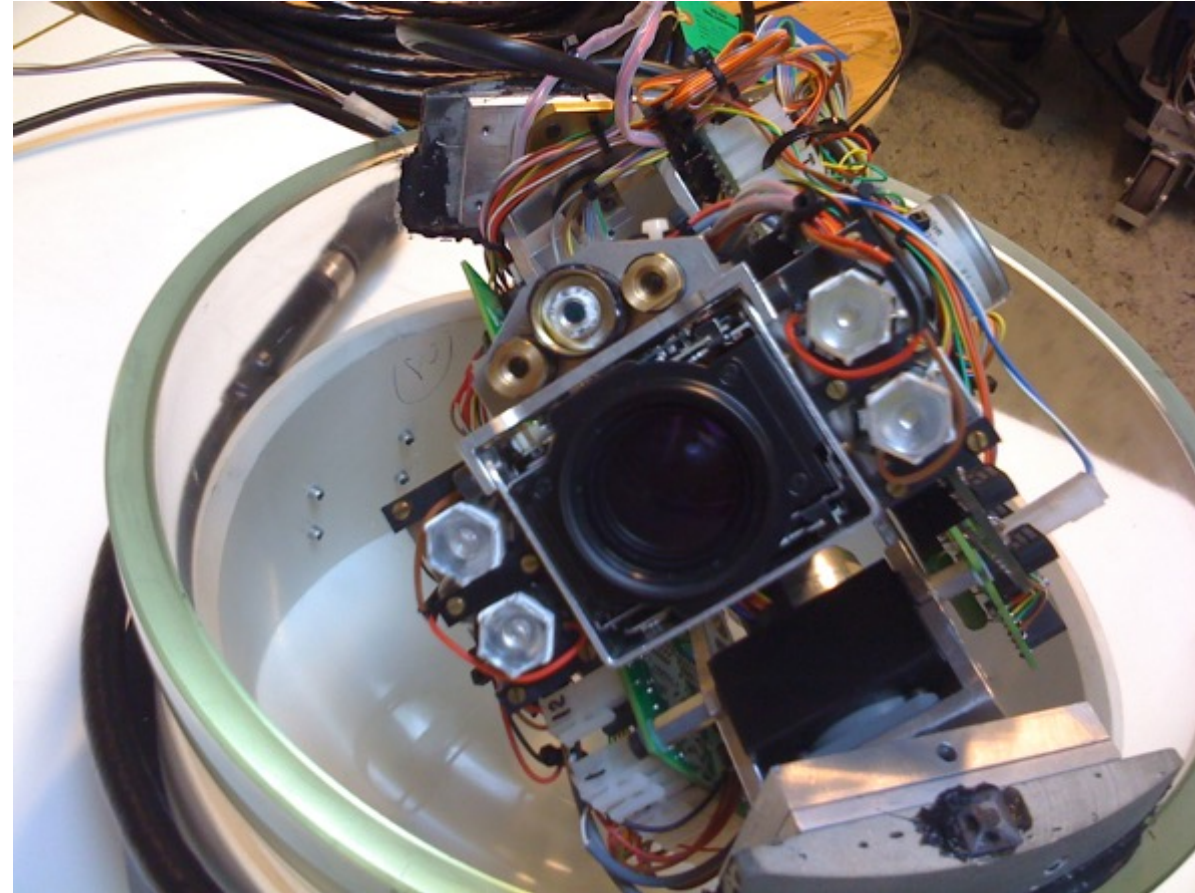
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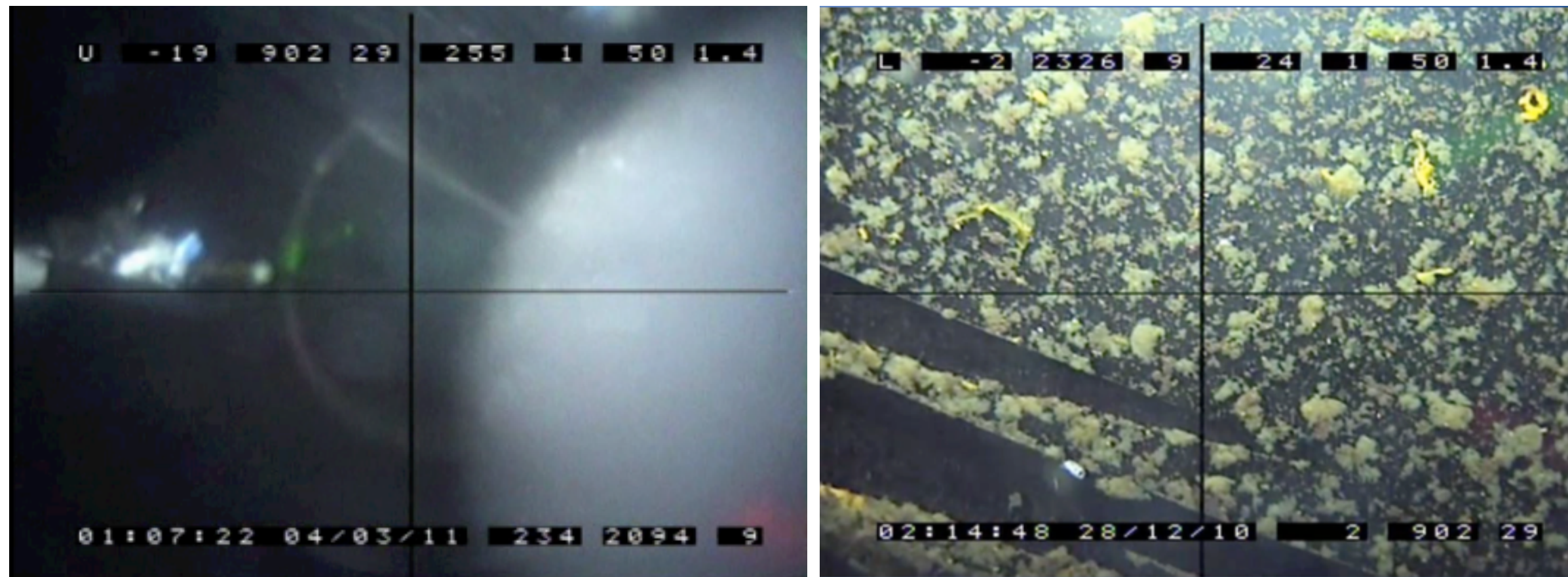
# Camera systems in the IceCube and IceCube-Upgrade



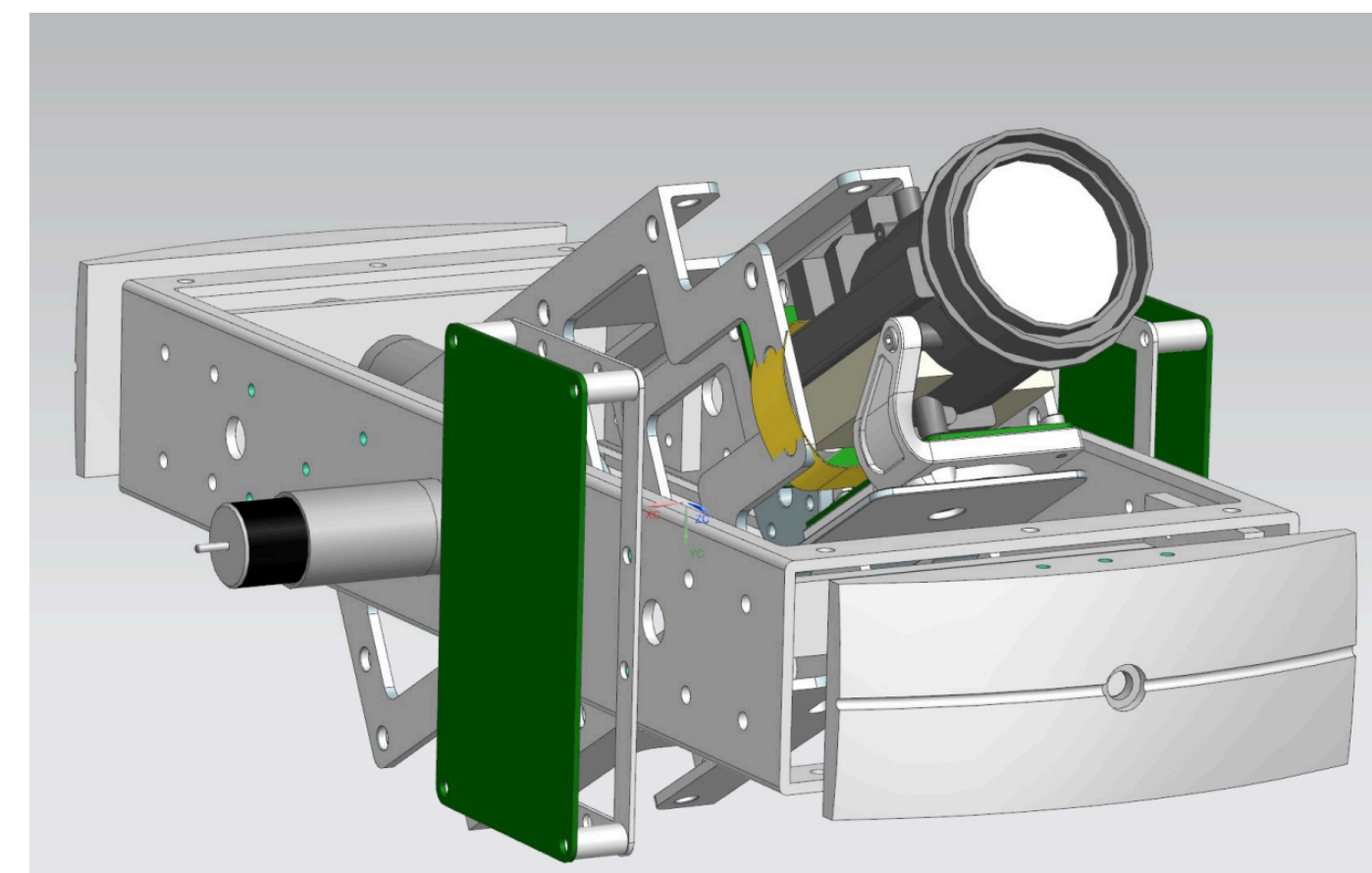
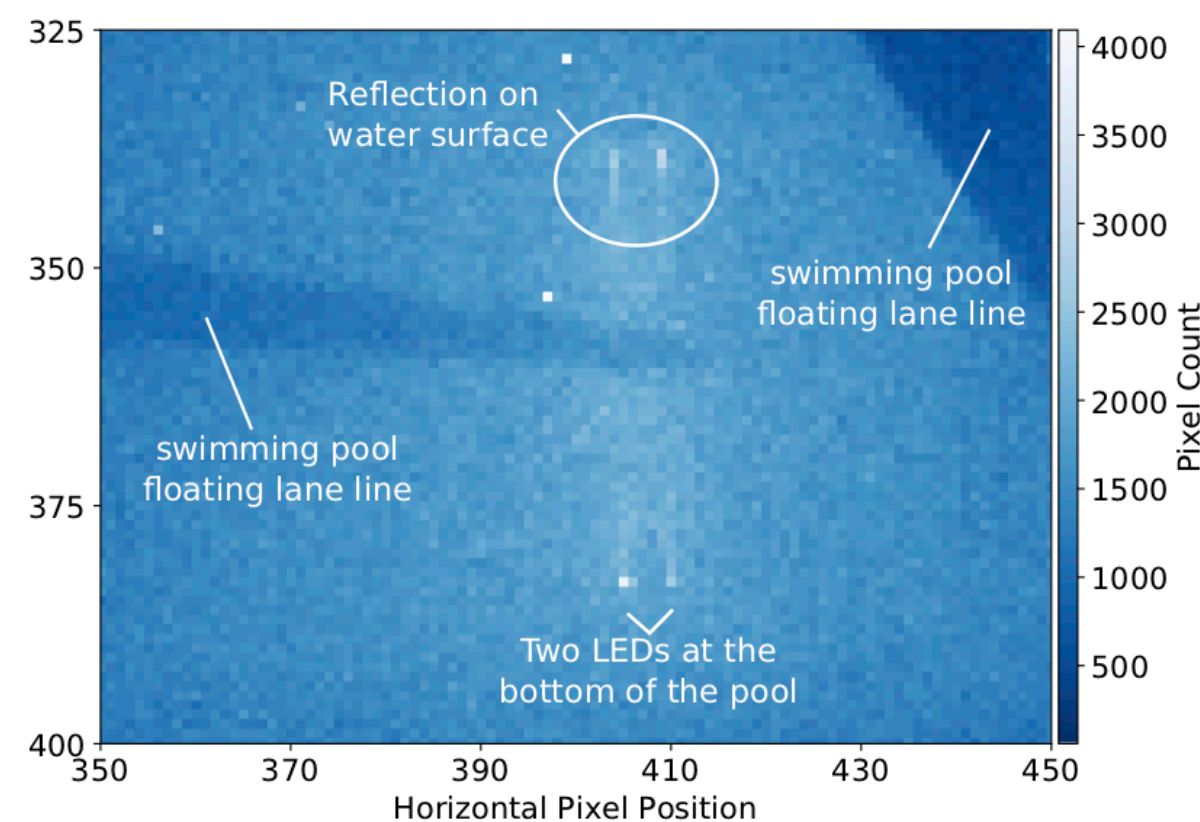
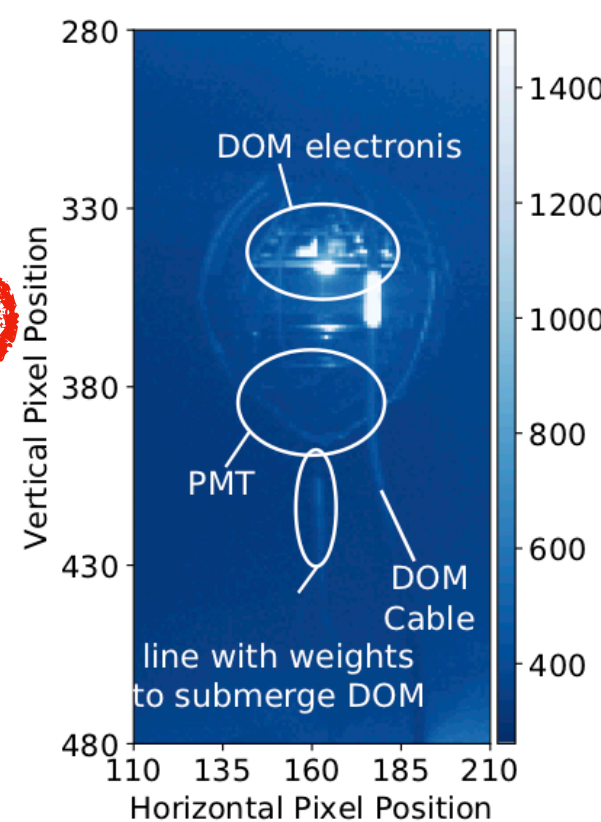
# Swedish Camera



- Science Goals
  - Observing the ice structures during the deployment and the freeze-in process and other DOMs after the deployment.
  - Long-term monitoring of the ice
- 1-pair of cameras deployed and operated in 2010–2018
- Major observation results
  - Central Bubble Column
  - Contamination settling on top of modules



# Camera systems to the IceCube-Upgrade



- IceCube Upgrade Camera system

- Installed in all new Upgrade OMs (more than 2000 cameras in the detector column)
- Ice property study in the vicinity of Upgrade OMs: scattering, absorption, anisotropy, ...
- Geometry/Orientation measurements, observing freeze-in process, ...

- Swedish Camera 2.0

- One of the special calibration device modules
- A steerable camera and a steerable illumination system for one module.
- Placement of five SweCams in the main “deep ice” region of IceCube and physics region of Upgrade.

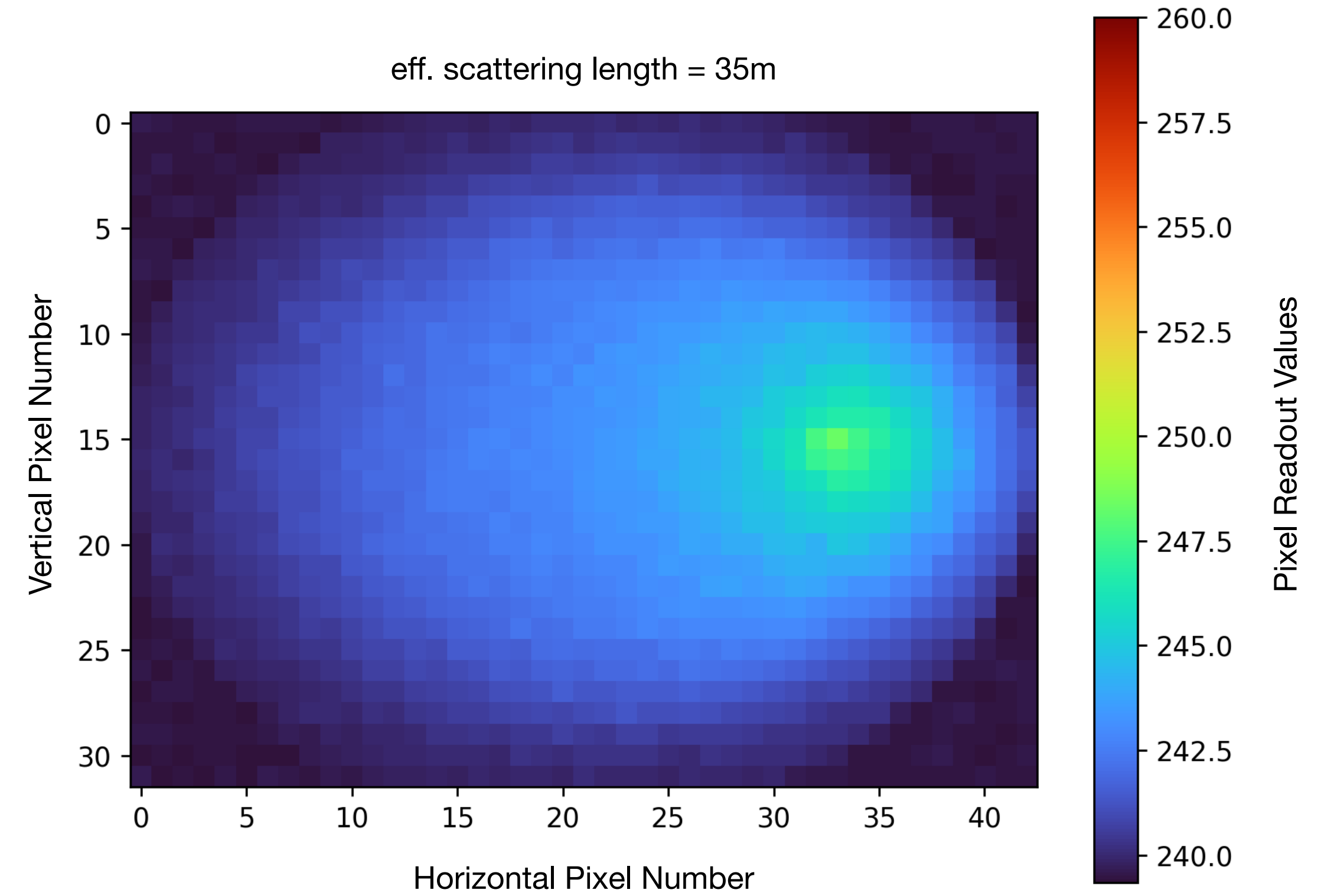
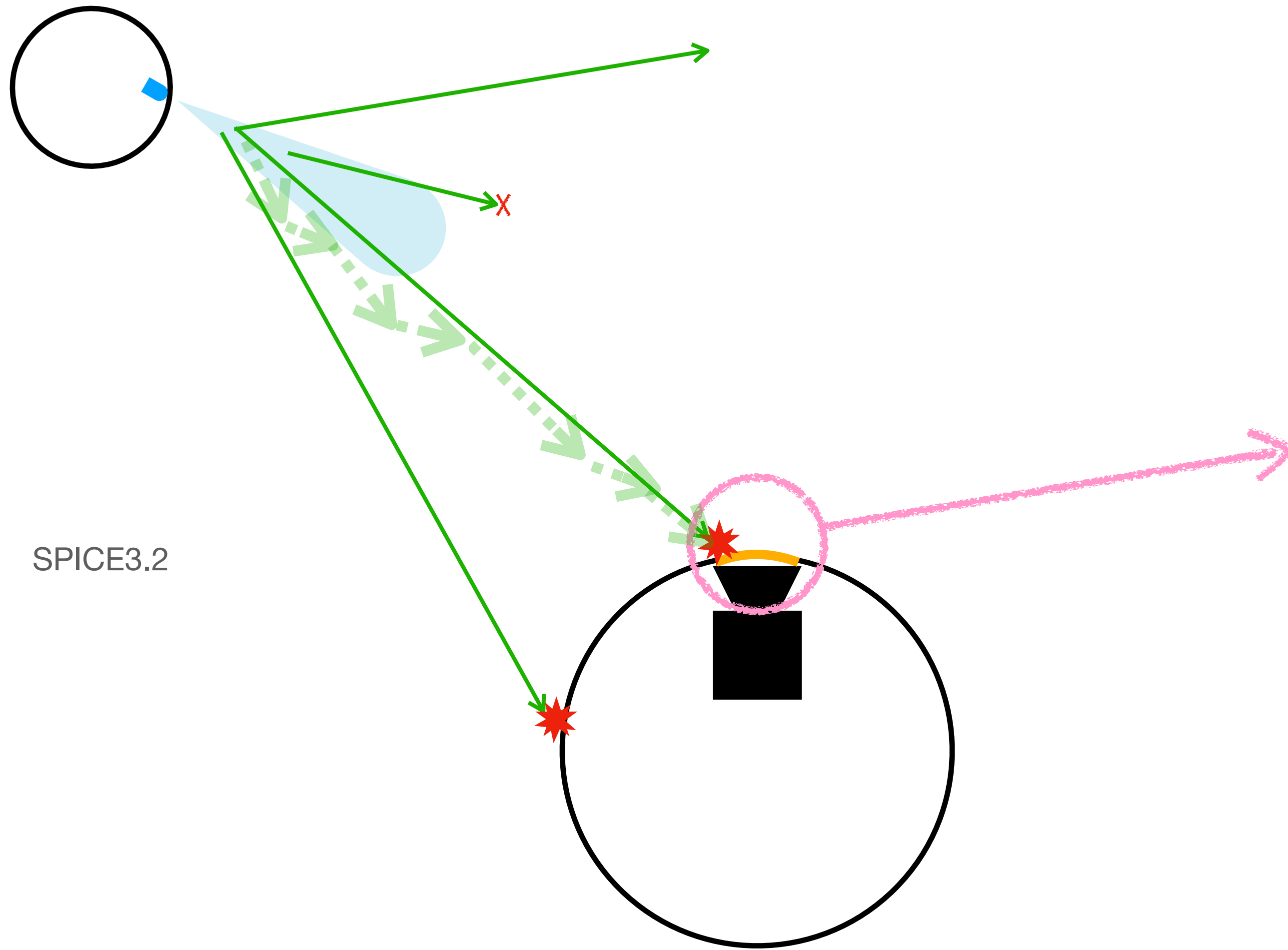
# Introduction to CamSim



# Camera Simulations(CamSim)

- Goal of the camera simulation studies
  - To simulate camera images based on light sources in an optical medium (Antarctic ice)
  - To develop the image analysis methods, which will be used on the actual data from the deployed camera systems
- A newly developed simulation framework for the user-friendly environment and the capability of extension to the analysis framework
  - Ready for IceCube-Upgrade deployment immediately to perform the operations and measurements of the camera systems
  - A series of simulation works with the framework studies are in progress.





