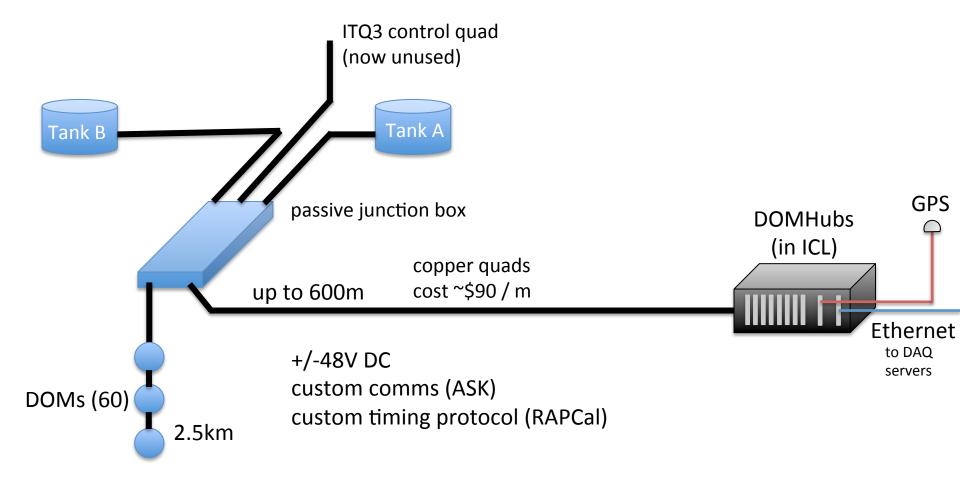


#### Goals

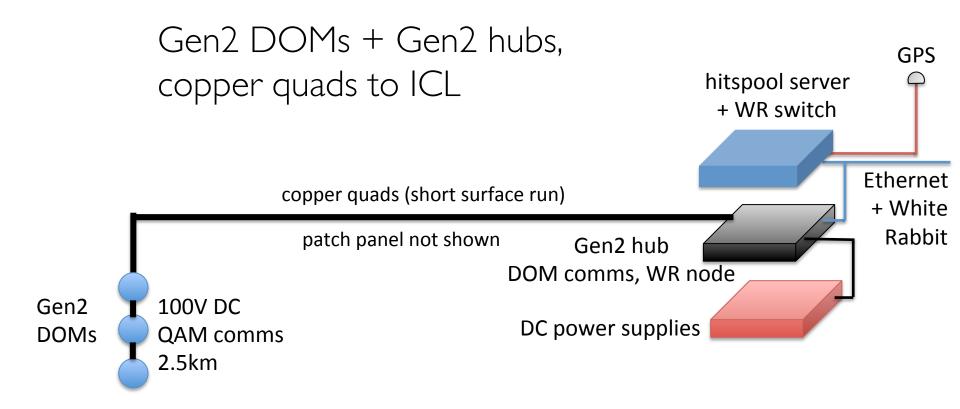
Design a surface array digitization and readout development plan that:

- 1. Allows rapid deployment and integration into the IceCube DAQ (i.e. 2015–16 season)
- 2. Transitions to Gen2 technologies to allow simple integration into the future DAQ
- 3. Leverages the surface array development for testing / prototyping of Gen2 hardware

