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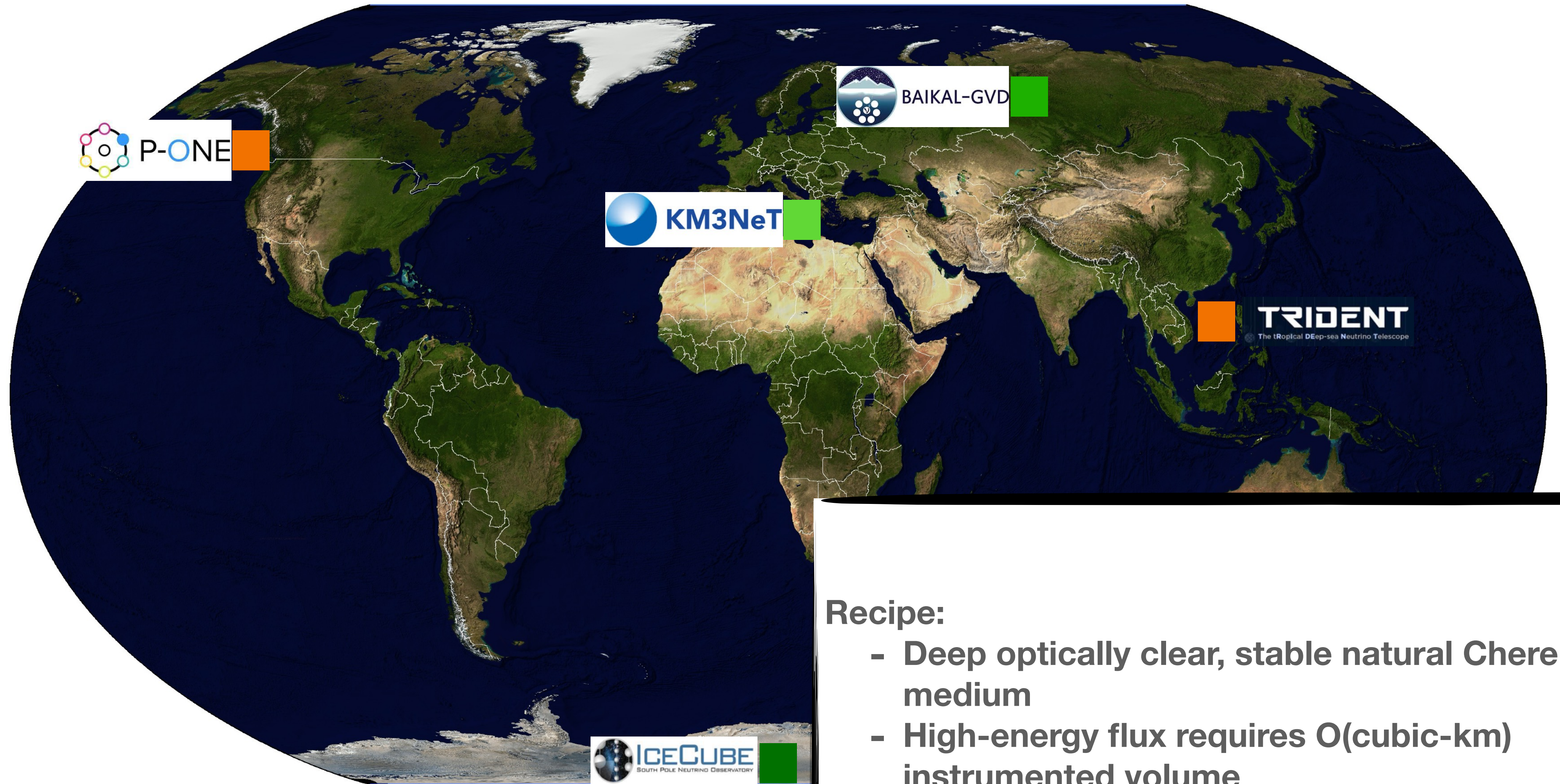
Pacific Ocean Neutrino Experiment