\* averaged pixel readout value over 1302 pixels

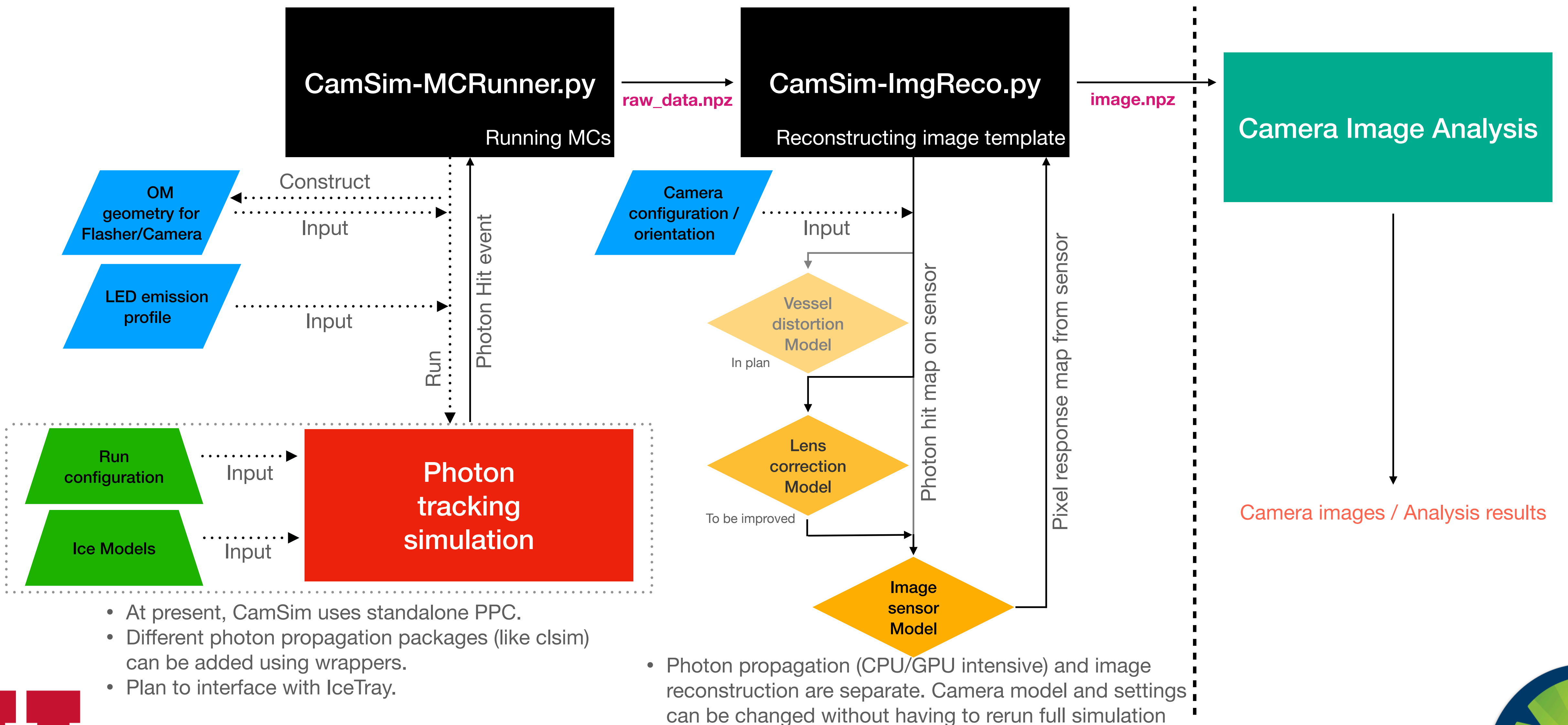
Photon tracking MCs (PPC)

Reconstructing photon hit events into an image format



# Schematic for CamSim

<https://github.com/NAPPLSKKU/CamSim>

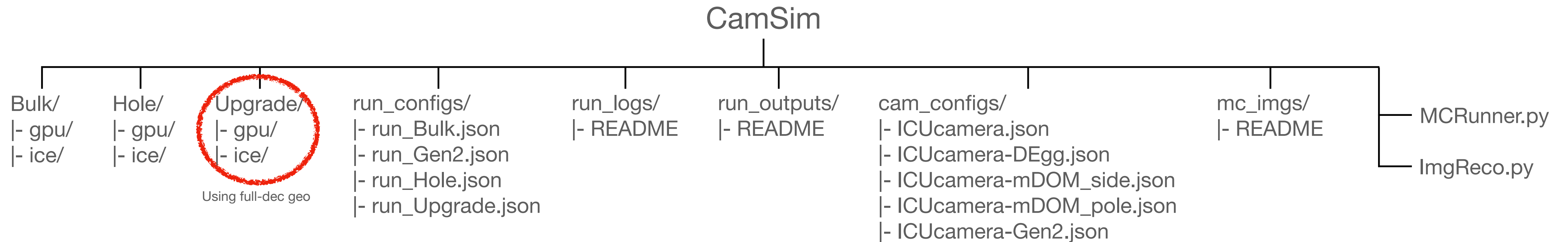


- At present, CamSim uses standalone PPC.
- Different photon propagation packages (like clsim) can be added using wrappers.
- Plan to interface with IceTray.

- Photon propagation (CPU/GPU intensive) and image reconstruction are separate. Camera model and settings can be changed without having to rerun full simulation

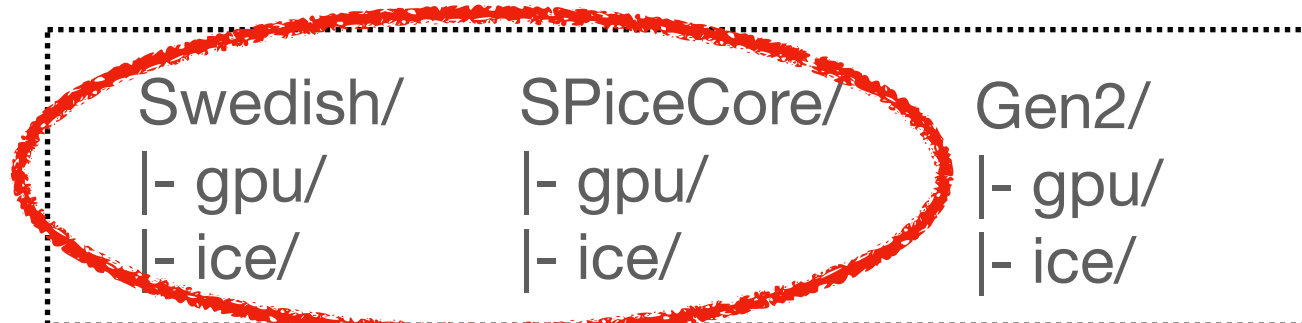


# CamSim Structure



To be updated

Under development



New configurations



Utilities

# Computing details

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- GPU time : ~1 hours for running an bulk ice MC with  $10^{10}$  photons via the wrapper 'MCRunner' (GTX1080)
- CPU time : ~30 min for reconstruction an image for  $10^{10}$  photon bulk ice data via the wrapper 'ImgReco' (i7-6th gen)
- Raw data size: ~1GB for one bulk ice configuration
- Reconstructed image data: ~1.2MB for one camera setting from one simulation configuration



# Converting number of received photons to the camera pixel readout counts



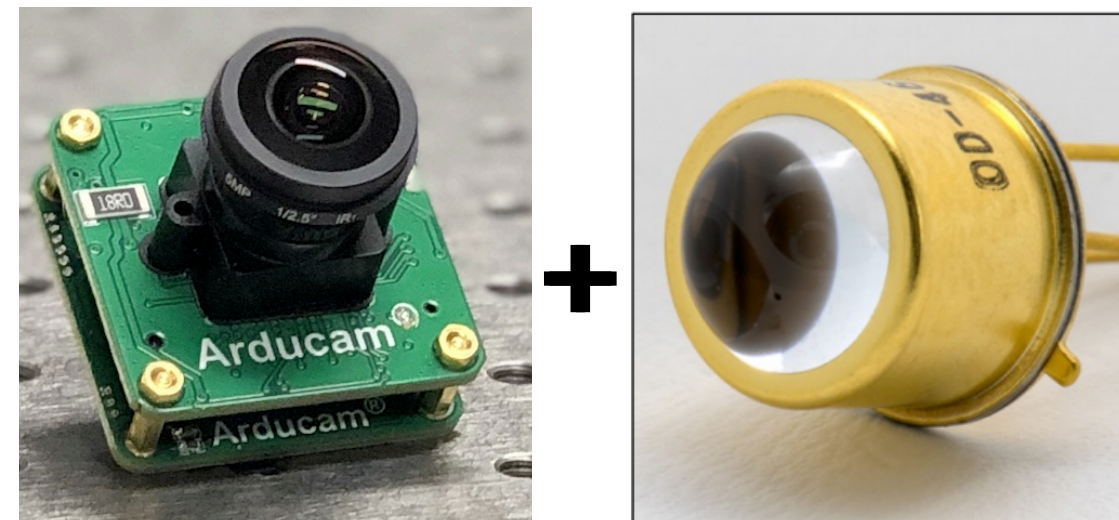
# Conversion factor measurements

- To convert photon counts to pixel readout values we have calibrated our simulation to the physical camera
  - Three independent methods are used to obtain the conversion factor
    - Observation of LED with the camera
      - LED is placed at large distance for it to be a point source → Has been used
      - Lab measurement with highly attenuated LED signal
    - Observation of stars with the camera
    - Uniformly illuminated surface is observed by camera and radiative flux measured via luxmeter
- *Measurements with other methods are underway to determine the systematic uncertainty on the conversion factor*

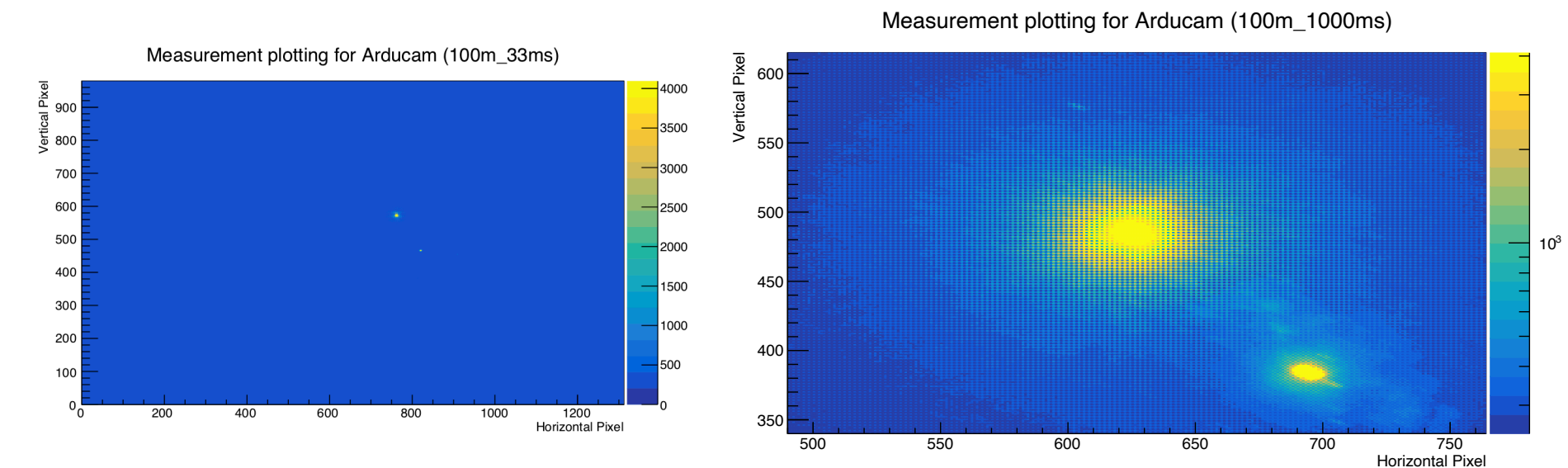
# Camera calibration

- For a camera model to be defined, we need a conversion factor of received simulated photons to pixel readout values
- We have determined this conversion factor for the IceCube Upgrade camera

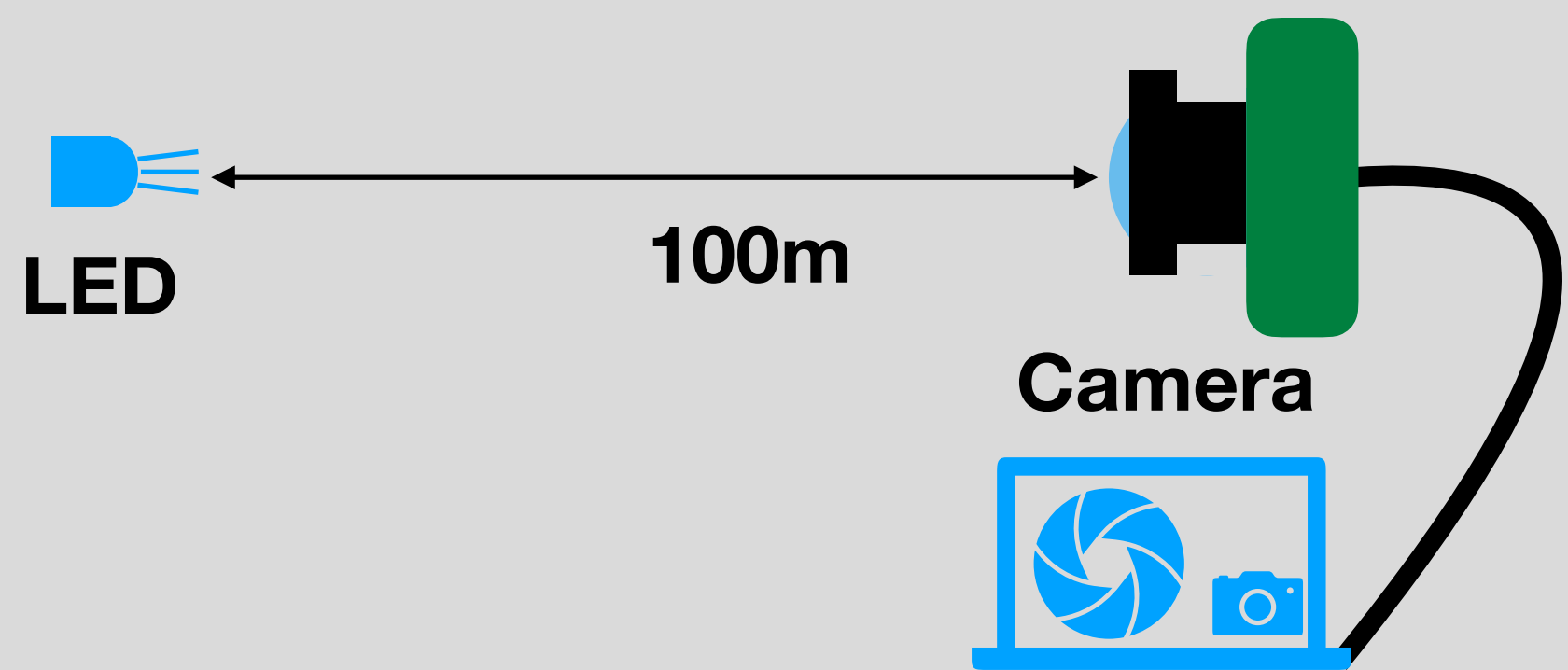
- **Method:** Simulate images in air (negligible scattering) and compare with observed images
- **Outcome:** Obtain weight factor of simulated photon to pixel readout value



<sample image for 1000ms exposure>



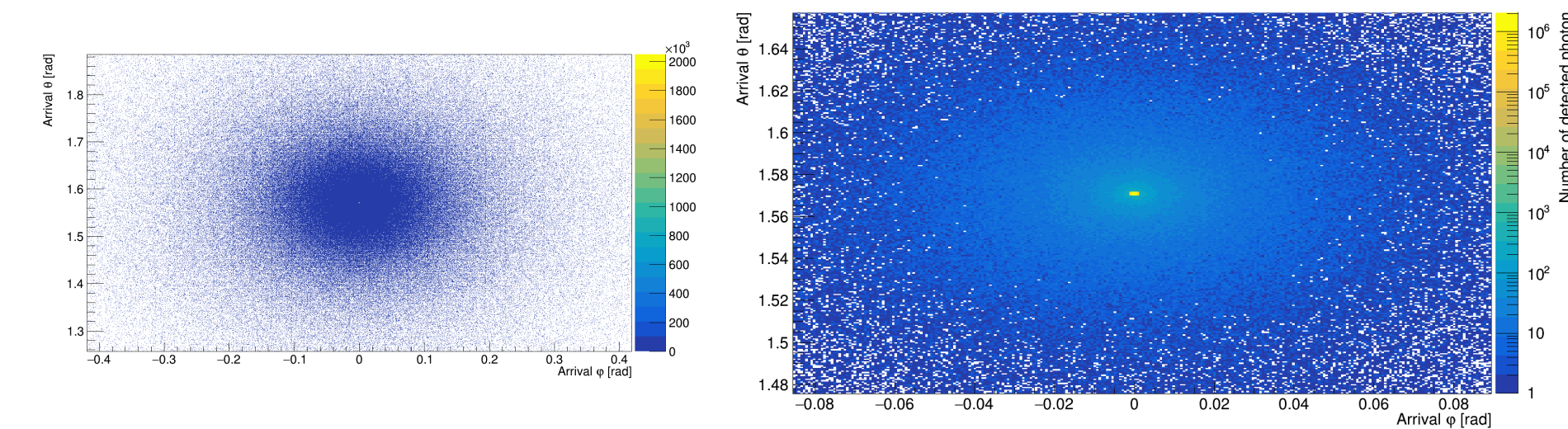
Dark condition  
(night+environmental background)



IceCube Upgrade Camera & LED used for SpiceCore Camera system

From CamSim in PPC  
 $14^\circ$  width narrow beam  
 $10^{11}$  initial photons from LED

<simulation under the same configuration>

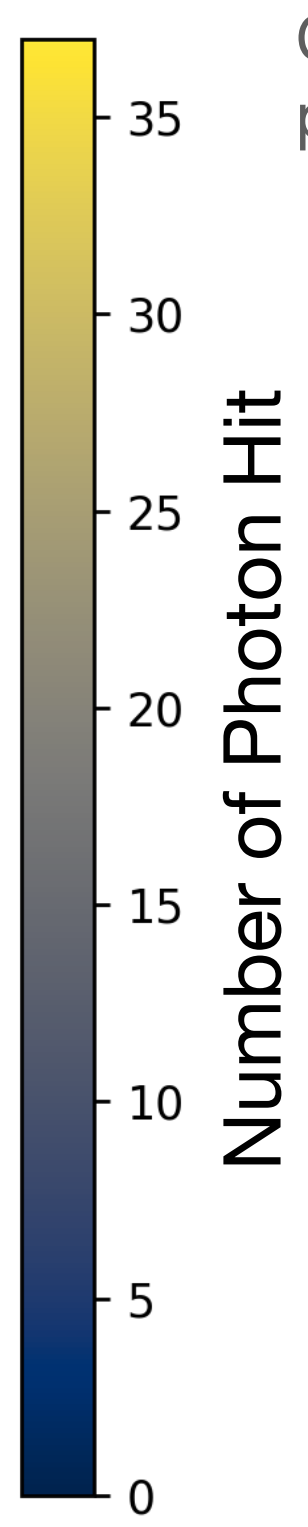
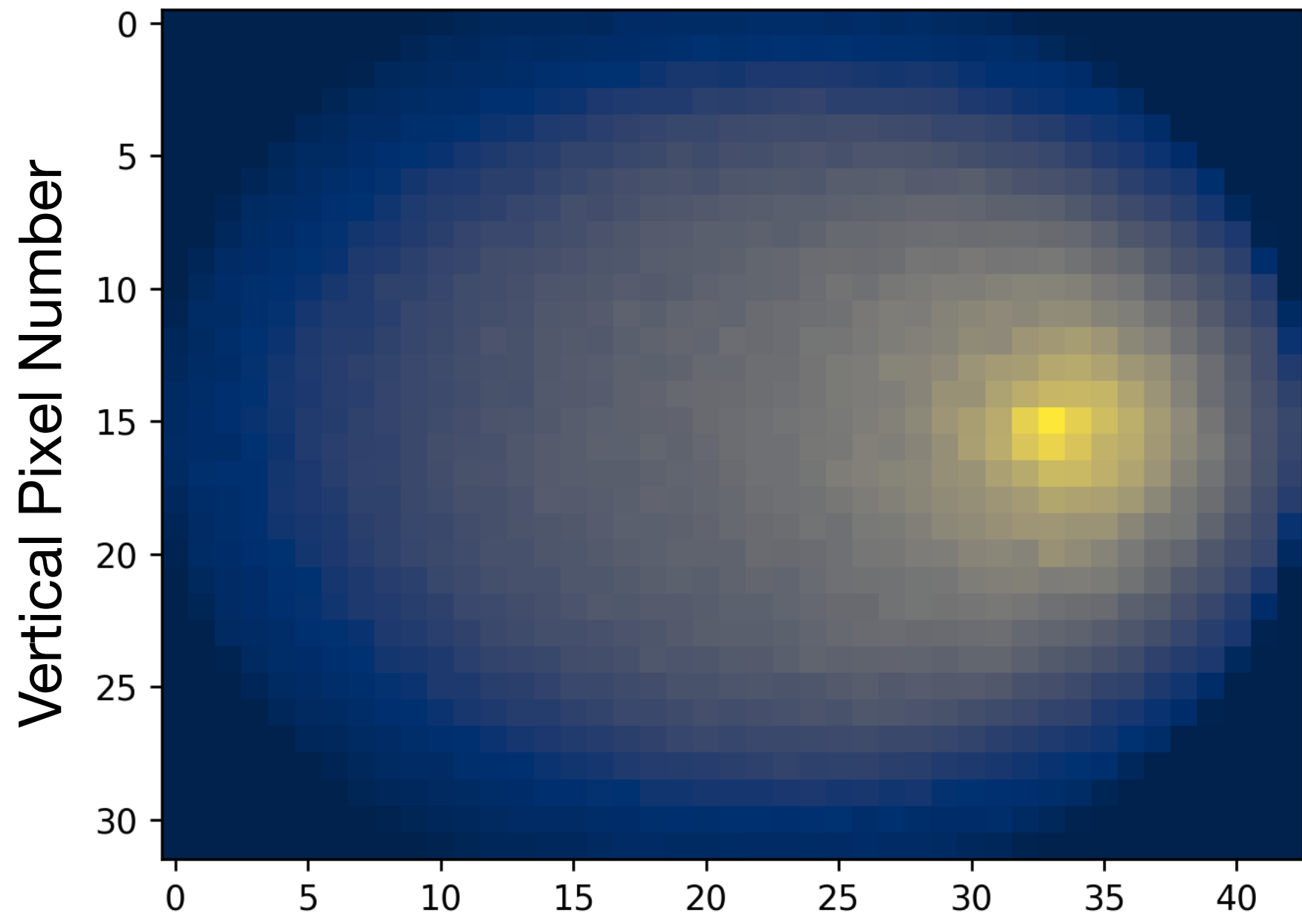


