IceCube Neutrino Observatory Expedition Leadership in a Remote Location









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Adelie Penguins

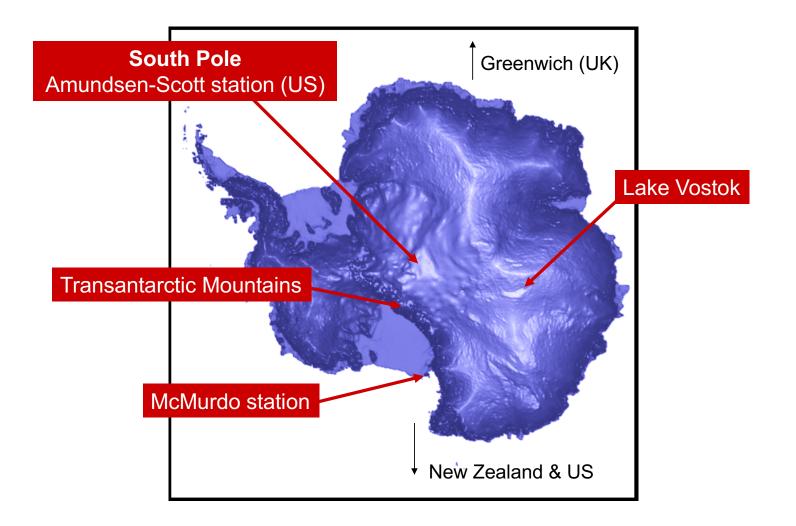


Yes, I would like to science please

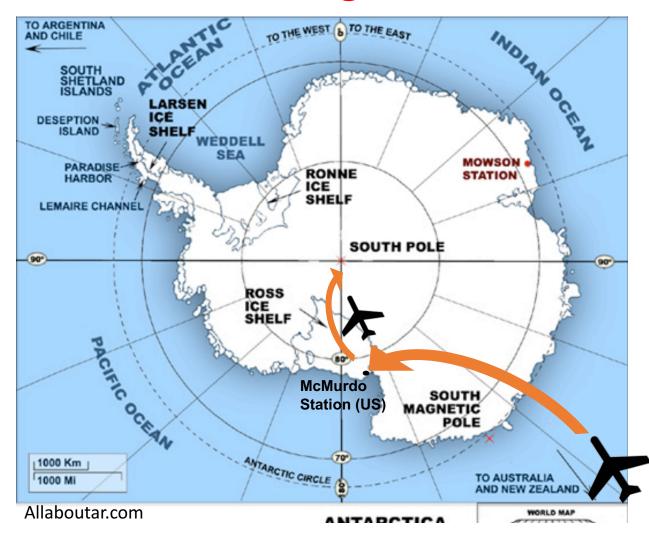


How big is Antarctica?