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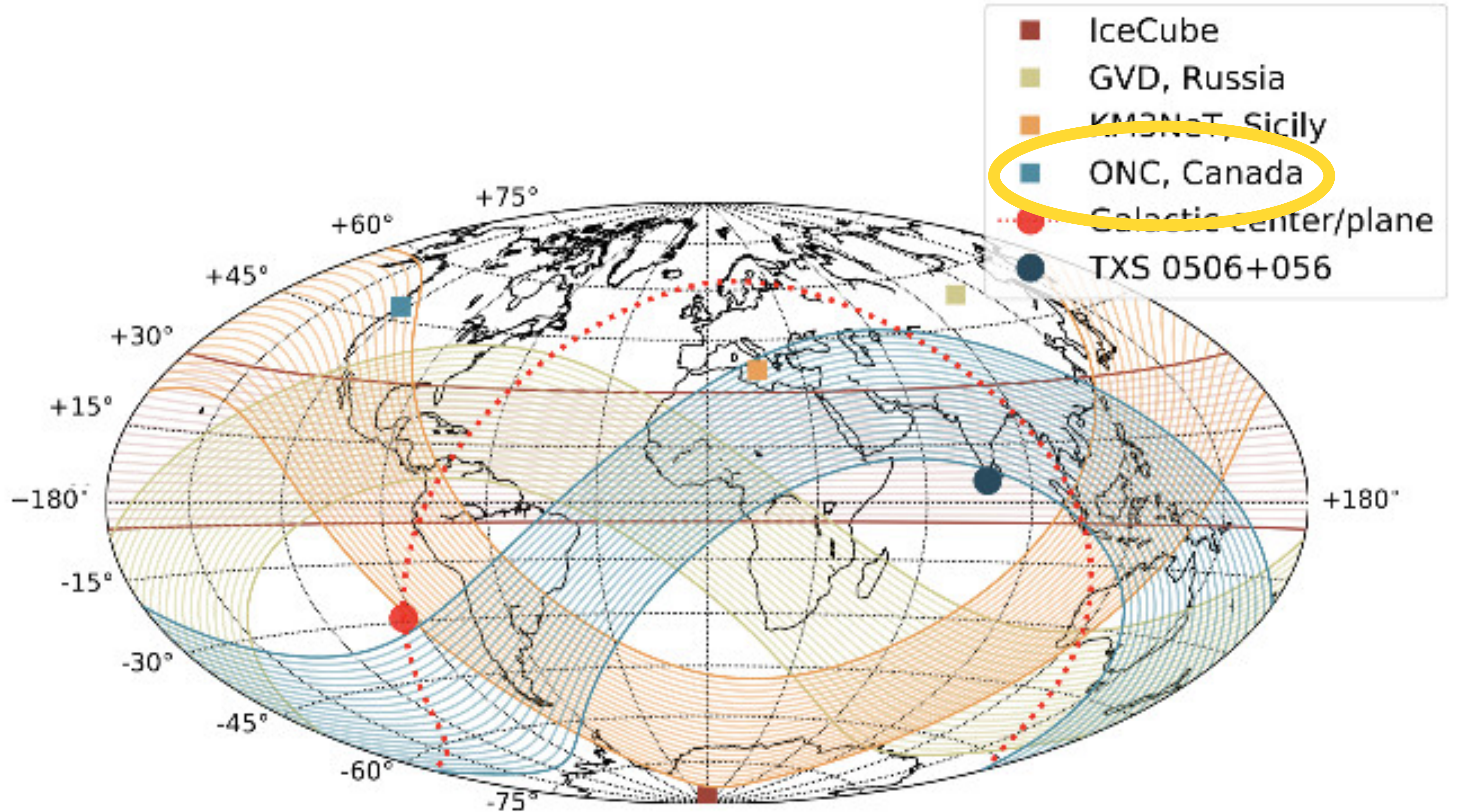
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