# Conversion factor calculation

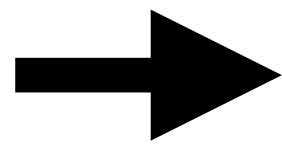
$$\alpha = \frac{\text{Assumed exposure time for in-ice measurement}}{\text{exposure time used for calibration measurement in air}} \times \frac{\text{Total simulated photons in air}}{\text{Total simulated photons in-ice}} \times \frac{\text{Camera over-sizing area used for air simulation}}{\text{Camera over-sizing area used for ice simulation}} \times \frac{\text{Sum of pixel readout values of the LED image observed in air}}{\text{Sum of the detected simulated photons in the air simulation}}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{t_{exp}^{ice}}{t_{exp}^{air}} \times \frac{N_{\gamma}^{air}}{N_{\gamma}^{ice}} \times \frac{A_{sim}^{air}}{A_{sim}^{ice}} \times \frac{\sum r_{pixel}}{\sum n_{\gamma}^{air}}$$

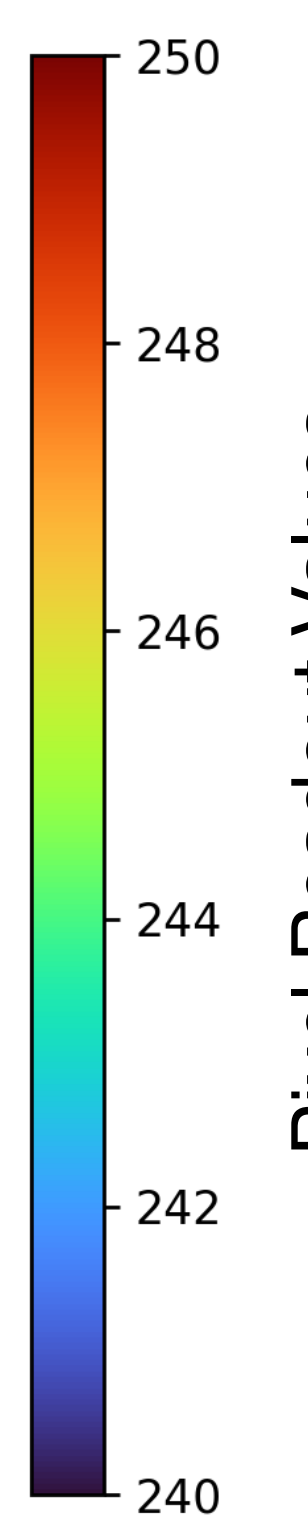
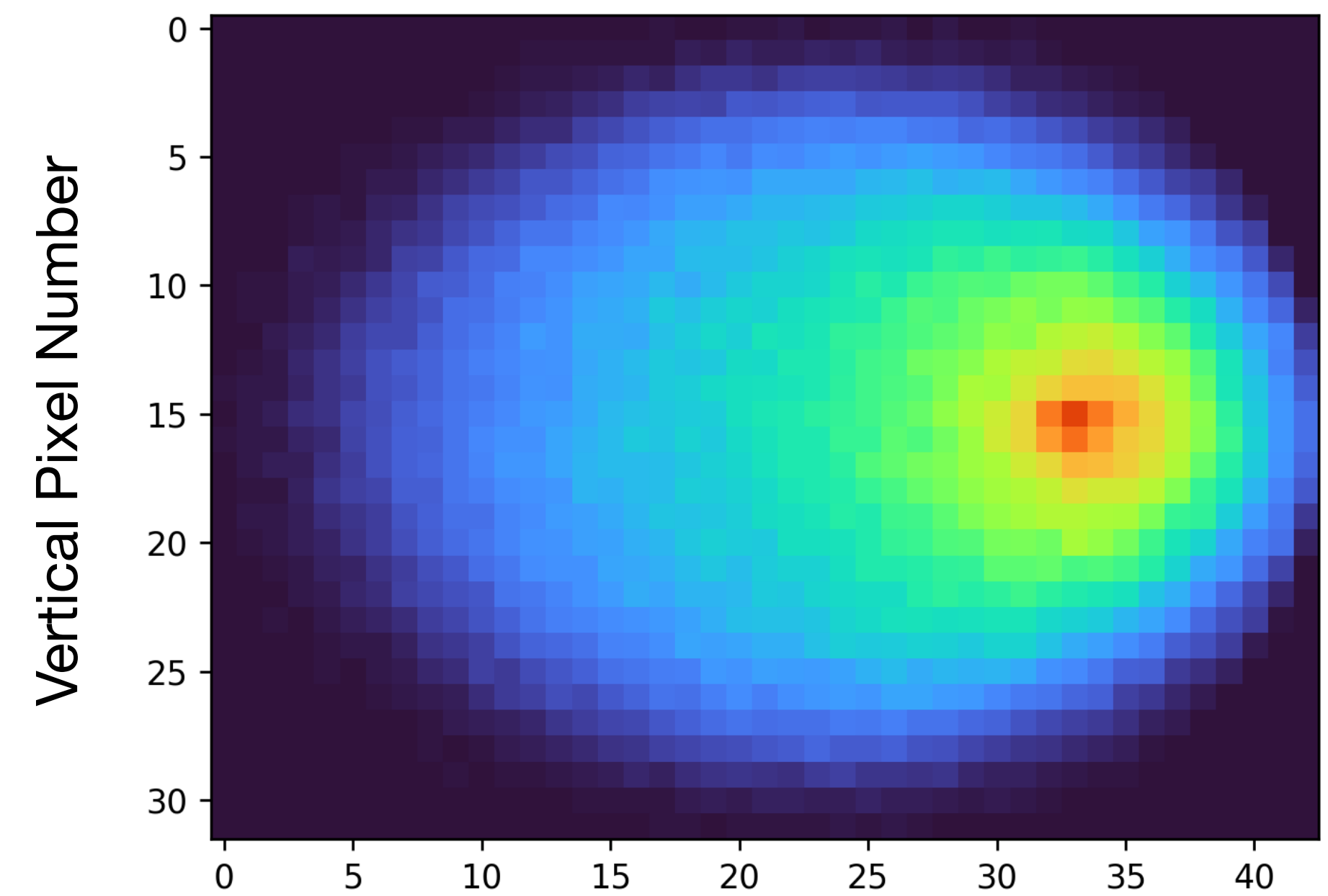
eff. scattering length = 35m



Conversion factor  $\sim 0.25/\text{photon}$   
pedestal baseline = 240



eff. scattering length = 35m



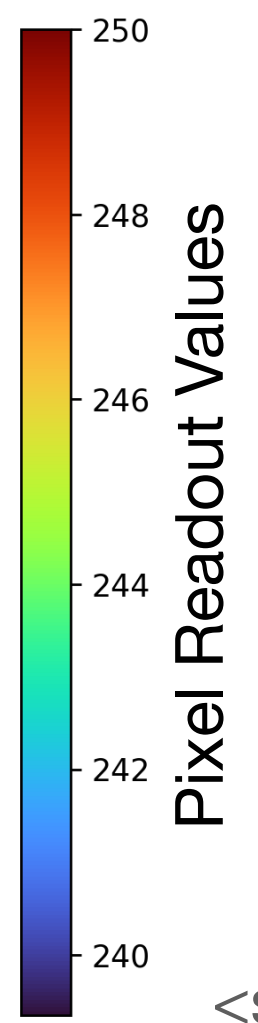
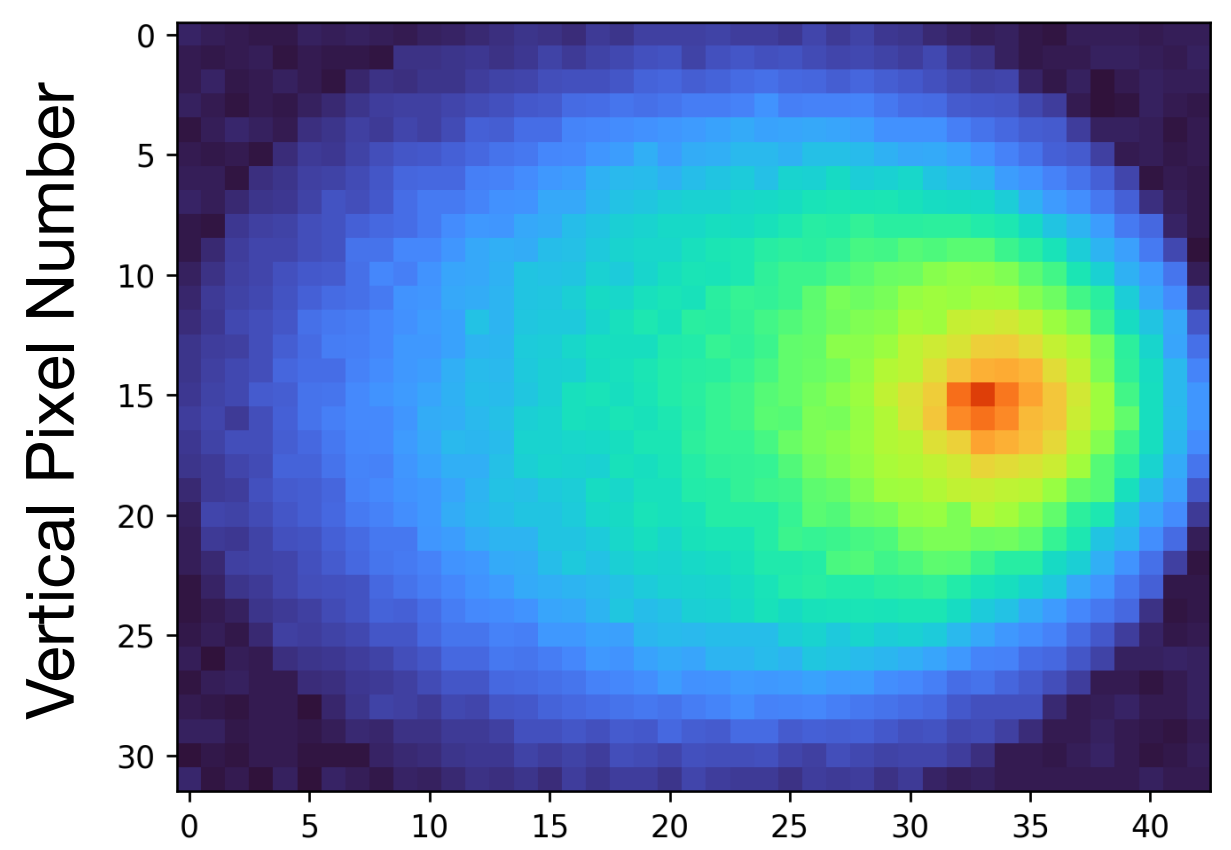
<raw photon hit map>

<signal+baseline>

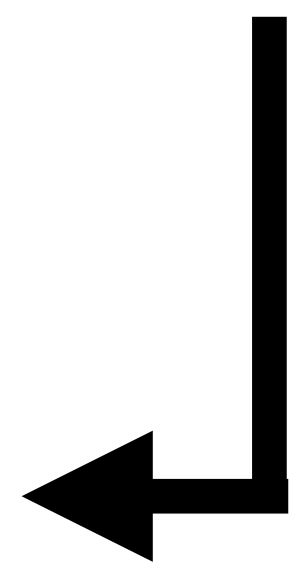
- Exposure time setting = 1500ms
- Number of initial photon injection =  $10^{10}$
- OM oversizing factor = 5
- Lens oversizing factor = 5

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eff. scattering length = 35m



<signal+baseline+noise>



Adding pixel noise (Gaussian)

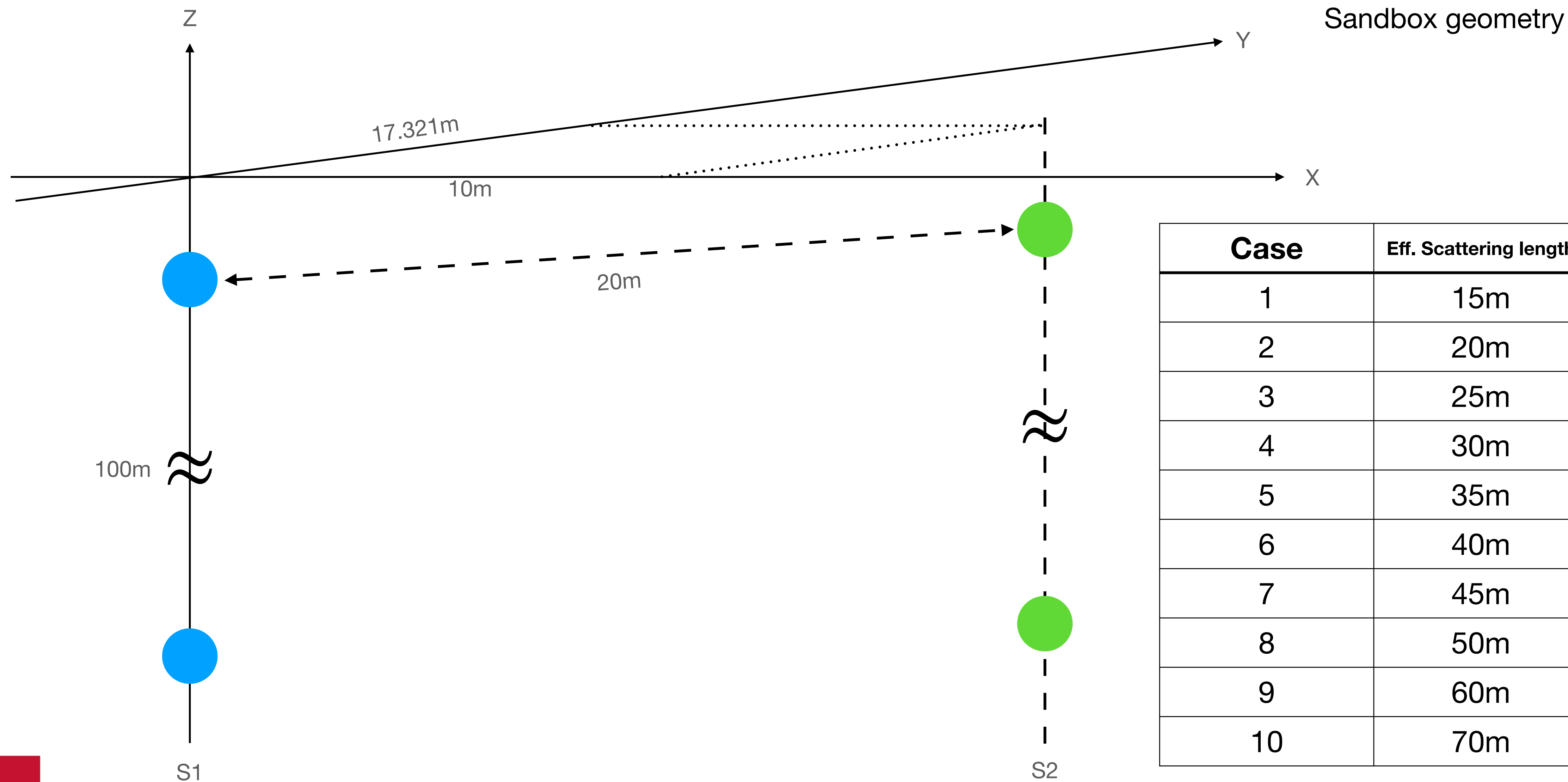


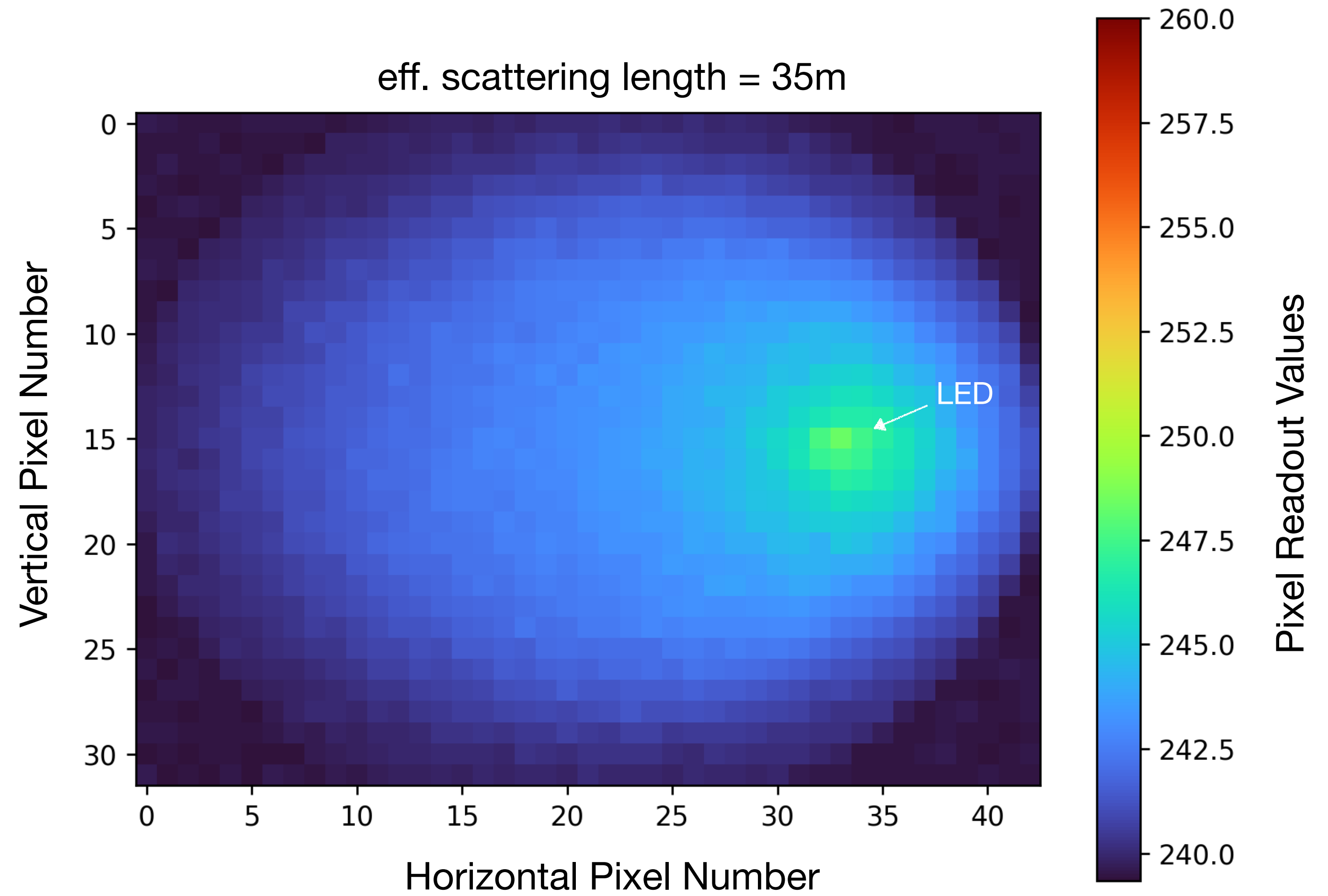
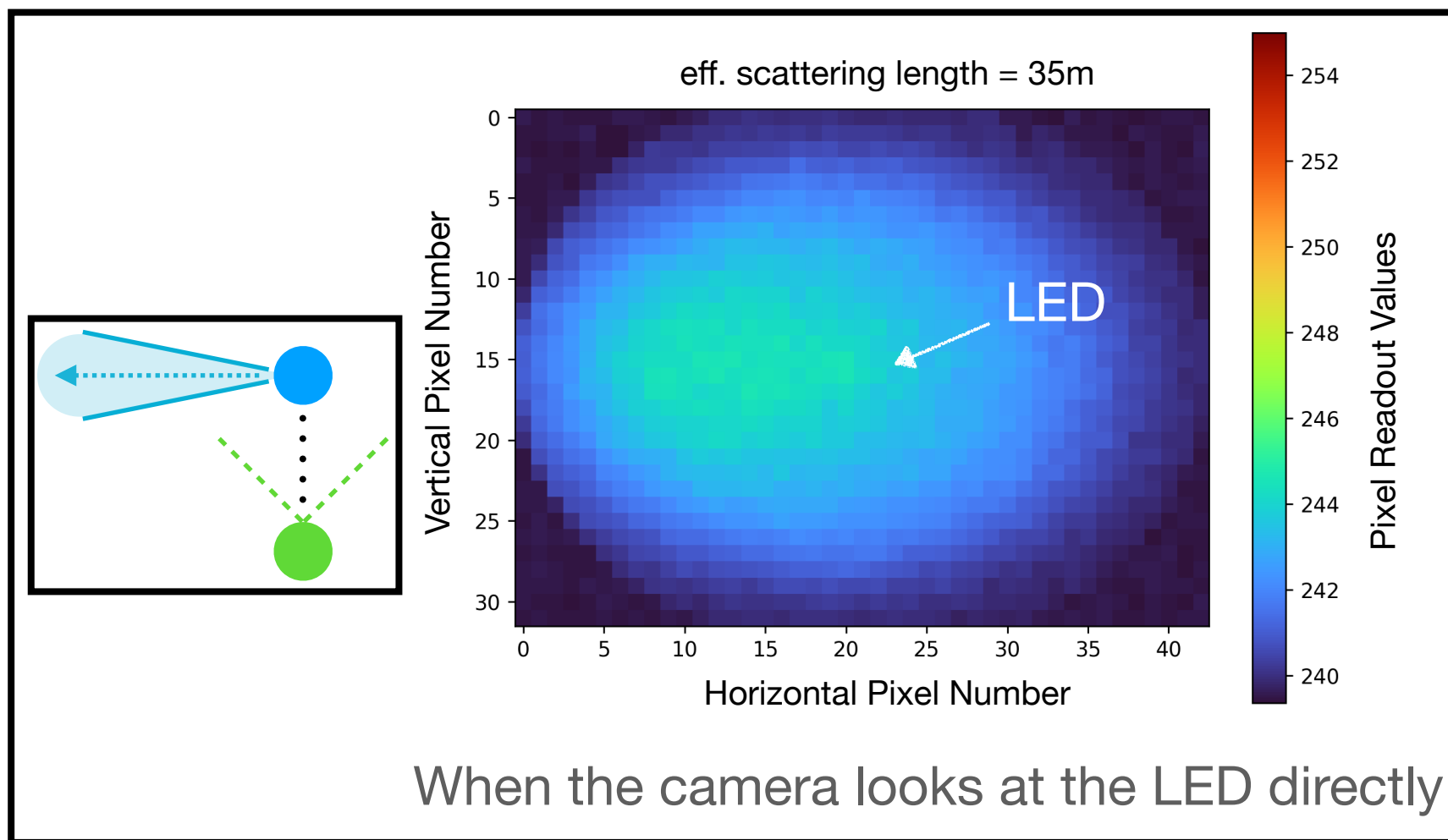
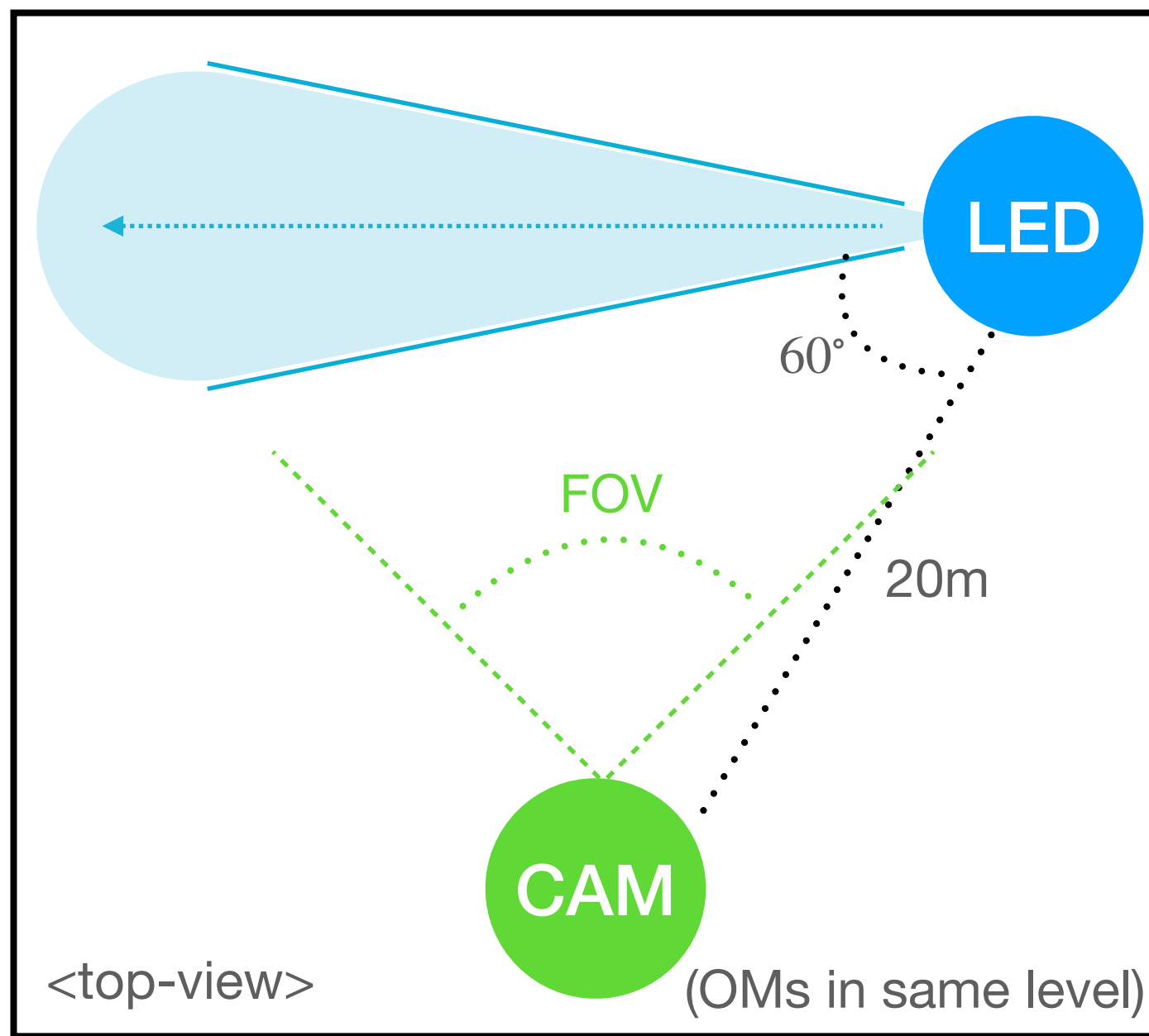
# **Observing the illumination light from the neighboring string with IceCube Upgrade Camera System (Two D-Egg case)**