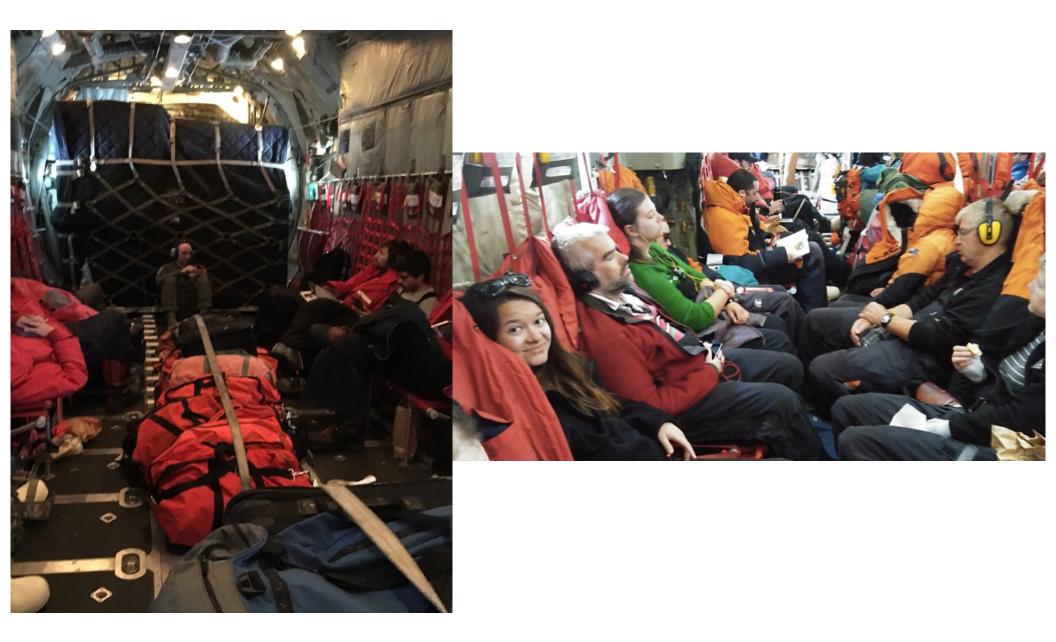


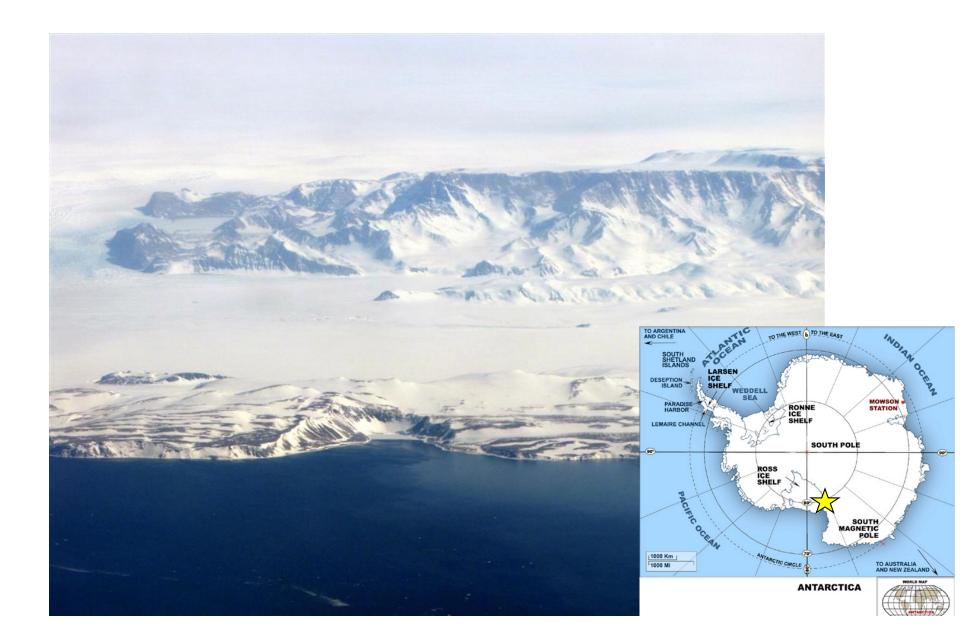


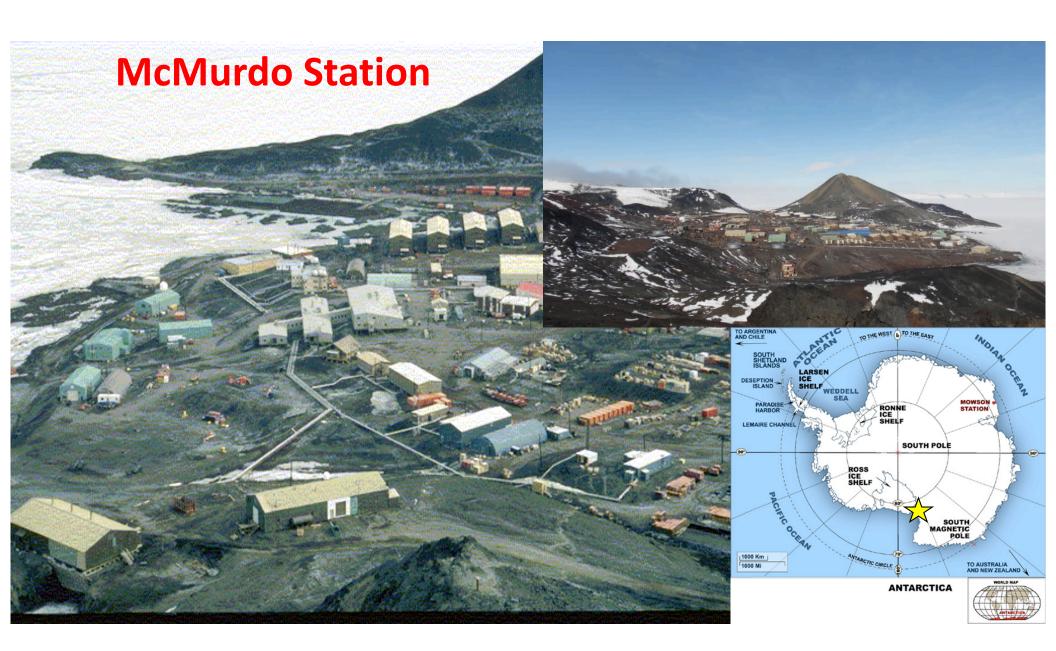
How did we get to there?















