Status of KM3NeT



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Physics Goal



- Measurement of HE neutrino flux and observation of high-energy neutrino sources in the Universe
 - Multi-messenger approach

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- Galactic Centre Region investigation
- Particle physics below 1 TeV: ORCA a denser detector
 - Neutrino mass hierarchy problem
 - Dark matter indirect search
- Synergy with Earth & Sea sciences → EMSO

The underwater choice

- Detection principle measure optical Cherenkov radiation produced by energetic charged particle interactions in water
- Faintness of atrophysical HE neutrino fluxes and small neutrino cross section oblige use of large natural target sea-water:

2000 m < depth < 4500 mtime resolution1ns L_{abs} 50-70m, $L_{scatt} > 100 \text{ m}$ position resolution10cm

Very good angular resolution : 0.1° for tracks (E> 10TeV) - <2° cascades (E > 50 TeV)

Neutrino detection channels



Muons:

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highest effective area, good angular resolution (~0.1°) High atmospheric muon background: look at events from below only

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Remove atmospheric muon background: studies over 4π. 'Good' energy resolution, worse directional resolution: diffuse flux!

Taus:

Unambiguous topology

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The giant-scale detector KM3NeT



KM3NeT is a EU funded ESFRI project since 2006.



6 building blocks 115 Detection Units(DU)/Bblock 90-120 m inter-DU distance

700 m DU height 0.5-0.8 km³ Bblock volume

3.5 x IceCube photocathode area

DU:vertical slender string with multi-PMT digital optical modules (DOM) Seafloor network provide data and power distribution *Giorgio Riccobene LNS-INFN*

Phased implementation

Phase	Total costs [M€]	Primary deliverable	Status
1	31	Proof of feasibility of network of distributed neutrino telescope 24 strings in Capo Passero 7 strings in Toulon	Funded
1.5	+(50:60)	Measurement of neutrino signal reported by IceCube 2 building blocks (> IceCube)	Letter of Intent
2	+(130:160)	Neutrino astronomy <i>6 building blocks</i>	ESFRI road map

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Distributed Research Infrastructure

Network of cabled observatories located in deep waters of the Mediterranean Sea. Centrally managed: common hardware, software, data handling and control



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Node → Shore Station 1 Tbps

Shore Station → Data Centres > 100 Mbps



Remote access to data



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Shore Laboratory: Electronics Labs Data Acquisition Room, Control Room Guest House Power Feeding Equipment (UPS protected) Upto 10 Gbps direct Optical-fibre link GARR-X

Submarine cable and infrastructure (now): 96 km - 20 fibres ITU655-NZDSF Single conductor with DC-sea return Phase 1: Cable Termination Frame Medium Voltage Converter: 10kV to 375V



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Launcher vehicle



- rapid deployment
- small space on the boat
- autonomous unfurling
- recoverable

Design

600

100 m

Detection Unit

DOM

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- -Buoy
- -2 Dyneema ropes
- -18 storeys (one OM each)
- 36m distance
- 100m anchor-first storey
- Electro-optical backbone: -Flexible hose ~ 6mm -Oil-filled -fibres and copper wires



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The Digital Optical Module

31 x 3" PMTs active base & digital signal readout (ToT) light collection cone

1AHRS (tilt, compass)1 digital piezo receiver1 LED emitter (time calibration)

Central logic board (CLB)

FPGA-based, white rabbit (T_{GPS})

DWDM optical comm(1 color/DOM)

power board

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3d printed support structure cooling structure (mushroom) penetrator



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DOM performances



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The Central Logic Board

Octopus connectors:

linx Kintex 7

FPGA

31 PMTs signals

SFP connector: LASER for optical communication

External Instrumentation: Nanobeacon LED Acoustic (Piezo)

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Embedded Instrumentation: Temperature & Humidity Tilt & Compass

Reset & Configuration: Quad-SPI Flash Reset circuit

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Tunable oscillators: White Rabbit compliant

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Expansion: FMC connector

Test & Debug: GPIO Header Dip-Switch USB-UART

Synchronous Data Transport



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Master clock broadcast

White Rabbit Switch Fabric Nano-sec precision-time-protocol on Ethernet (synchronicity, phase reconstruction)

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Optical path measured via echo Optical fiber properties measured

> CLB running White Rabbit synchronisation kernel PMT and piezo data time stamped by the CLB

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Detector Positioning



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The demonstrators



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The PPM DOM: deployed March 2013 at Toulon in the ANTARES facility



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PMT and active base Test and calibration: 2 sites \rightarrow PMTs (40 DOMs) / week

Pre-qualified DOM components \rightarrow DOM assembly, test, calibration: 4 sites \rightarrow 20 DOMs / week

DU Integration, test and calibration: 2 sites \rightarrow 2-4 DUs/week

DU Deployment: > 4 DU deplyoyed in a single sea operation

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Timeline

• first DU: now integrating the first DOM

Set-up of mass production tools and procedures

- Phase 1 Technology & Commissioning
- Phase 1.5 IceCube Neutrino Signal Measurement
- Phase 2 Astronomy

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Phase 1.5



Search for an all-sky excess of high-energy events

Cascade-Background: Cascades from atmospheric neutrinos, Mis-reconstructed muon bundles



Phase 2



Other promising sources, stacking analisys... Room for improvement (include morphology, energy dependence)



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KM3NeT and EMSO

Common effort with the Earth and Sea Science Community

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Real Time Environmental Monitoring

Toulon, Sicily and Hellenic: sites of common interest for KM3NeT and EMSO



Oceanography (water circulation, climate change): *Current intensity and direction, Water temperature, Water salinity ,...* Geophysics (geohazard): *Seismic phenomena, low frequency passive acoustics, magnetic field variations,...* Biology (micro-biology, cetaceans,...): *Passive acoustic monitoring, Biofouling, Bioluminescence, Water samples analysis,...*

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Summary



- KM3NeT will be a distributed, networked research infrastructure.
- Technical design is fixed and decided, infrastructures (IT and FR) are close to be ready.
- Construction of Phase 1 started.
- Path to Phase 1.5 (IceCube size) paved.
- Astronomy era with KM3NeT-Phase 2.

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ORCA



ORCA is part of the KM3NeT research infrastructure. Different detector, same technology

- Few GeV signal => more compact detector (75 times denser!)
- Angular and energy resolution are very challenging

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- 115 detection units, 20m spacing
- 18 Optical Modules (DOMs) per detection unit
- 6m vertical distance between DOMs
- 31 3" PMTs/DOM
- Instrumented volume about 3.75 Mtons
- Estimated cost 40 M€ (conservative)
- Geometry optimisation study ongoing



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