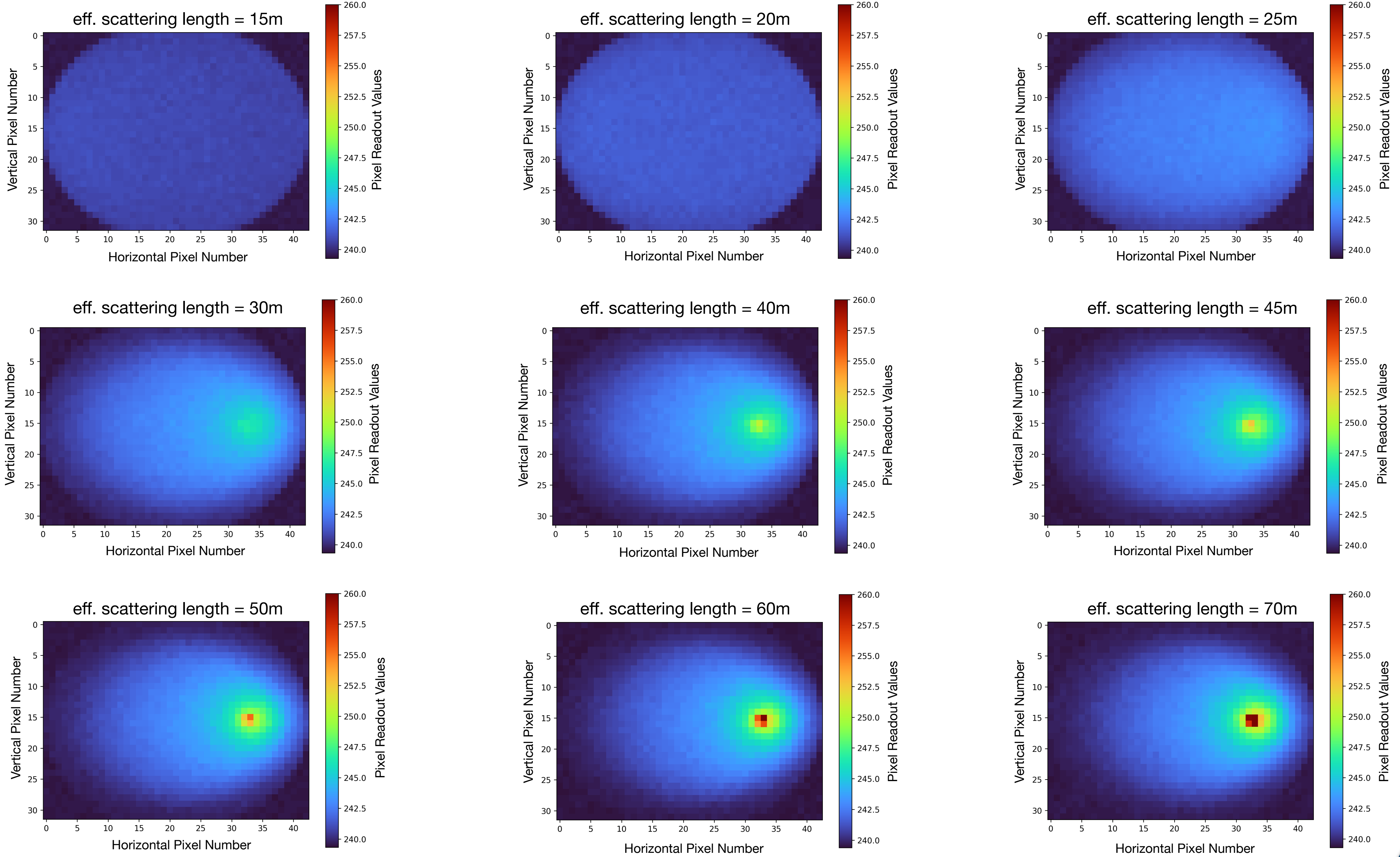


# Observing lights from the neighboring string (Bulk ice measurement)



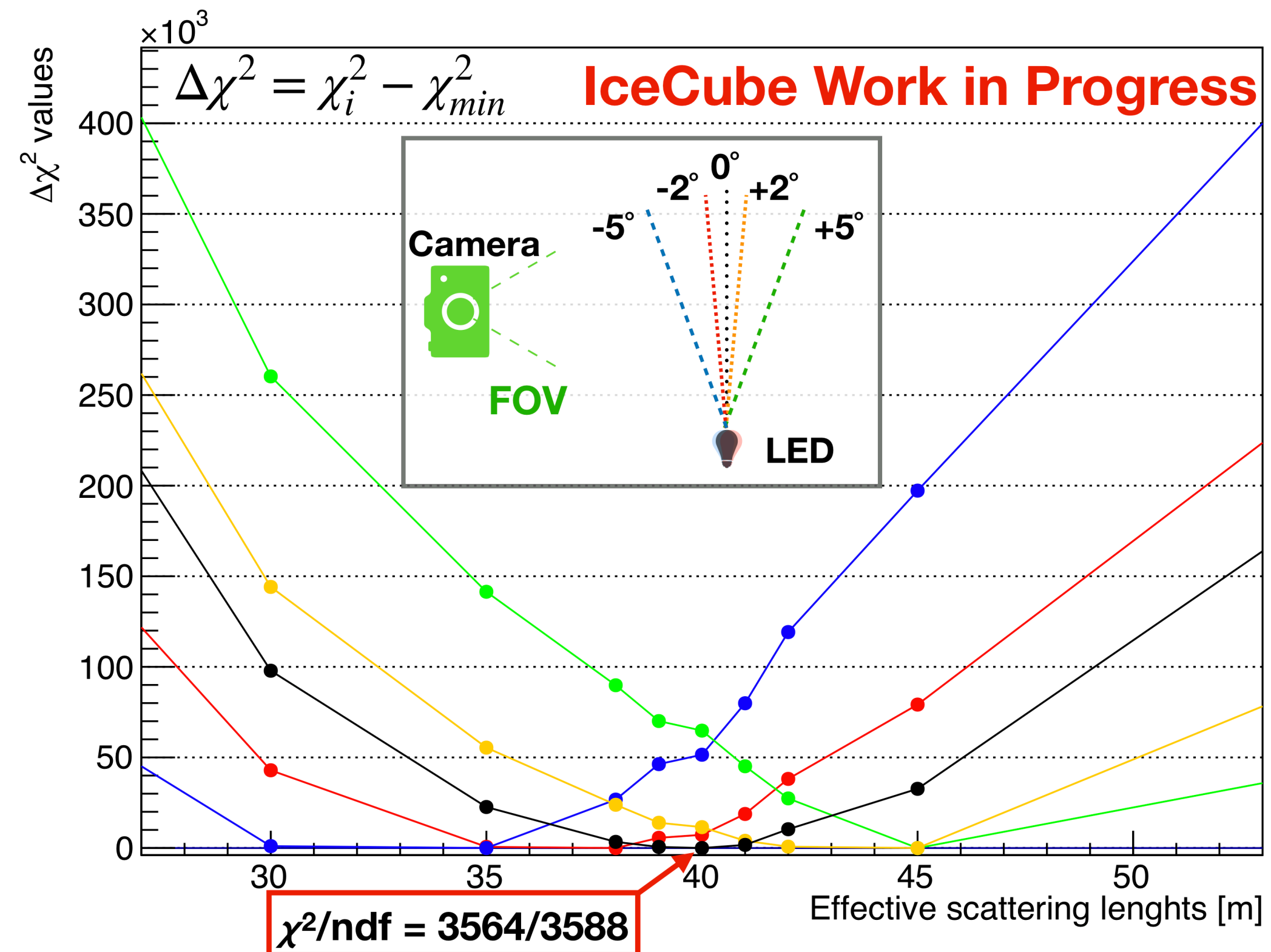


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# Previous analysis results in ICRC2019

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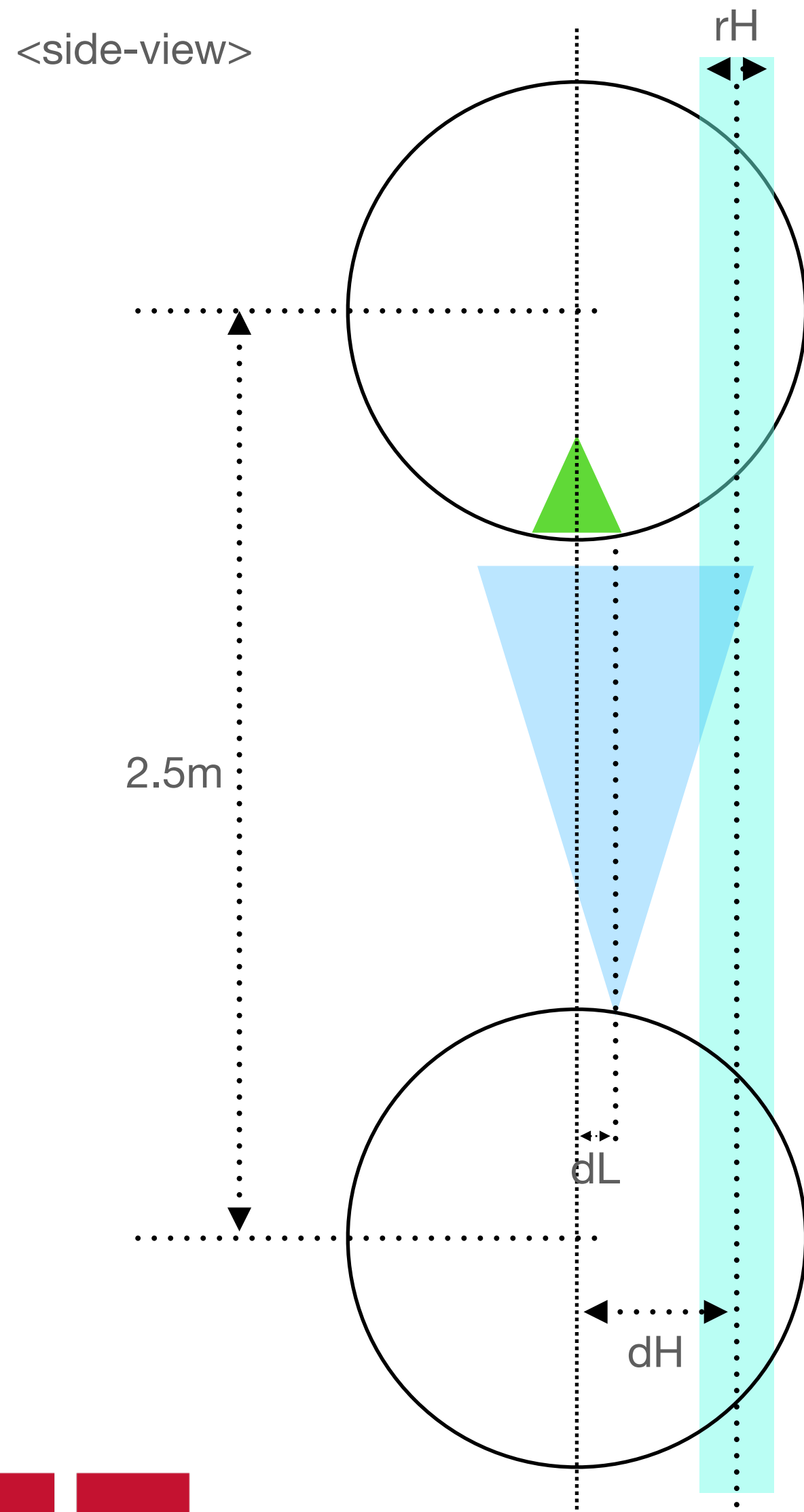
- $\Delta\chi^2$ -based analysis of the simulated images. Ice properties estimated to less than a few meters assuming few degree LED alignment uncertainty.
- Likelihood-based analysis are under development, which is expected to improve the results.