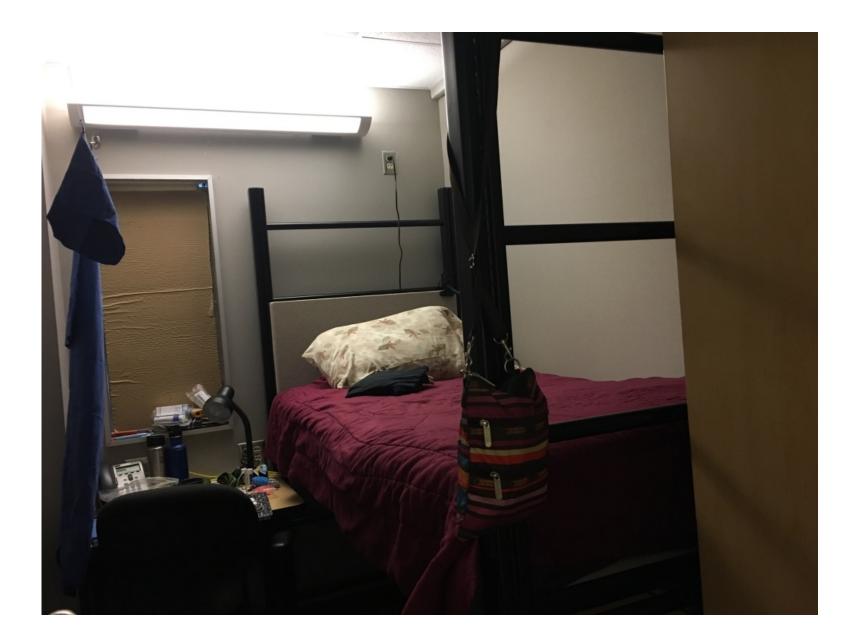










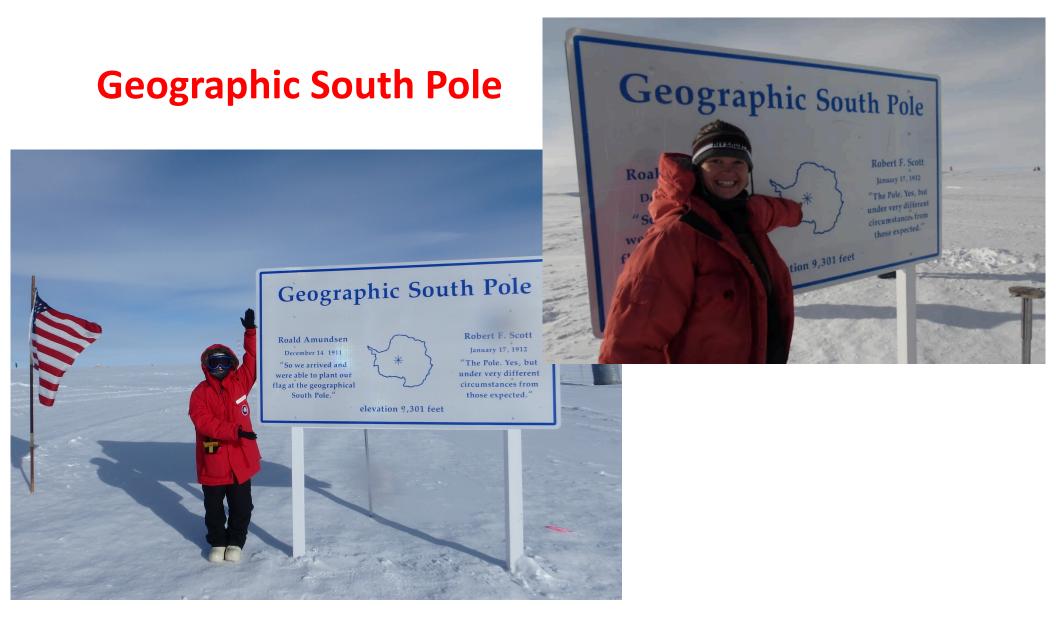














It's really cold!!! (-35F)





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Weather for South Pole Station Today is Sunday, January 22nd 9:20pm

 Temperature -31.3 °C -24.3 °F

Windchill -43.1 °C -45.6 °F

Wind 8.3 kts Grid 349

Barometer 686.7 mb (3,163 m/10,377 ft)

If you want to see official met data - click on this link.

