

### KM3NET FROM THE COSK TO THE SEA

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## Neutrino Telescopes

### Idea: John Learned and Mark M. Boliev (1960s)

**Primary motivation:** Limitations of conventional telescopes (hindered by absorption, scattering and electromagnetic interactions).

Characteristics:

- Large volume of transparent material (typically water or ice) instrumented with 3D arrays of detectors.
- Ordered string-like structures



# Detection principle

- Detection of Cherenkov photons
- emitted by relativistic charged
  - secondary leptons from  $\boldsymbol{\nu}$

interactions.

- Time, position, and amplitude of
  - photon pulses are used to
  - reconstruct  $\mathbf{v}$  direction and

energy.

### ORCA: Oscillation (France) Research with Cosmics in the Abyss

ARCA: Astroparticle (Italy)







### Same principle and technology **Complementary goals**







PMTs















### 3" PhotoMultiplier Tubes (PMT)

Hamamatsu 80-mm diameter hemispherical PMT with 10 dynode stages.

A dedicated base is used to connect the dynodes.



### Very low power, high voltage base

KM3NeT technology

Total power dissipated for HV generation in an optical module is about 102.3 mW

Using commercially available state of the art PMT power supplies: 1.55 W



Digital **O**ptical Module

- 31 PMTs (12 in the top hemisphere, 19 in the bottom)
- Readout electronics
- Gbit/s optical fibre transmission (all data to shore)
- White Rabbit time synchronisation LED beacon for auto-calibration Acoustic sensor for position reconstruction Tiltmeter/compass chip



### 17" HIGH-PRESSURE-RESISTANT GLASS SPHERE CONTAINING:



#### 31 small PMTs instead of 1 large

The segmentation of the photocathode area provides each optical module with sensitivity for the incoming direction of the detected photons, and, in combination with the nanosecond timing accuracy, an effective tool for the reduction of background from light induced by 40K decay and bioluminescence in seawater.

Digital **O**ptical Module



#### Advantages of this multi-PMT design:

- A projected photocathode area of about 1300cm<sup>2</sup> in each sphere.
- An almost uniform and extended angular coverage of the telescope with a field of view above the horizon.
- Sensitivity to the incoming direction of detected photons.
- Good photon counting performance and good position and timing calibration.
- The possibility to define local triggers based on the pattern of PMT signals.
- A mechanical infrastructure of the detection unit with a small number of pressure housings and barriers as well as electronics, allowing for a significant cost reduction at parity of detector performance.
- Uniformity of the most important component of the detectors, which allows for reliable production and eases scientific analysis.







## KM3NeT technology

#### 1566 DOMs integrated! (+48k PMTs)

#### **DOM Integration sites:**

- Naples
- Catania
- Athens
- Nikhef
- Erlangen
- Strasbourg
- Nantes
- Rabbat





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## How do they get there?



18 DOMs are connected by a Vertical Electro-Optical Cable

To form a Detection Unit VEOC

Pressure-compensated oil-filled polyethylene (PE) assembly.

Establishes electrical power and glass fibre connections to each DOM of a DU.

## How do they get there?



VEOCs then get connected to the DU brain: Base Module

- via the VEOC.



• Collects the data arriving from the 18 DOMs

 Packs and transmits data to the on-shore station through the sub-marine infrastructure. • Distributes to the DOMs the power and the communications broadcasted from shore.





## Load, furl and have fun!



These 18 connected DOMs are systematically loaded to a Launcher Optical Modules

2m diameter 450kg

12 flotation spheres for recovery

## Load, furl and have fun!



75 DUs integrated

### DU integration sites:

- Caserta
- Catania
- Genova
- ORMET
- Nikhef
- CPPM
- Caen

## How do they get there?



DUs and BMs are systematically loaded and secured to anchors (4 x 2 m)





### Artistic seabed

Different distances from DUs to communication Junction Box different lengths of Interlink cables (60 - 300 m)



## Big anchors!

Different distances from DUs to communication Junction Boxes = different lengths of Interlink cables (60 - 300 m)





### **Complete DU**

### Interlinks are connected to the BM

### Ready for shipment!













# Sea Operation

- Unfurling by autonomous
   ROV
- Rapid
  deployment
- Multiple
  strings in one
  sea campaign

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System: XLX35 Time: 12:24:28 Date: 13.01.19



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