# **Imaging the Bubble Column with IceCube Upgrade Camera System in two vertically located DOMs (Two mDOM case)**



# Imaging Bubble column in the drill hole (Hole ice measurement)

Sandbox geometry



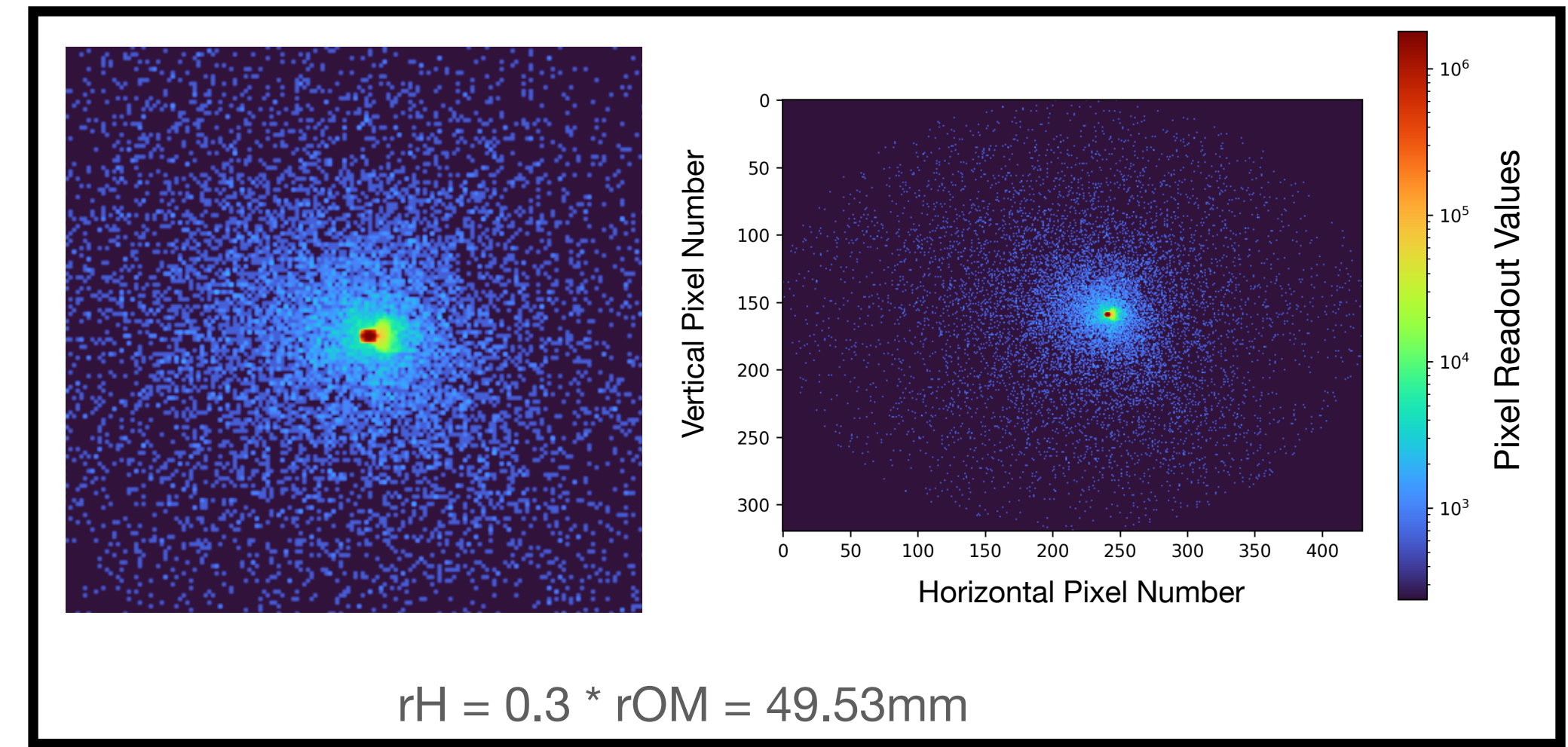
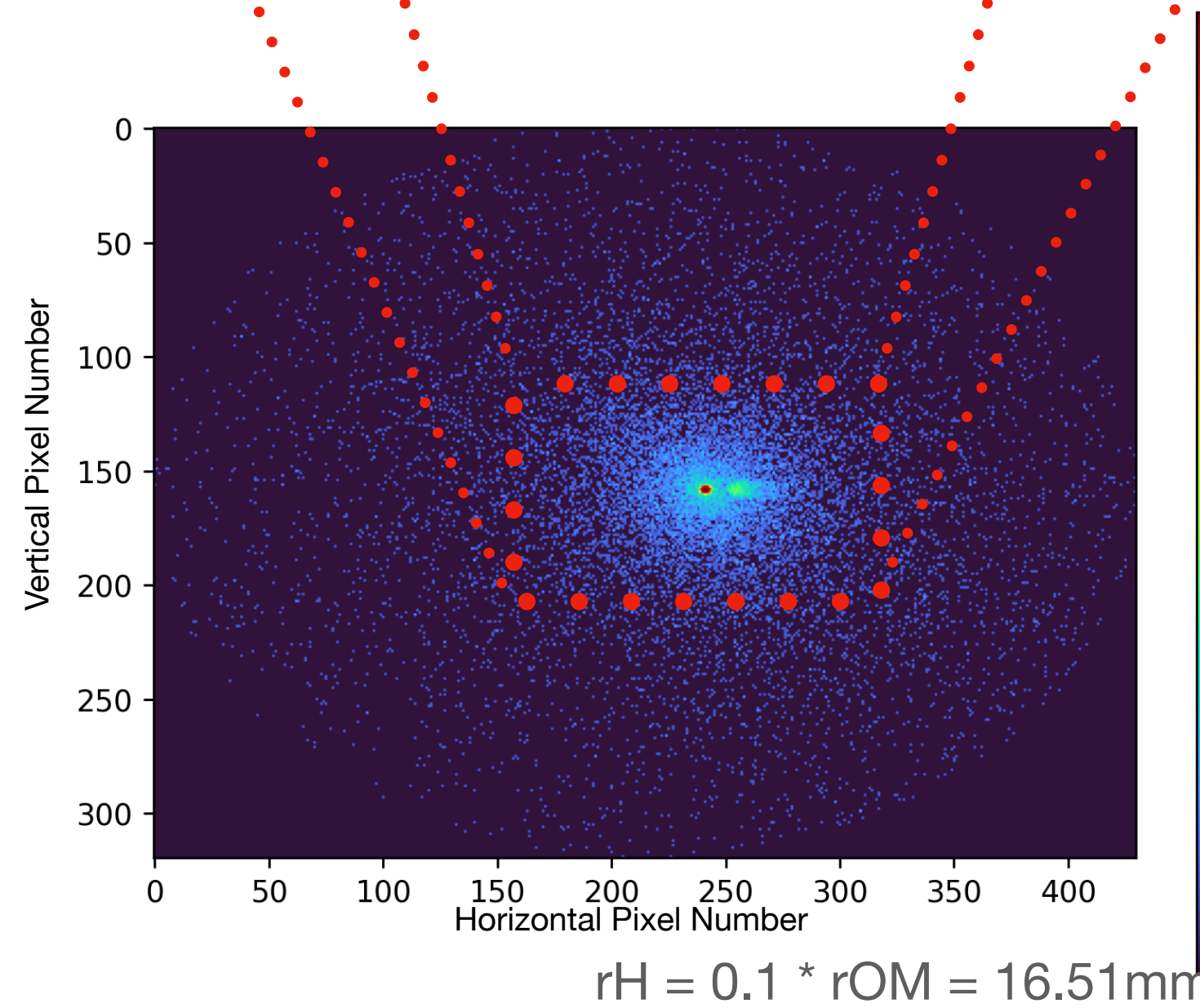
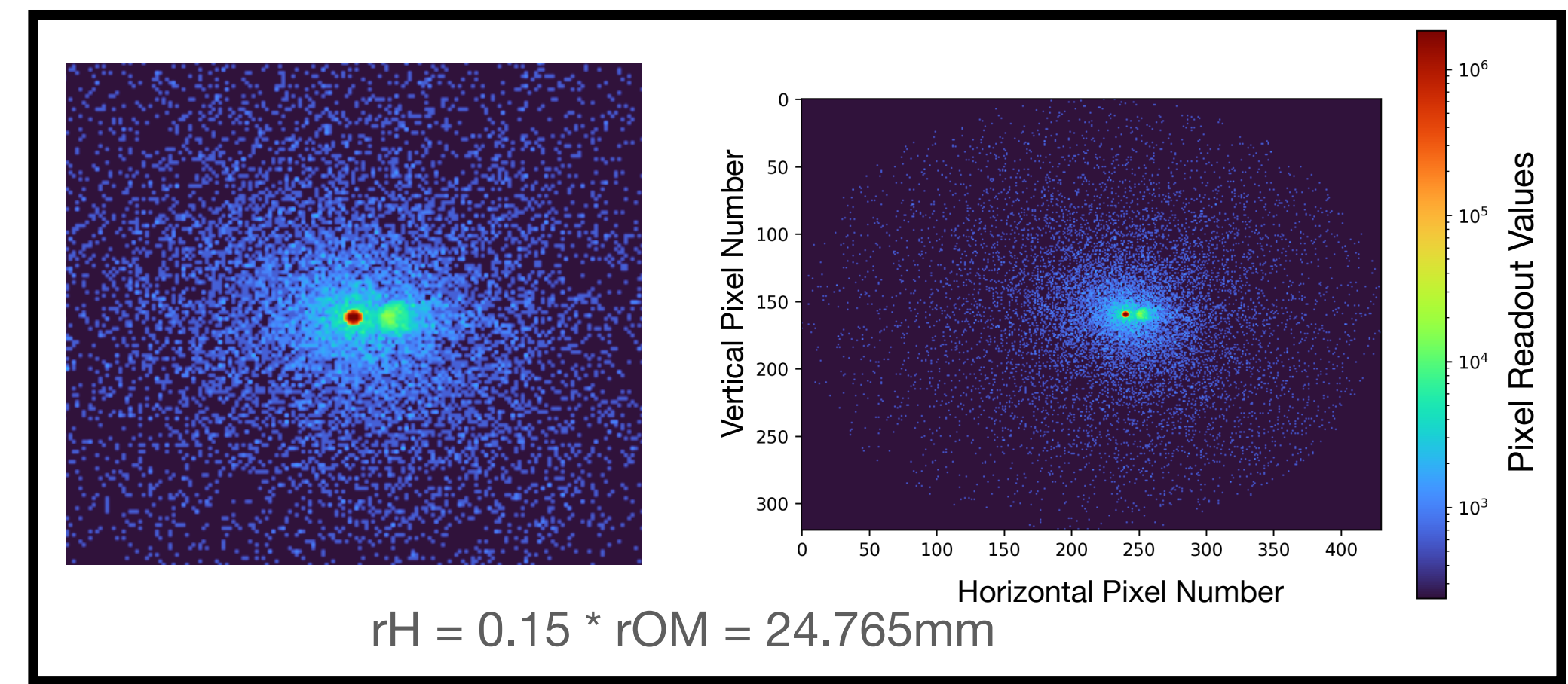
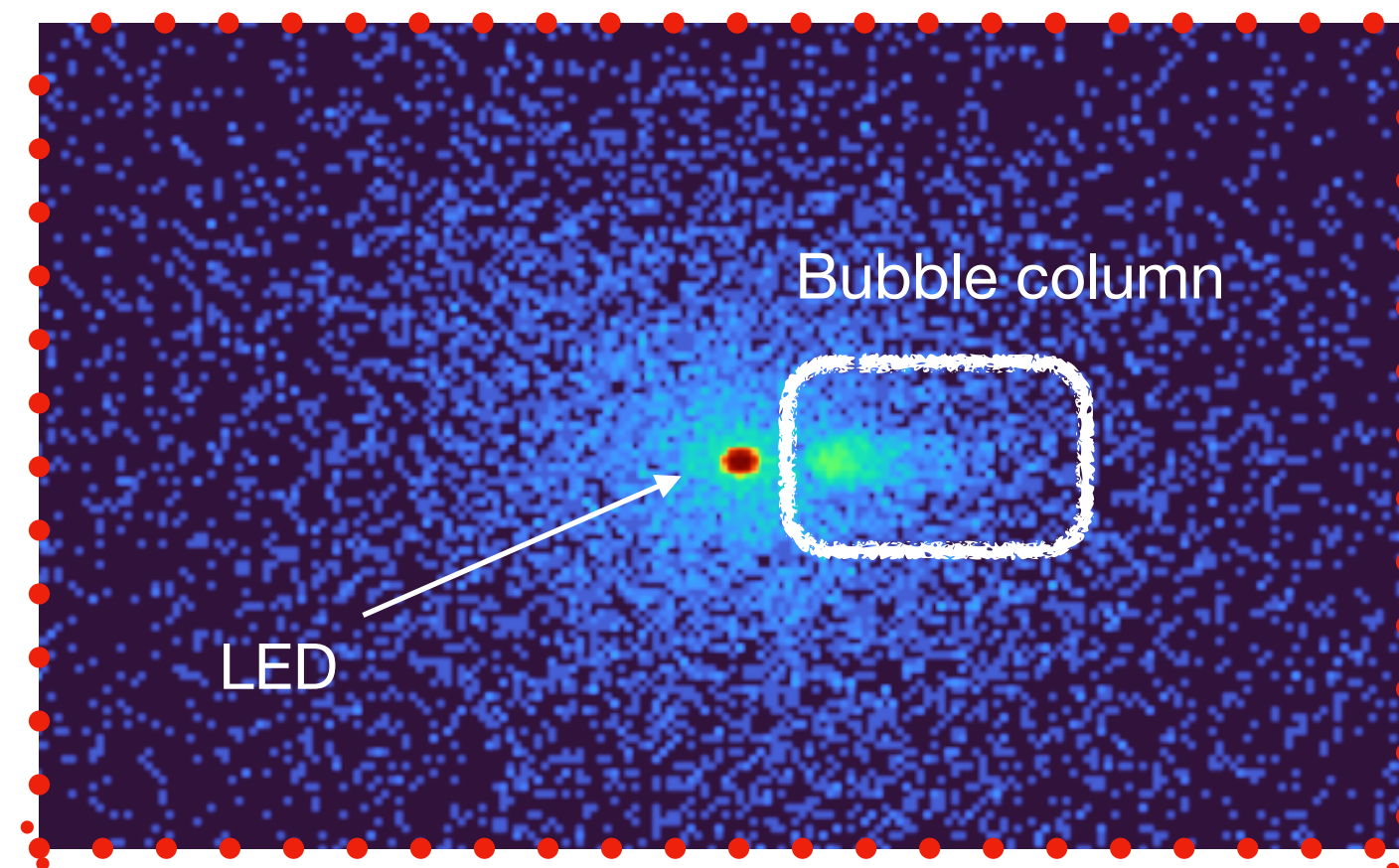
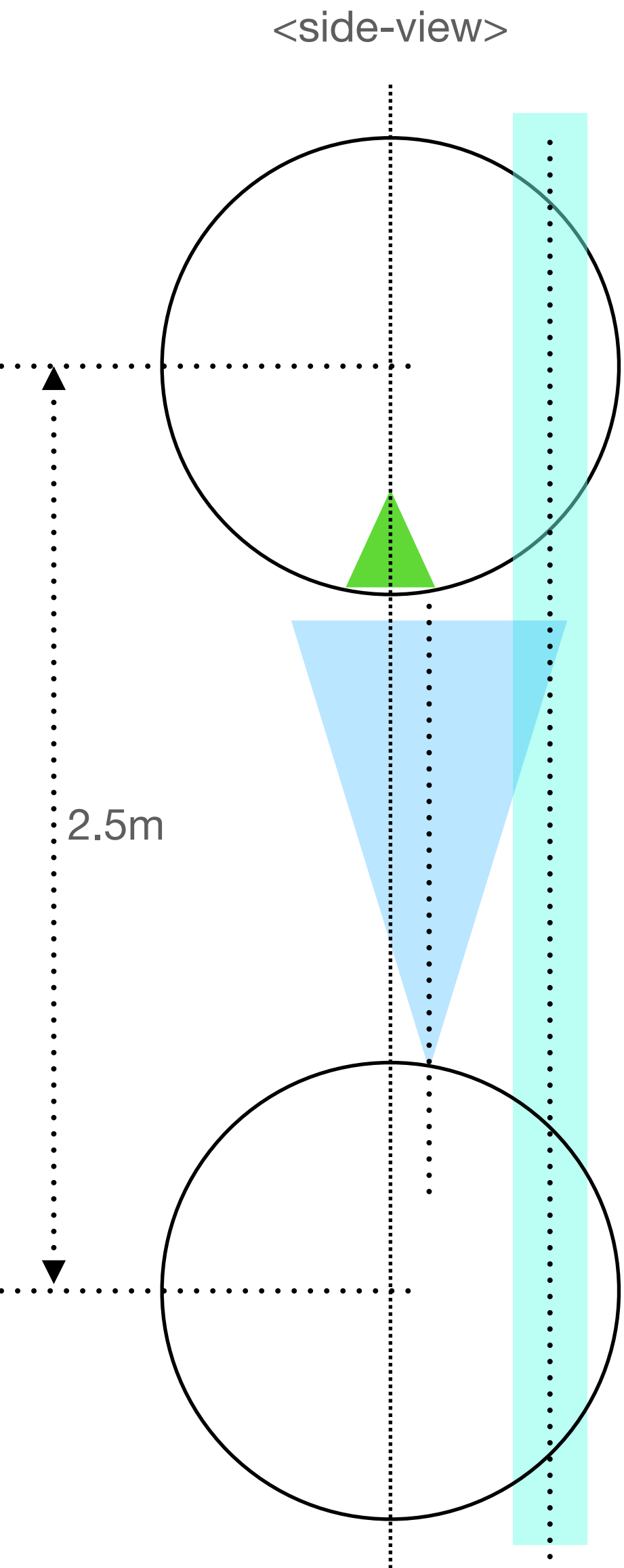
- Simulation package for Hole ice survey (looking for Bubble Column; BC)
- dL: LED position offset from DOM axis = 28.7 mm
- dH: BC position offsite from DOM axis = 170 mm
- rH: BC radius (below  $0.1 * \text{DOM radius} = 16.51\text{mm}$ ; DOM radius = 165.10 mm)  
(realistically  $\sim 0.5 * \text{DOM radius}$  → to be simulated as a next step)
- In `~/CamSim/Hole/ice/cfg.txt`

OM_ID	Type
1	Camera
2	LED

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1 # ppc configuration file: follow strict order below
2 1 # over-R: DOM radius "oversize" scaling factor
3 1.0 # overall DOM efficiency correction
4 0.35 # 0=HG; 1=SAM
5 0.9 # g=<cos(theta)>
6
7 130 # direction of major anisotropy axis
8 -0.106 # magnitude of major anisotropy coefficient k1
9 0.053 # magnitude of minor anisotropy coefficient k2
10
11 0.1 # hole ice radius in units of [DOM radius]
12 0.05 # hole ice effective scattering length [m]
13 100.0 # hole ice absorption length [m]
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Hole ice parameters

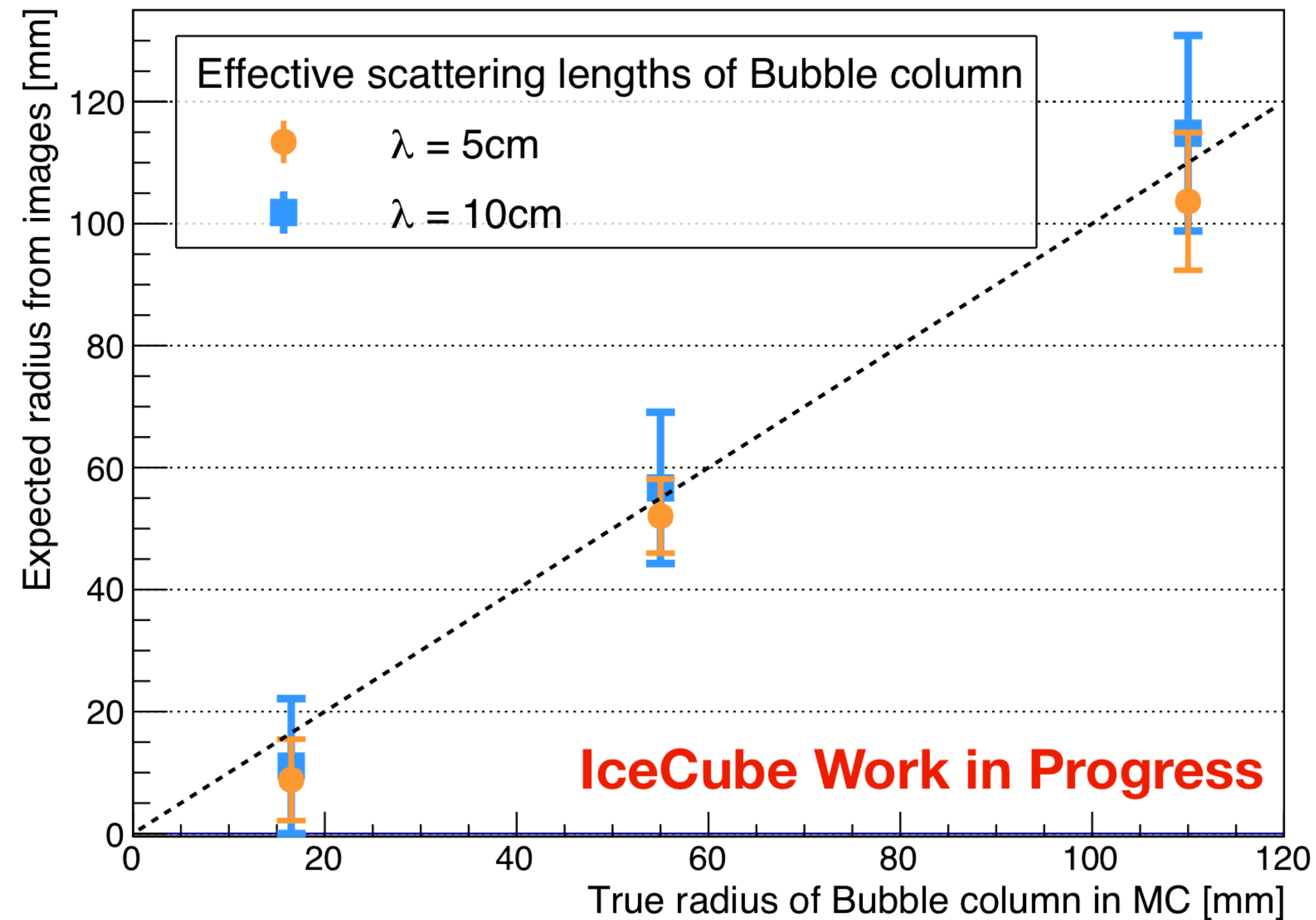


No range limit..  
To be fixed with shorter exposure time



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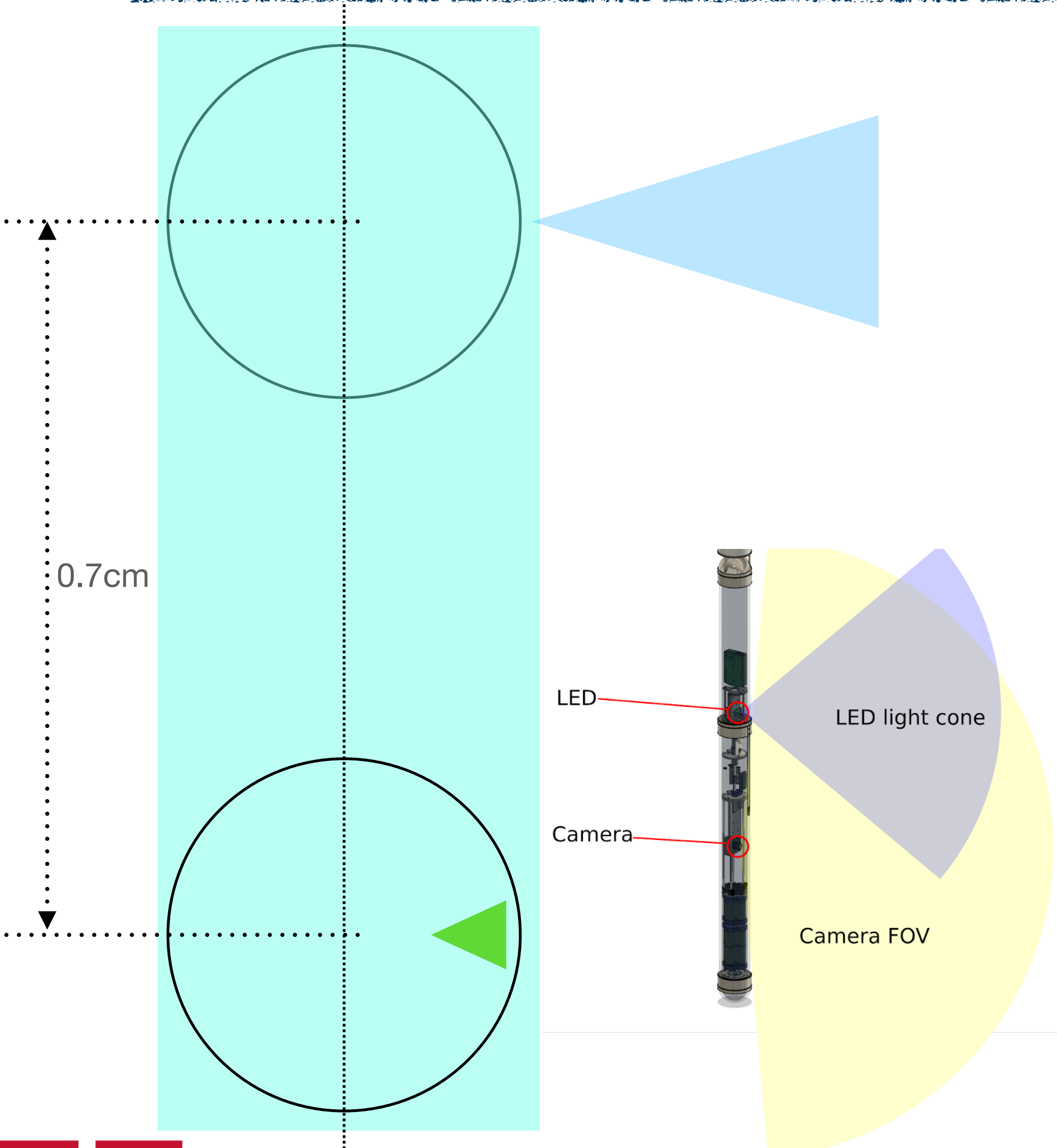
- Bubble column size estimate for different simulations.
- Advanced analysis is in design phase.