What should I wear?

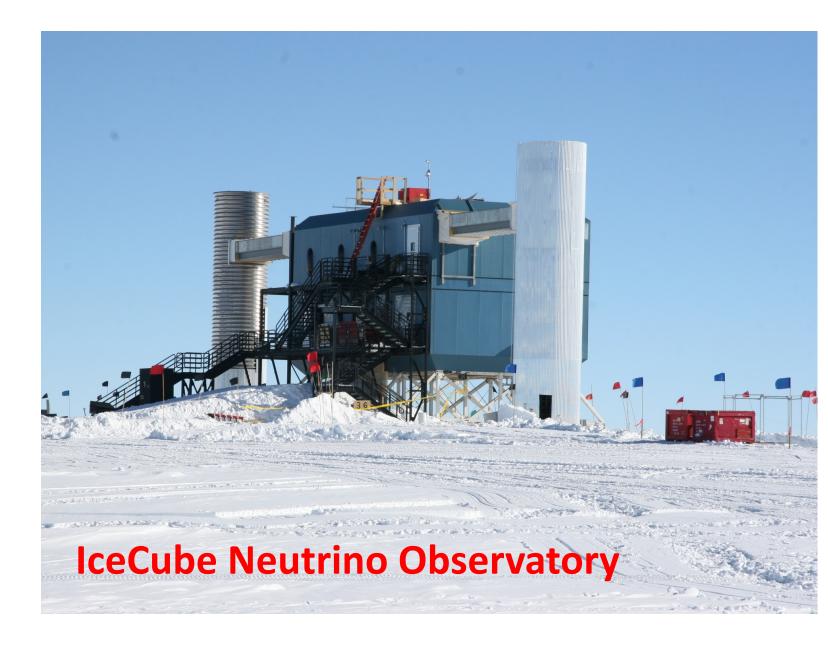




What should I wear?



Our Job



Neutrinos

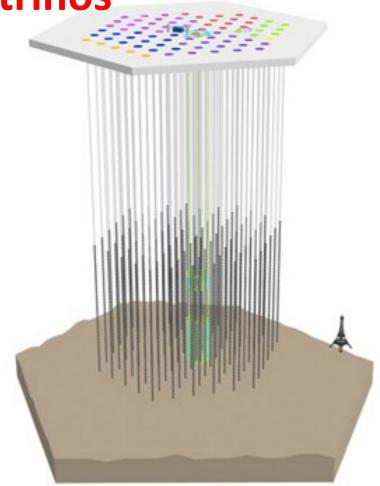


1 billion neutrinos are passing through you every second!

A big telescope looking for neutrinos







Why the South Pole?

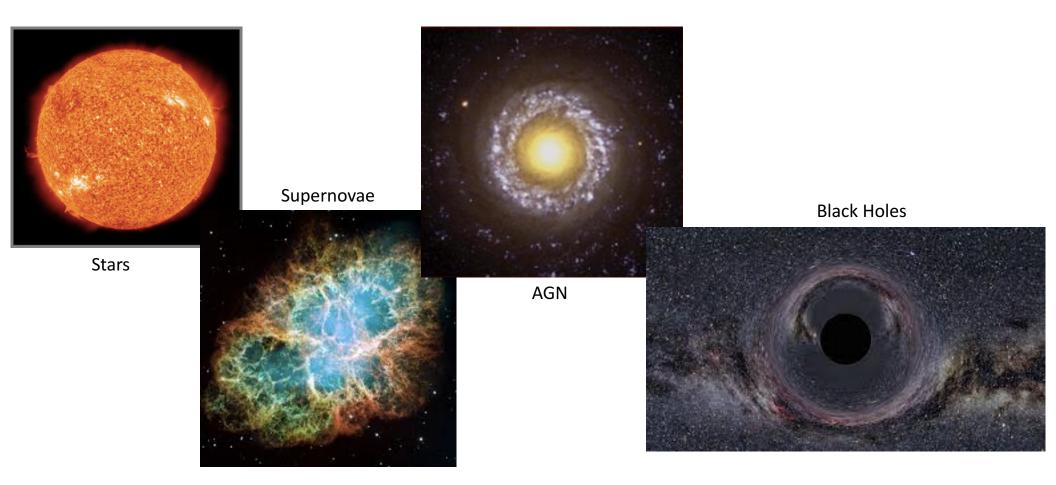
Clear, pure ice...and lots of it!