# DOM Readout (IceCube+IceTop)

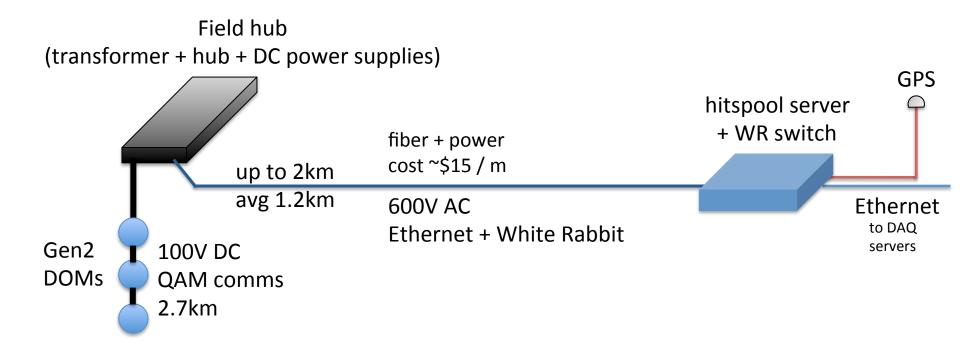


# DOM Readout (PINGU)



# DOM Readout (Gen2 HEX)

Gen2 DOMs + Gen2 field hubs, fiber to ICL

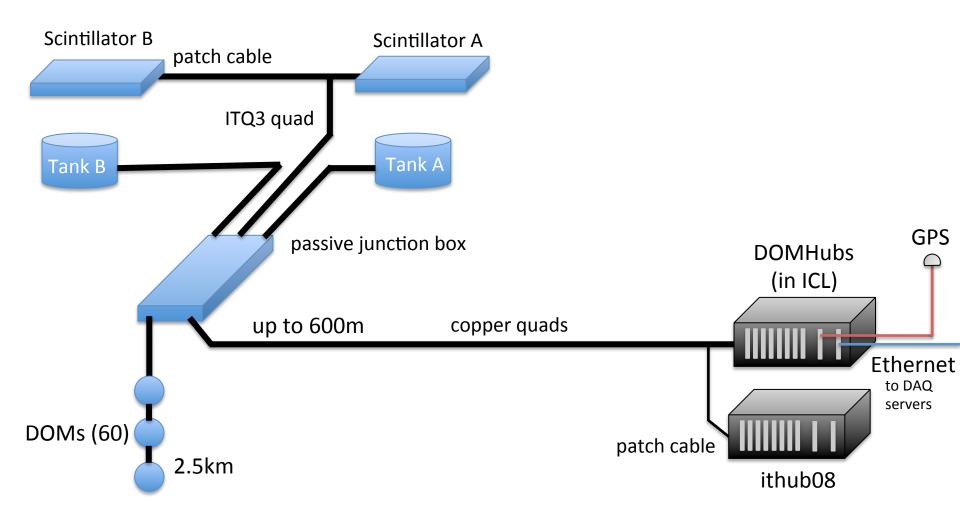


### Surface readout: Phase I (2015)

DOM mainboard reads out a small PMT + ganged scintillator fibers

- Power+communication to ICL via IceTop control quad
  - minor digging required at some tanks
- Simple integration into IceCube DAQ
  - connected to IceTop DOMHub ithub08 (20 free pairs)
  - looks like a DOM
  - automatic nanosecond synchronization to IceTop
  - early data without any DAQ struggles

#### Surface Readout Phase I



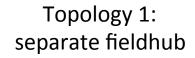
### Surface readout (Phase 2 – 2016/17)

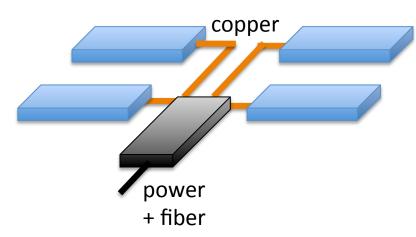
Gen2 mainboard prototype replaces DOM mainboard

- Gen2 hub prototype replaces ithub08
  - White Rabbit synchronization inside ICL
- Connection to ICL still via IceTop control quad
  - no new trenching required
  - new QAM comms + timing protocol over the cable
- ~PINGU architecture

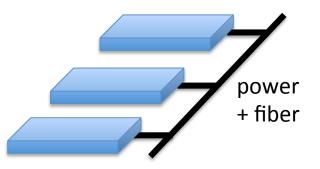
### Surface readout (Phase 3 – 2018+)

- Gen2 mainboard for scintillator readout
- Gen2 fieldhub fans out to scintillators
  - OR mini-fieldhub / WR node in scintillator box
- Connection to ICL via power + fiber
  - allows future veto extension beyond IceTop footprint
- ~Gen2 HEX architecture





Topology 2: Gen2 mainboard + WR node



### Summary

- Three-phase surface array readout plan
  - uses the existing IceCube DAQ infrastructure to get data quickly
  - leverages R&D we already need for Gen2 development
- Readout development parallels Gen2 path
  - phase I: IceCube architecture
  - phase 2: ~PINGU architecture
  - phase 3: ~Gen2 HEX architecture
- By the time we build PINGU and HEX, we will have significant experience at pole with the critical new DAQ hardware

## Backup

#### Gen2 Surface Junction Box