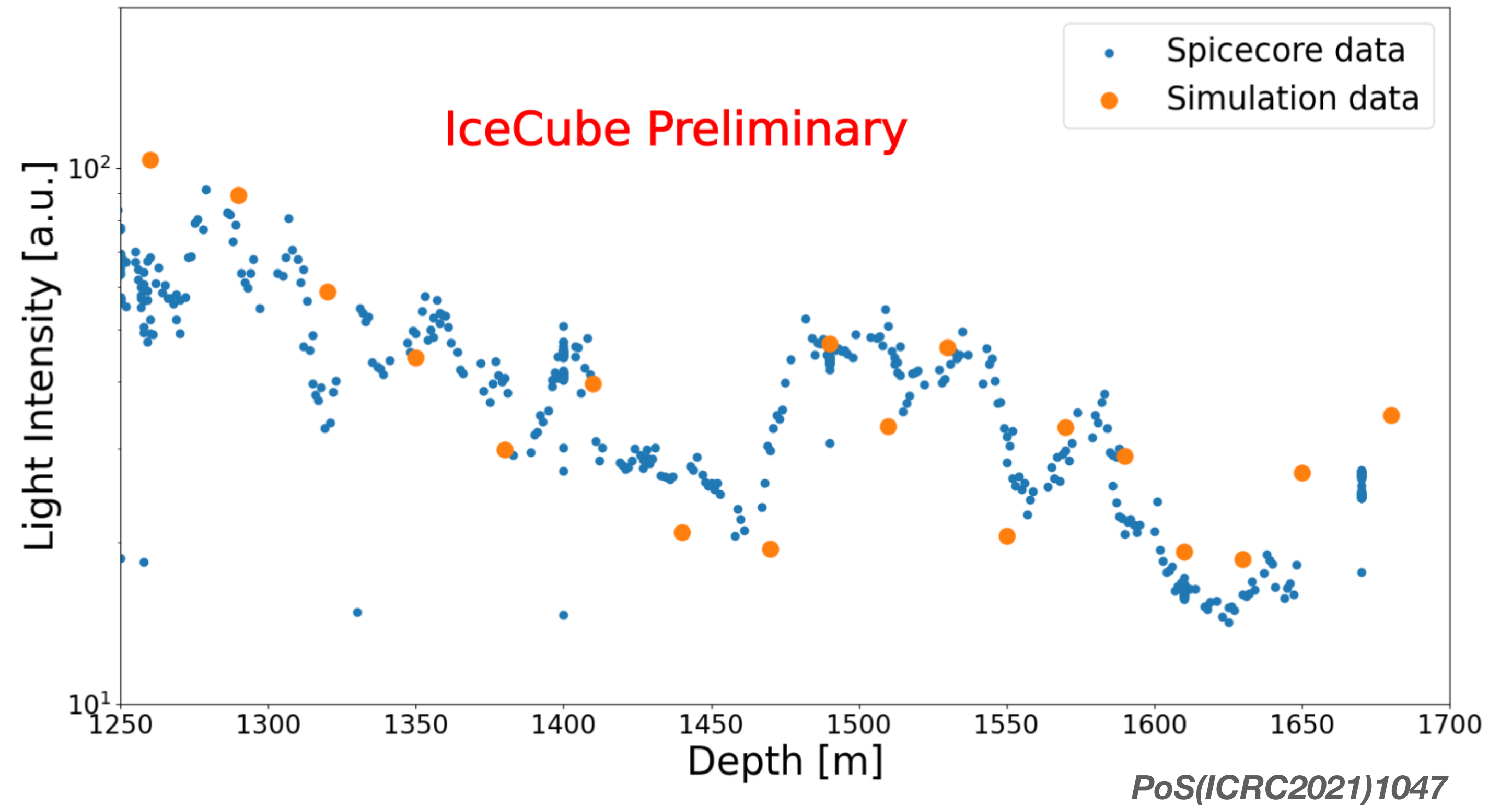
# Extensions to the other camera systems



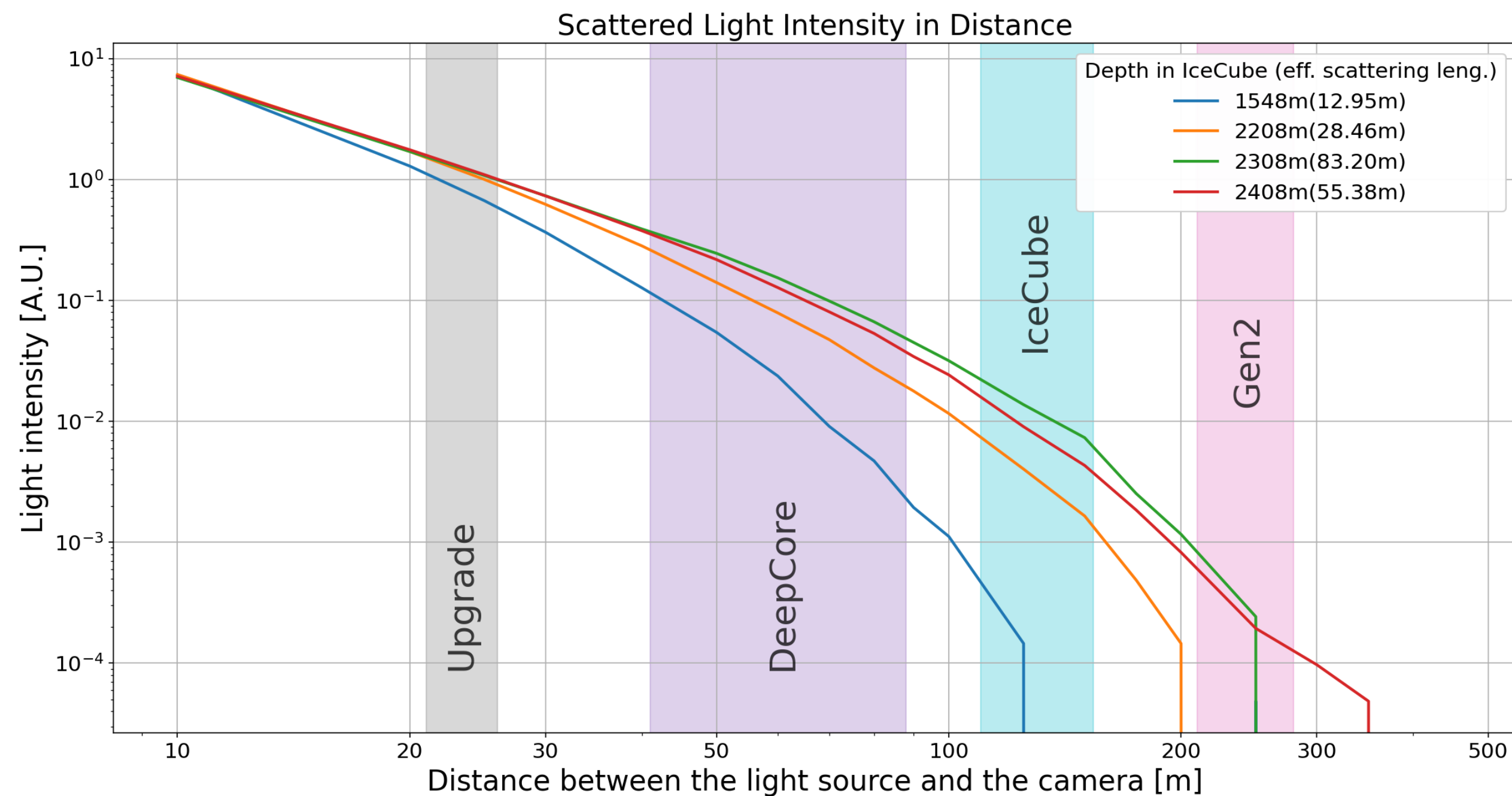
# SPiceCore Cameras



Simulation data vs Spicecore data



# Gen2 OMs

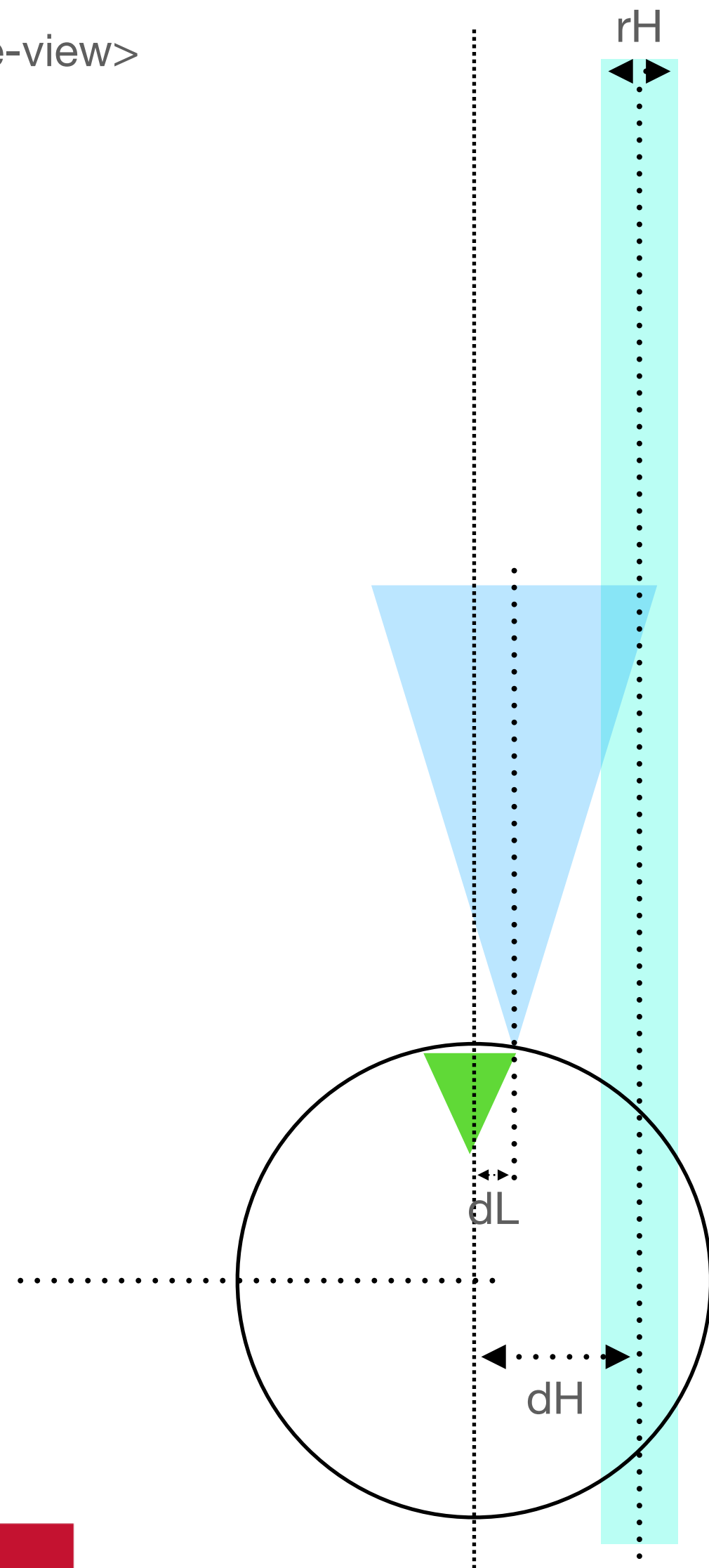


- String-to-string measurement not feasible with Gen2 geometry
- Calibration focus of Gen2 on hole ice measurements
- Bulk ice measurement only possible via sidewise-pointed light sources and cameras on the same string

# Imaging Bubble column in the drill hole with mDOM pole camera (potential Gen2 Camera measurement)

Sandbox geometry

<side-view>



- Simulation package for mDOM pole camera / Gen2 camera survey
- dL: LED position offset from DOM axis (now 28.7 mm)
- dH: BC position offsite from DOM axis (now 170 mm)
- rH: BC radius (below  $0.1 * \text{DOM radius}$ ; DOM radius = 165.10 mm)  
(realistically  $\sim 0.5 * \text{DOM radius}$  → to be simulated as a next step)
- In `~/CamSim/Gen2/ice/cfg.txt`

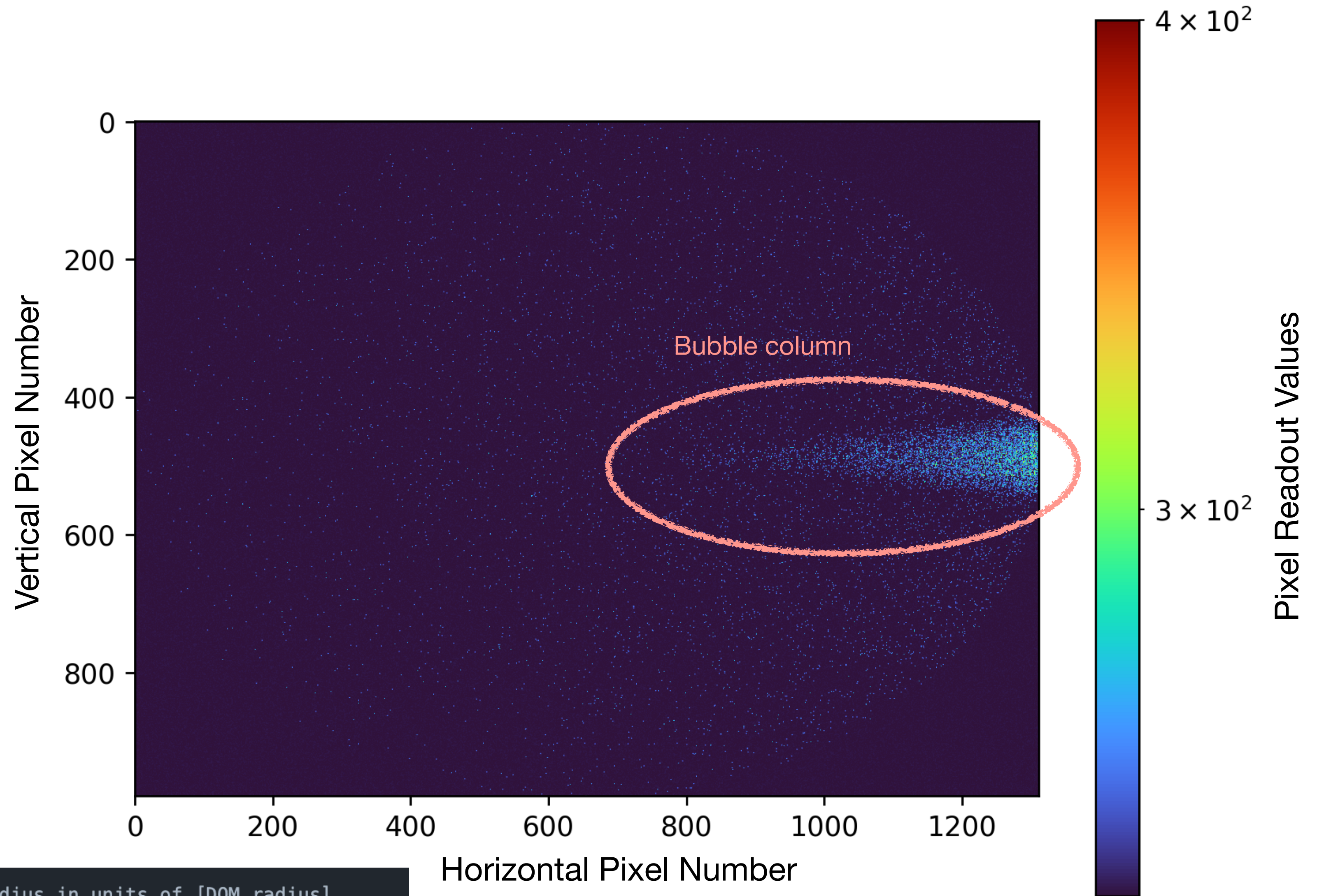
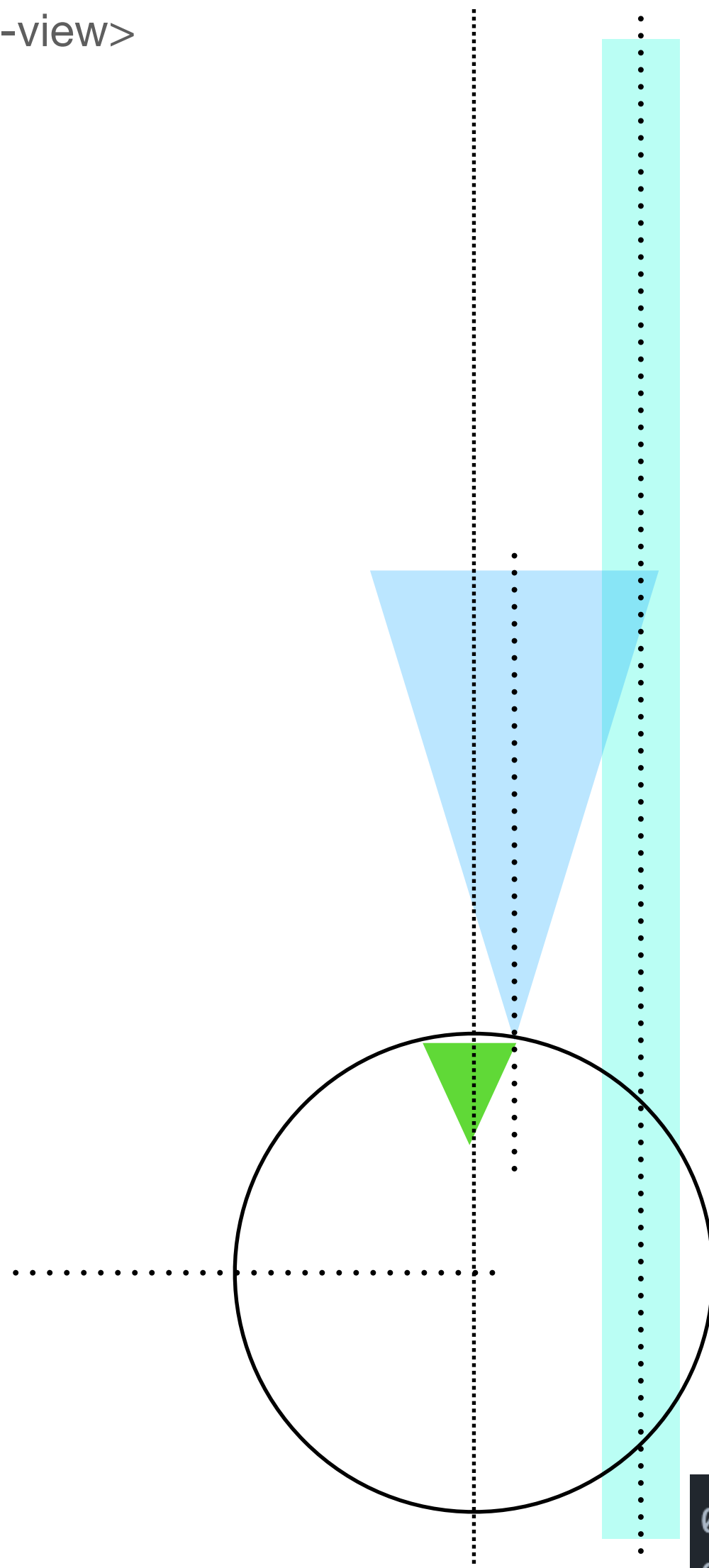
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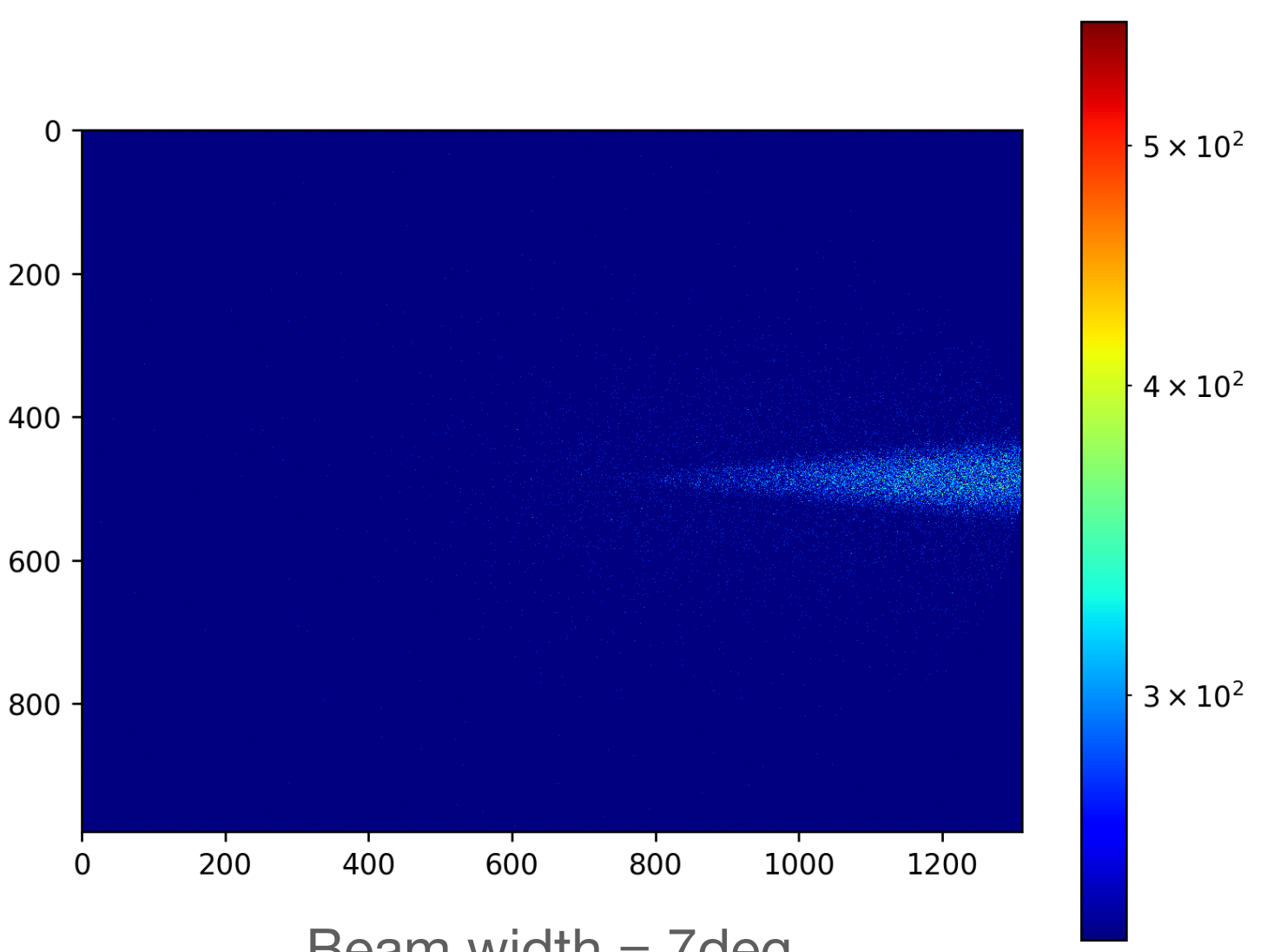
Hole ice parameters