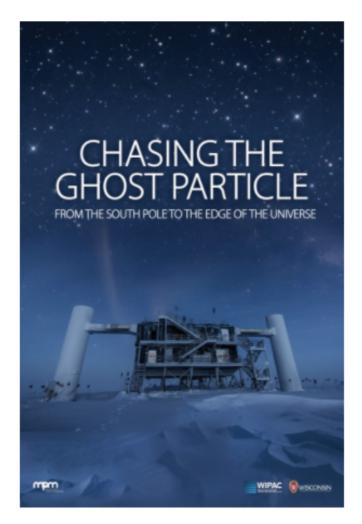
Eat, sleep, get warm



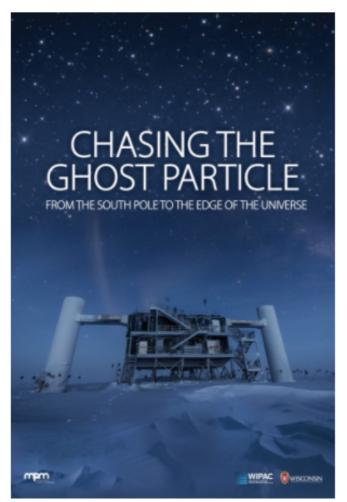
Helps shield from natural radiation at Earth's surface

Why do we care about neutrinos?





Questions?



IceCube Collaboration

- ~300 physicists
- MANY undergrads, Master's, PhD, and post-doc students
- 48 institutions
- 12 countries

 About a dozen are lucky enough to go to the South Pole each year



Remote Location

- ~1000 miles between South Pole & McMurdo
- -20F, wind chill -40F
- 9300 ft elevation
- Sun's always up
- Only about 1 month (sometimes less) to accomplish what needs to get done

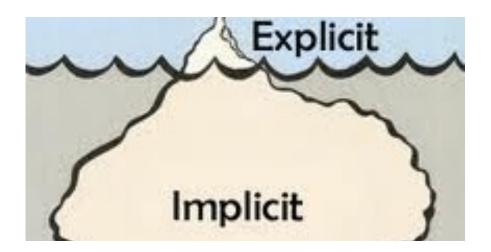
Effective collaboration and communication are key! Leadership

Explicit Leadership

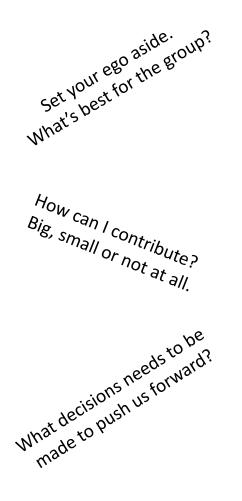
- Sets goals for the team
- Assigns tasks to team members
- Makes big-picture decisions
- Likely one or two "head" people that were appointed

Implicit Leadership

- Asks clarifying questions
- Breaks tasks down
- Makes smaller decisions
- Is prepared to step up in the case of an emergency
- Everyone!



Stealth Leadership



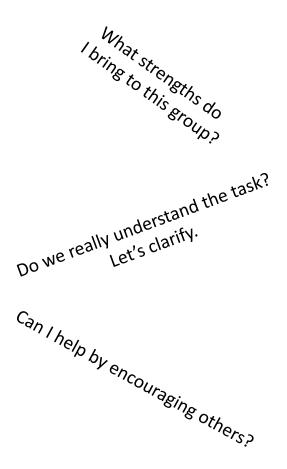
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STEALTH MODE

In what ways are you already a stealth leader?

What opportunities do you have to embrace stealth leadership?



Stealth Leadership - Example

- McMurdo
- Moving 20 tons of lead (600lbs per detector)
- 2 weeks to accomplish this
- Doing things I don't want to do (cleaning!)
- Working with others to break the task down
- Sometimes stepping back is leadership!
- Encouraging others



Questions?

Reflections: Ethos, Pathos, Logos & Critical Thinking



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