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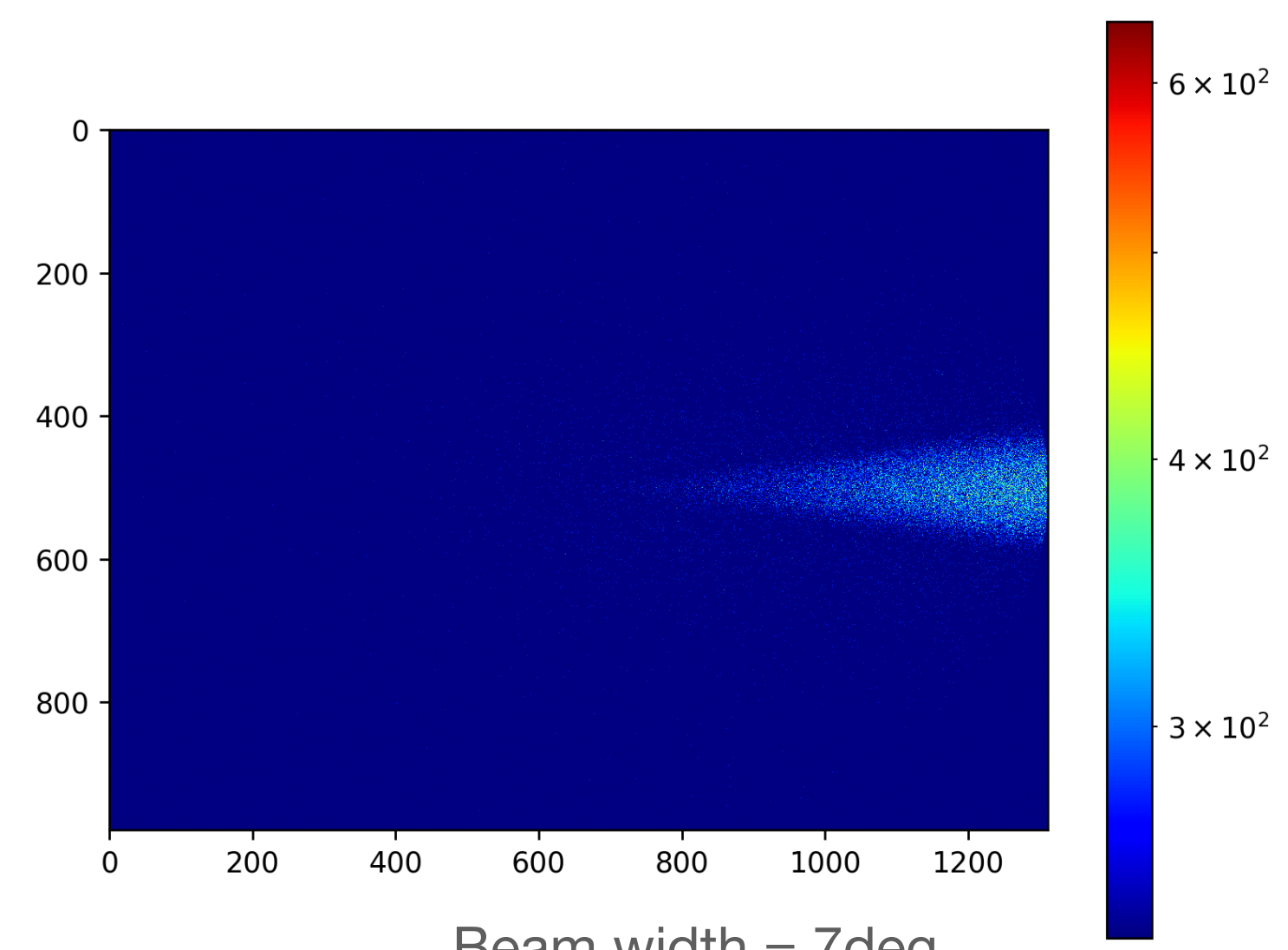


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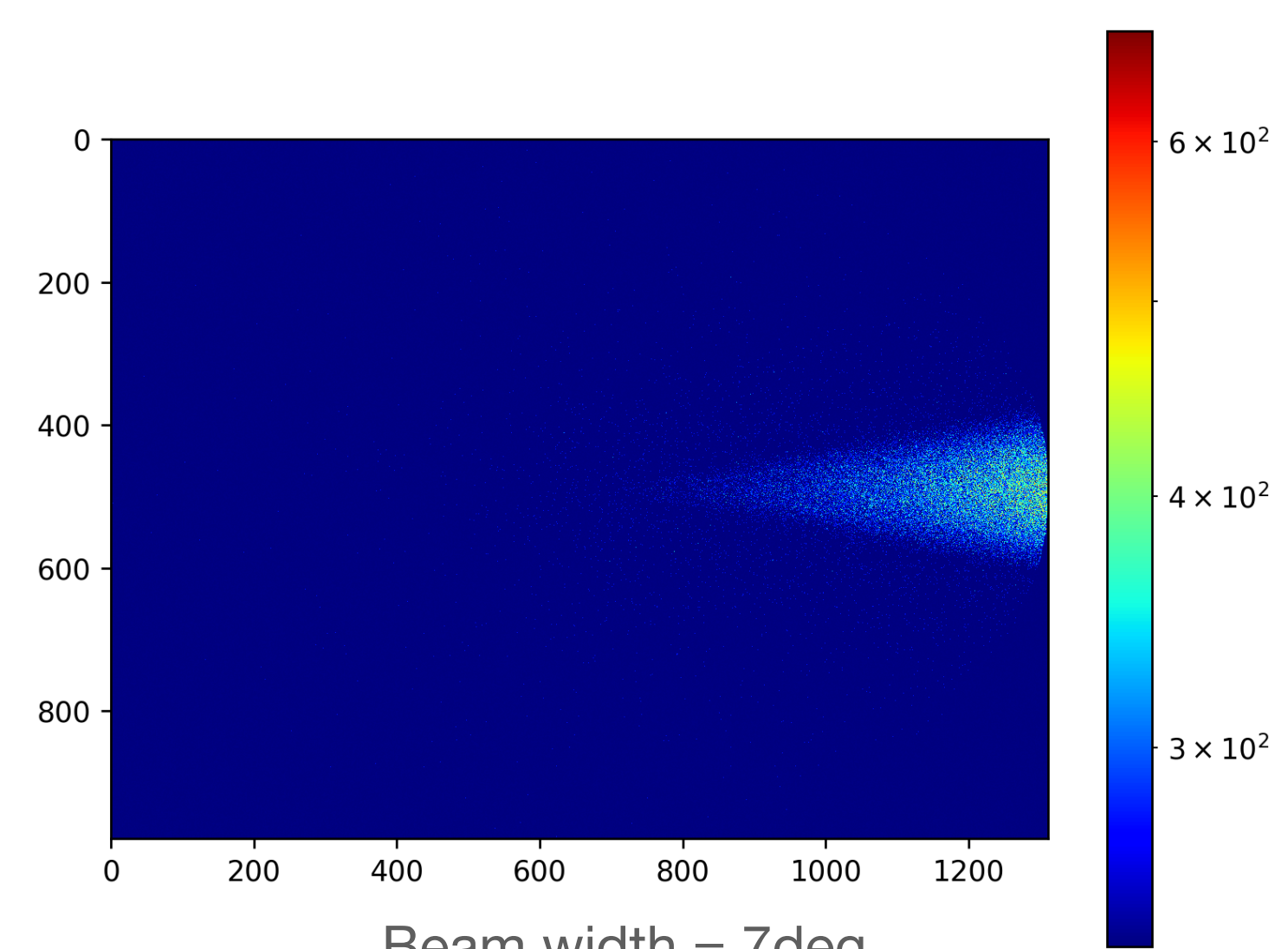




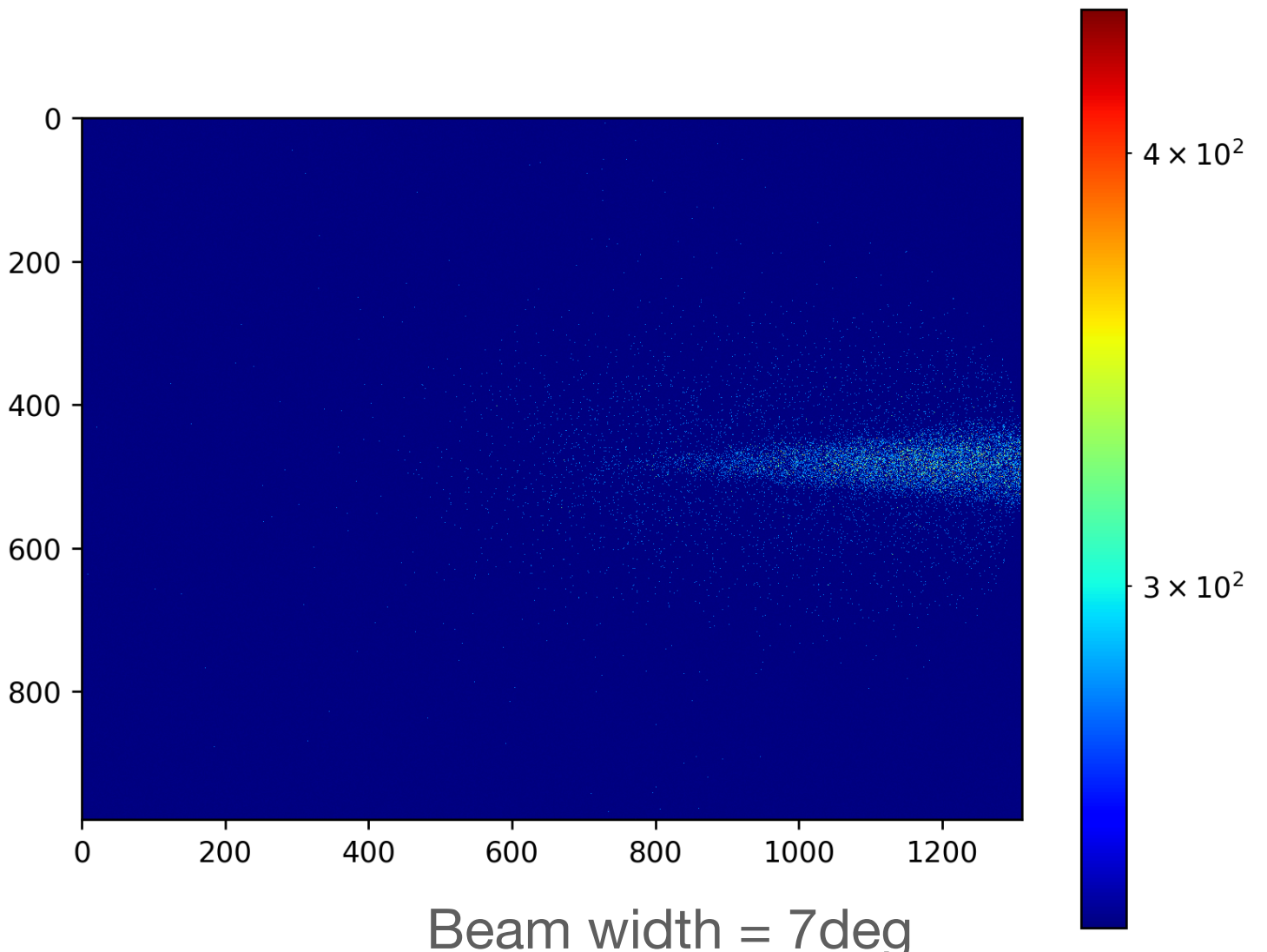
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 eff. scattering length = 5cm



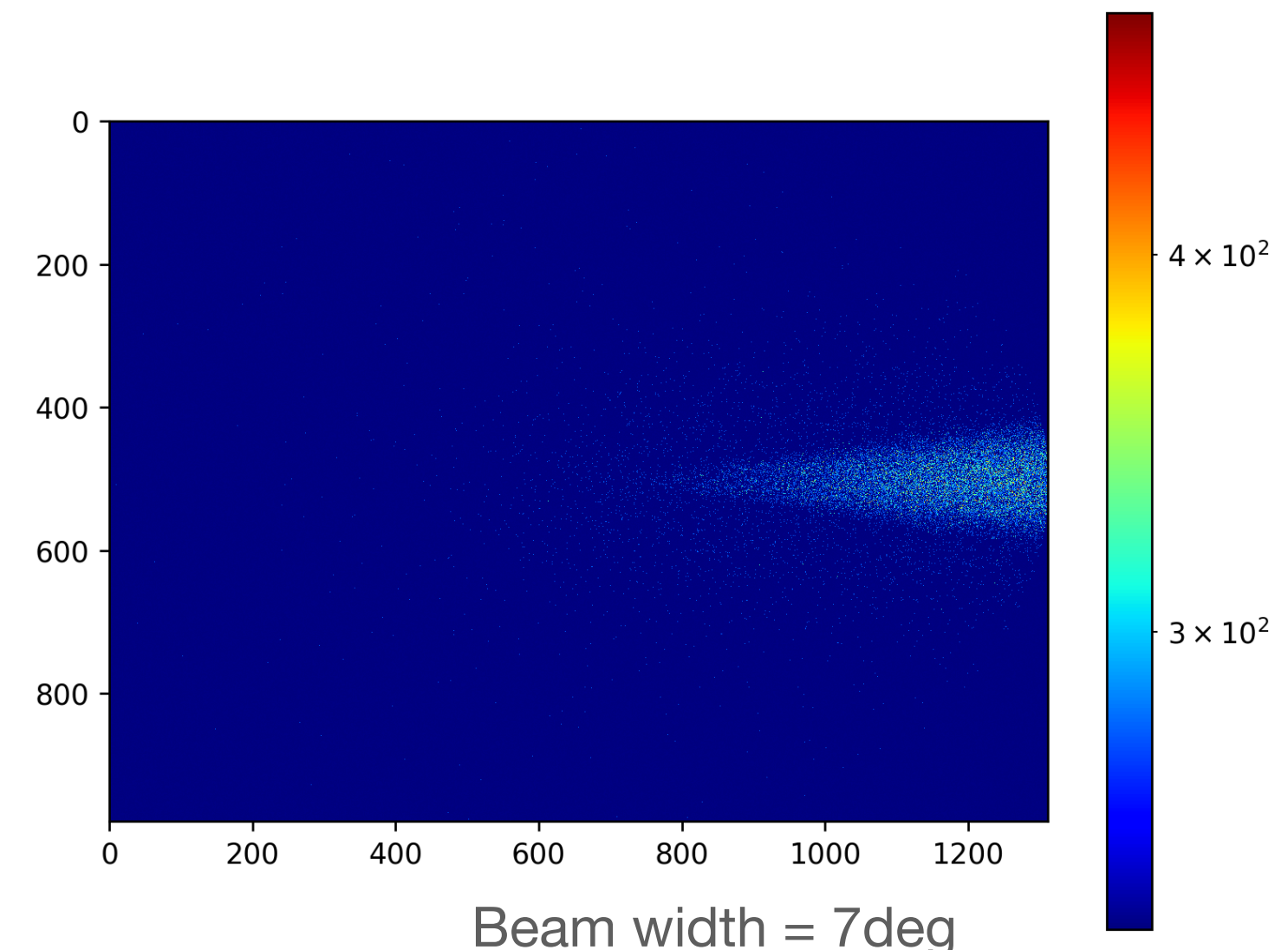
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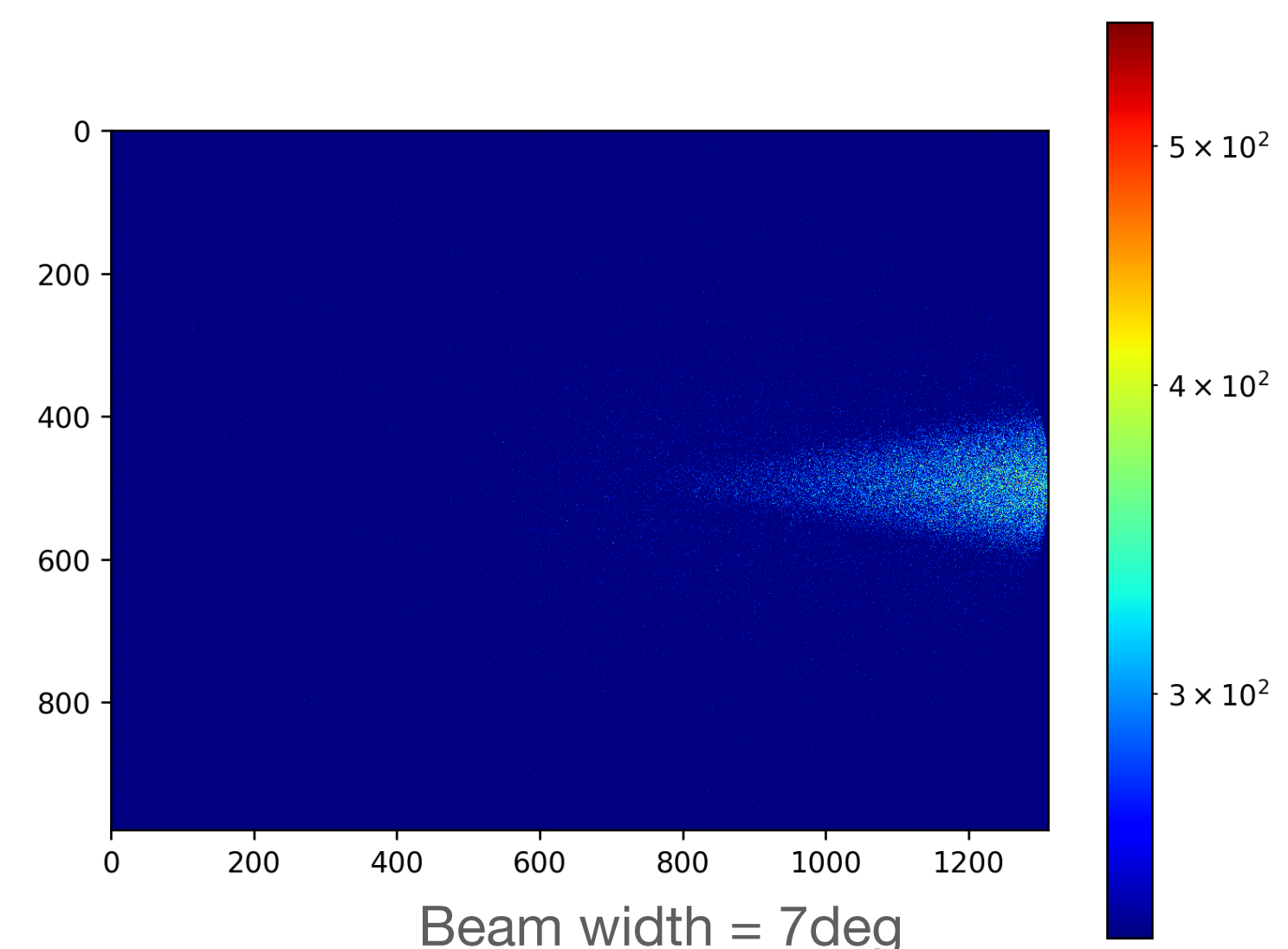
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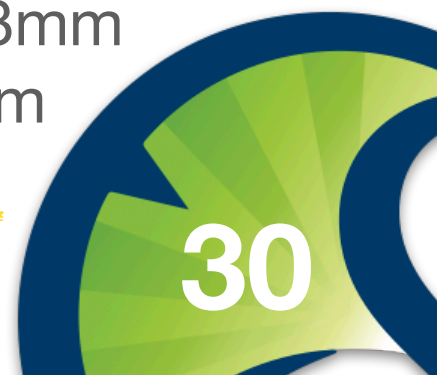
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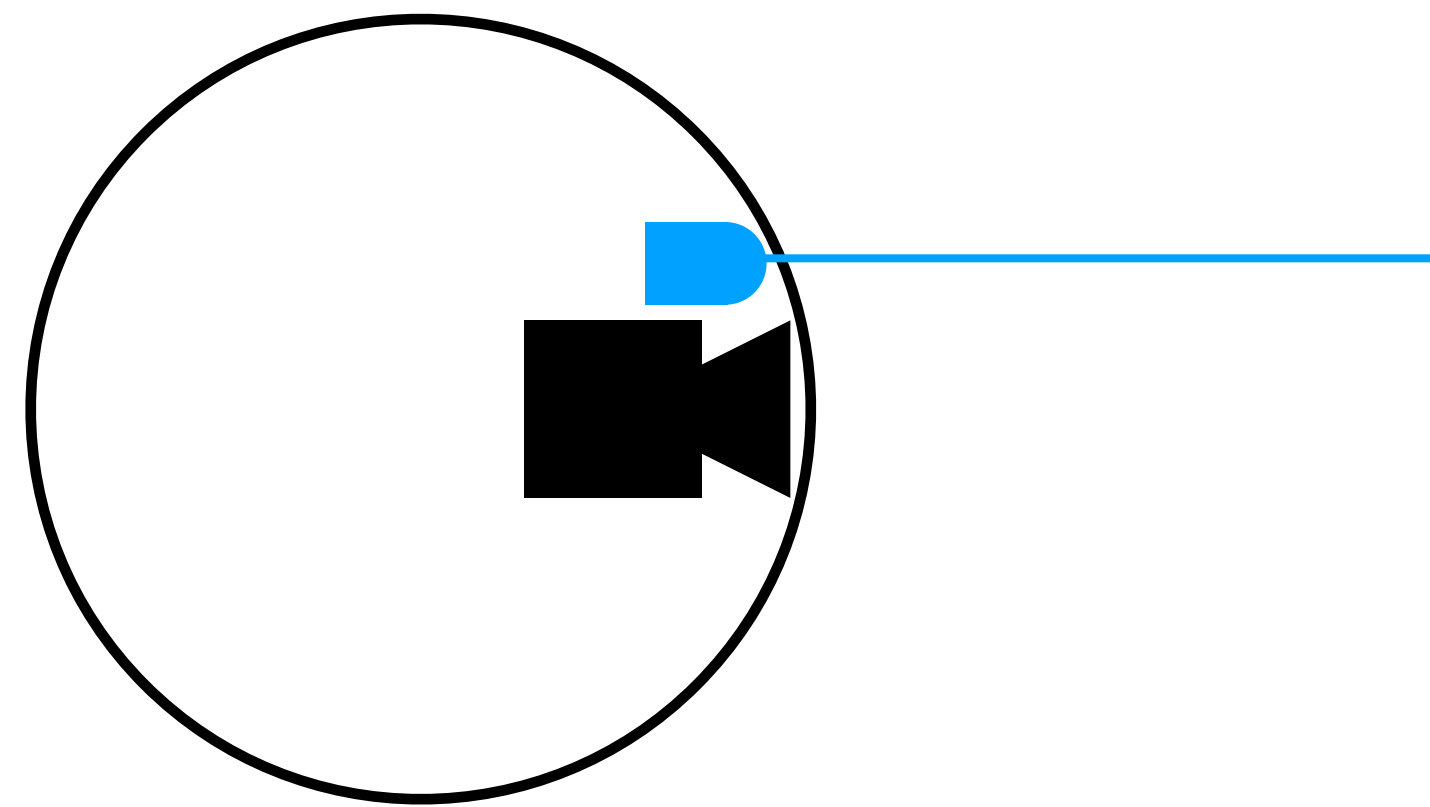


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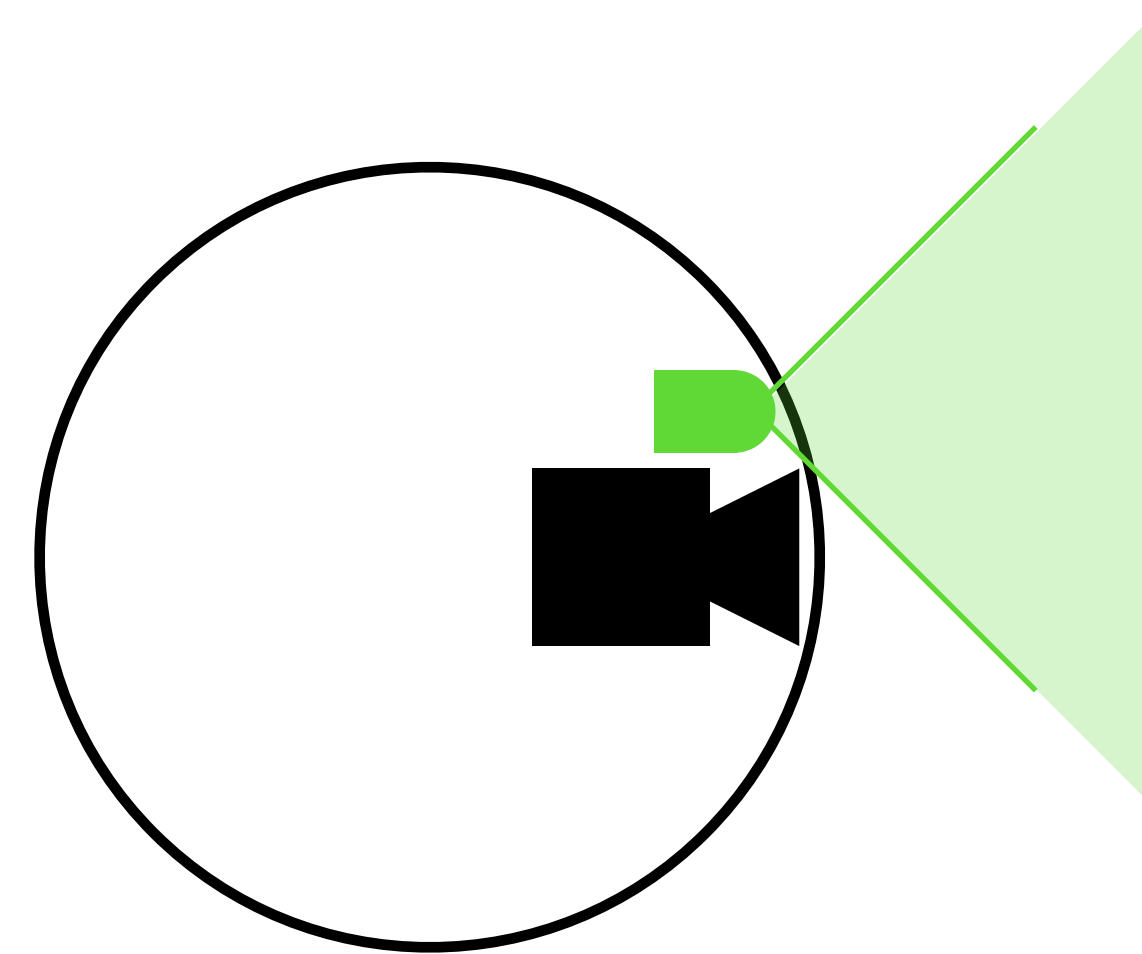


# Expending the CamSim User and Developer base

- New geometries, camera models, and illumination systems can be added
- Currently working with the Swedish Camera team to support implementation of the Sweden Camera 2.0



Laser



LED

**More to come**





# More to come

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- Multiple camera behaviour studies on-going for the better understanding
  - Improved camera noise model & light-response
  - Improved photon-to-count conversion
- Simulations in various cases, and optimise the CamSim from the results
  - Geometry and configurations
- Likelihood-based image analysis for both CamSim data and the actual camera images
- Aiming to have the larger statistics + various setting



# Current open issues

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1. How to generate/simulate the sub-structures in the ice such as the fracture plane in hole ice, the interface of hole-bulk ice, ...
2. Detailed ray-tracing inside OM to the actual camera lens
3. Advanced lens models
4. Faster image reconstruction (optimisation)
5. Interfacing IceTray
6. Using clsim or other photon propagators for CamSim



# Summary and outlook

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- CamSim with new framework is employed.
- Preliminary studies for different measurements are in progress.
  - Larger statistics and various configurations to be simulated.
  - Results reproduced from the previous studies to be used for optimising CamSim
- Likelihood-based image analysis package is ready to use.
  - The methods will be applied to the preliminary results to confirm its functionality
- Hosting the other camera systems for further studies.
- Opportunities to contribute the studies.
- Weekly CamSim call on Wednesday 0900 KST (Tuesday 1700 MDT)
  - Convening by Nafis (Utah PostDoc)



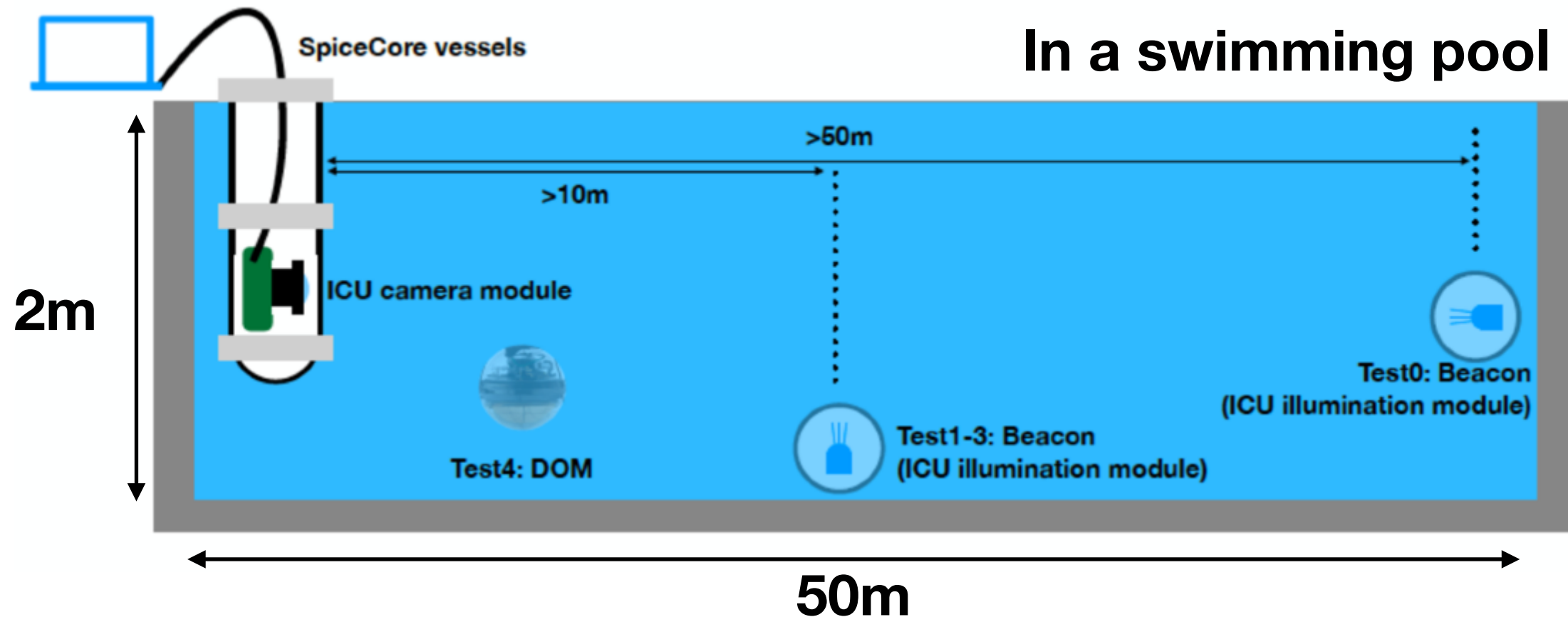
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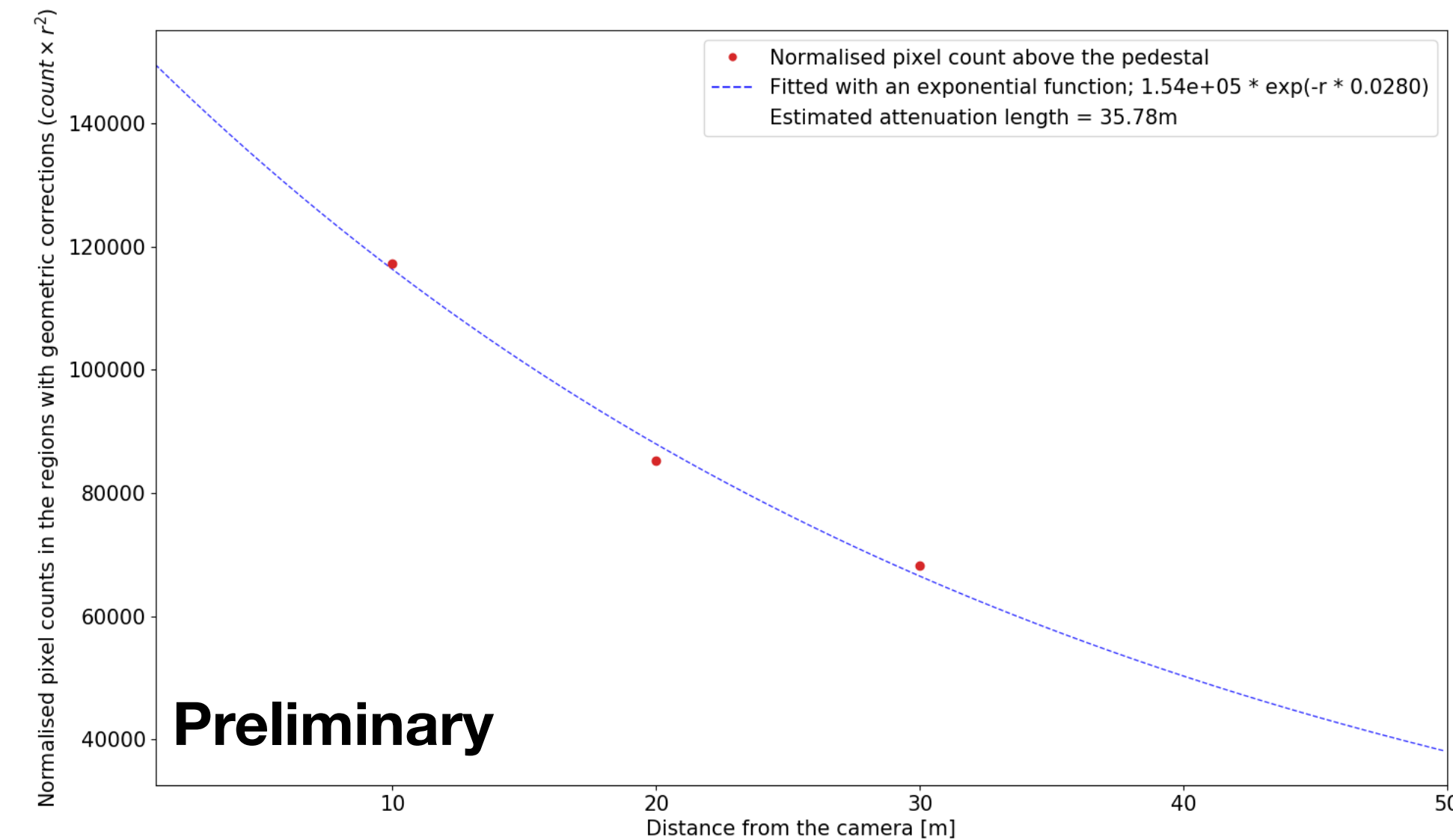
# Backups



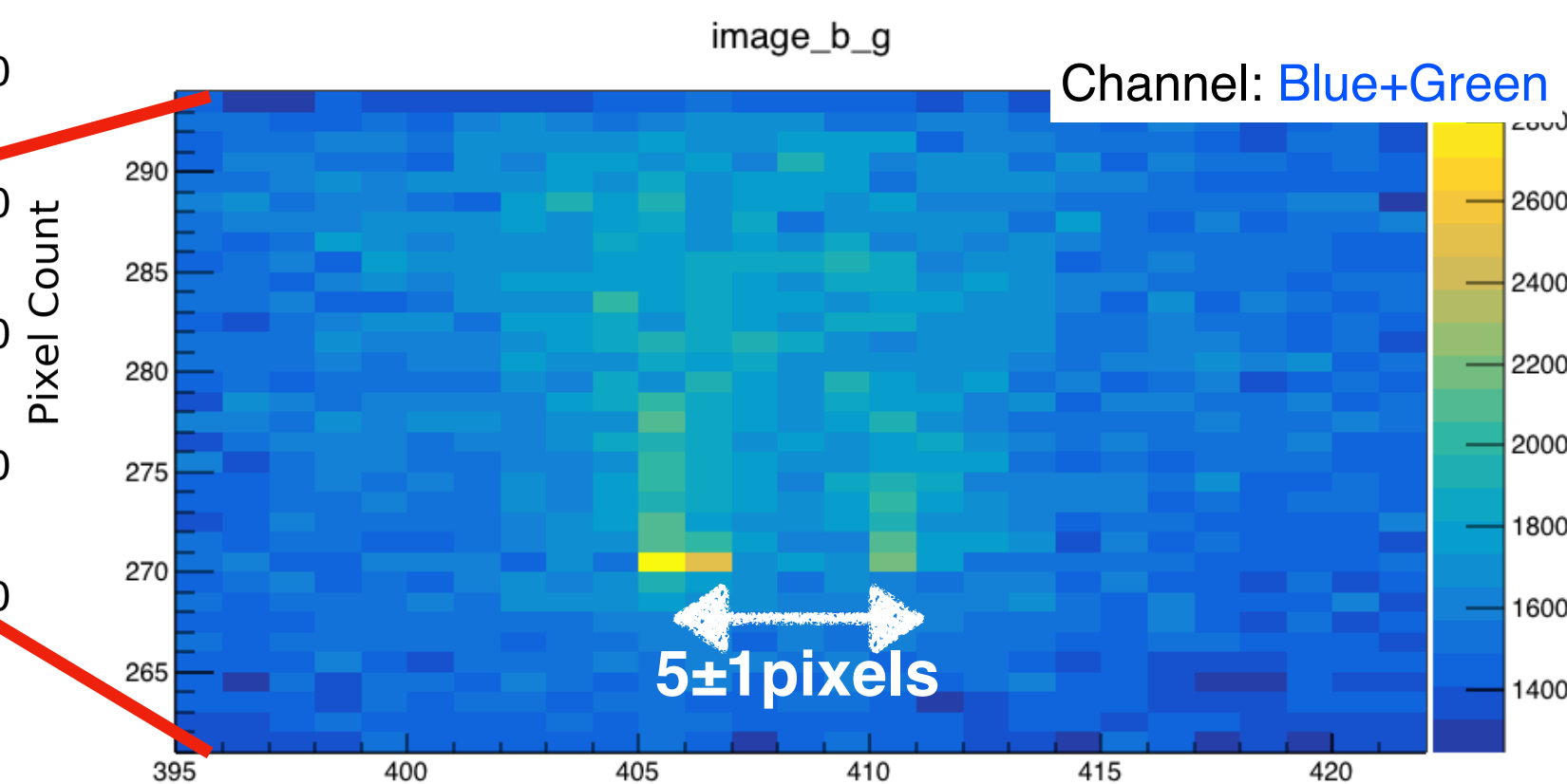
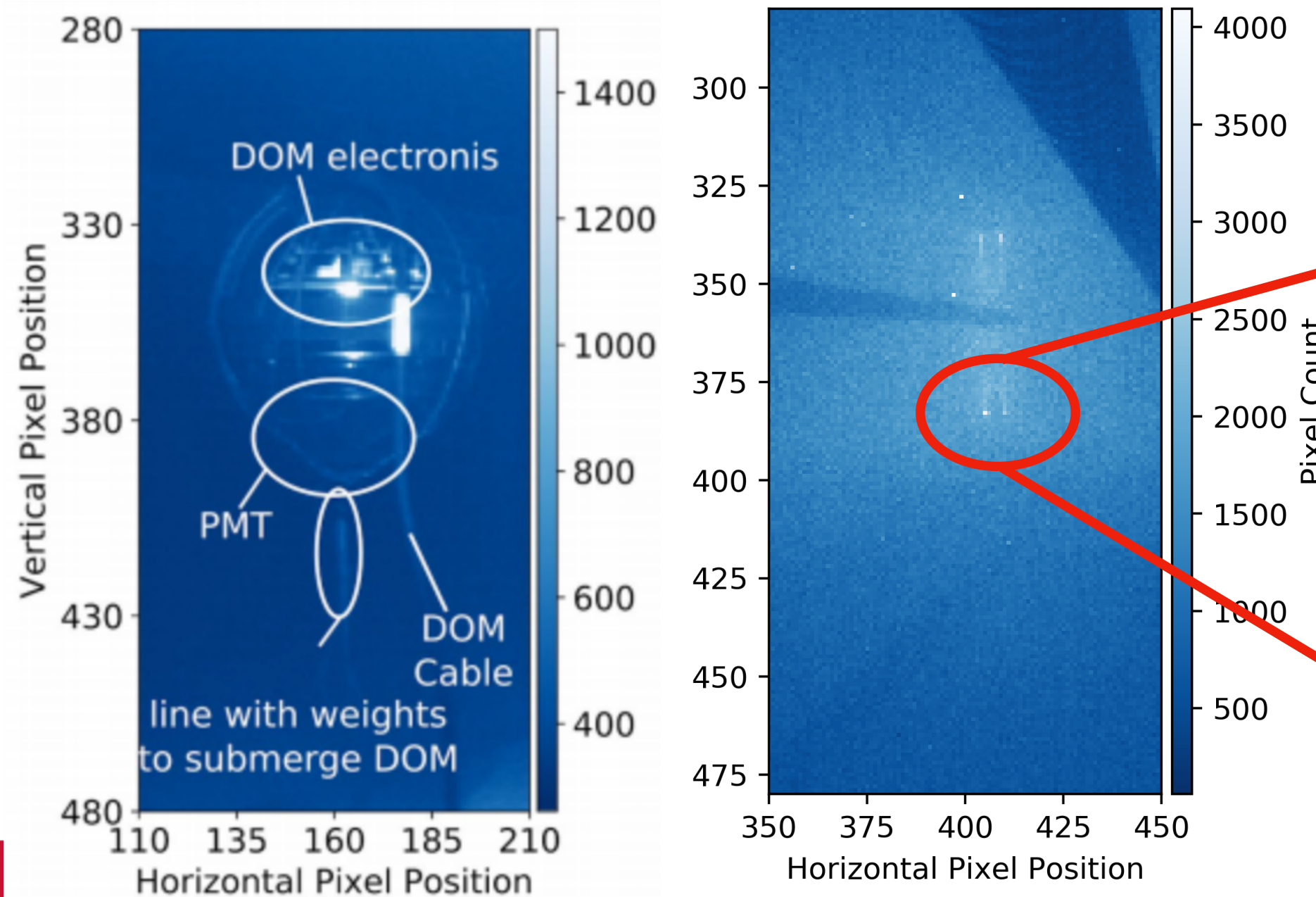
# Swimming pool tests



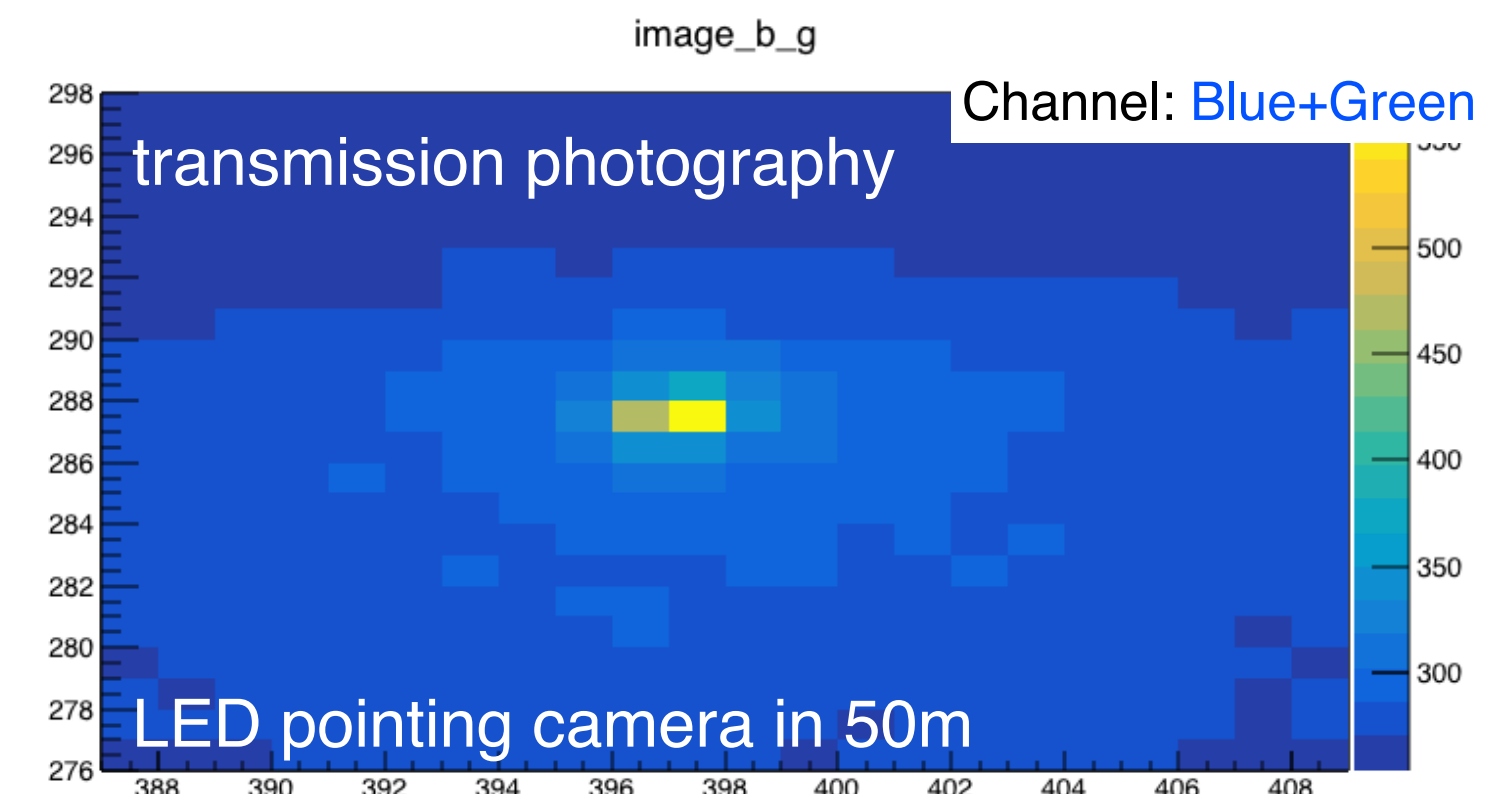
A full demonstration of the camera capabilities in an underwater swimming pool test has been performed. (Note: Significant background light was present)



reflective photography



Resolution: ~10cm resolution at 25m distance (geometry verification, ...)



Details:  
[Techboard call - June 18th, 2019 \(slides\)](#)  
[ICRC Proceedings / \(arxiv1908.07734\)](#)

# Systematic variations

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- LED/laser position in the OM
- LED/laser orientation in the OM
- LED/laser beam width
- LED/laser wavelength
- Camera orientation
- Camera position
- Bubble column size and location (for the hole ice simulations)
- ...