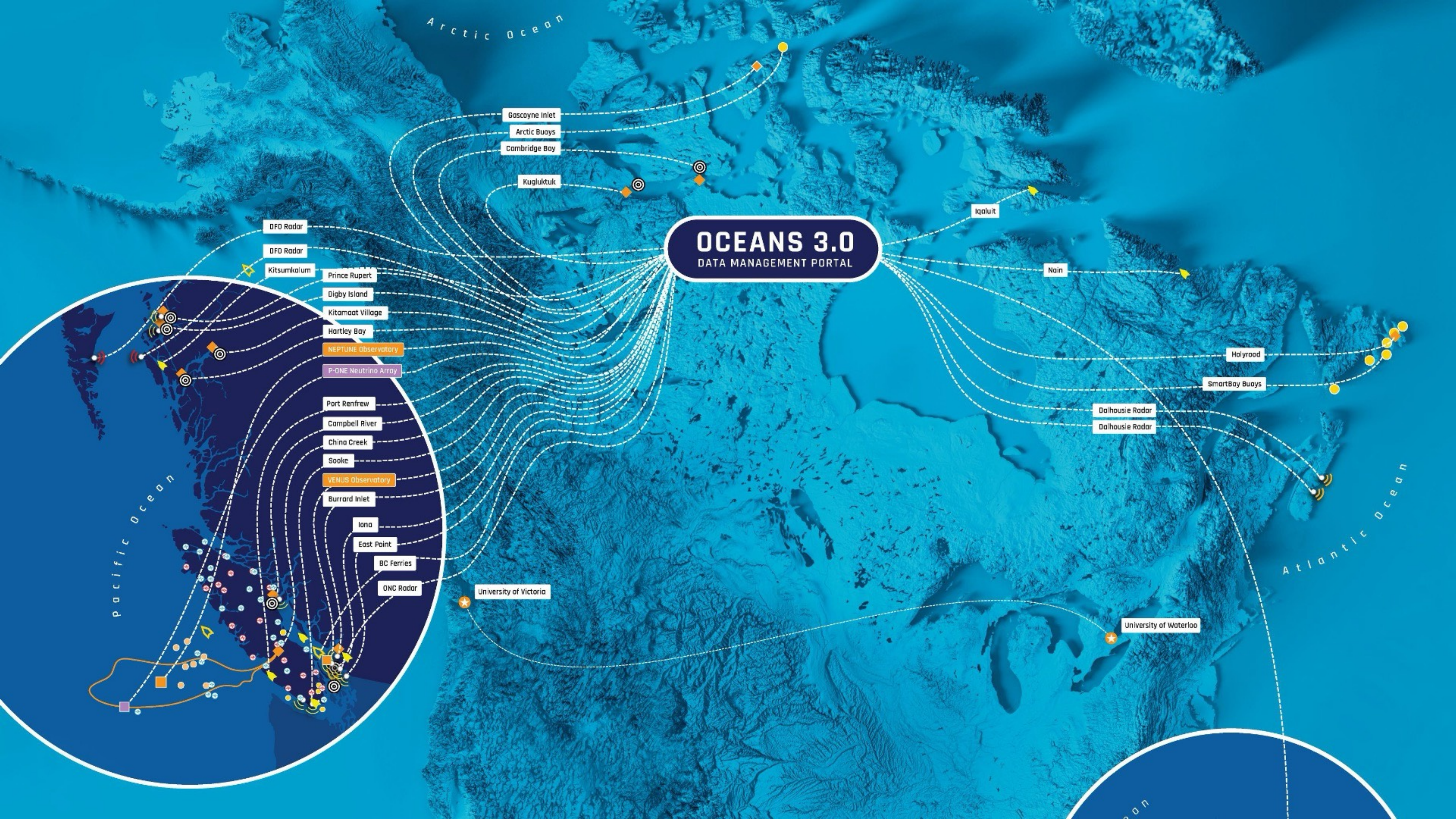
Recipe:

- Deep optically clear, stable natural Cherenkov medium
- High-energy flux requires $O(\text{cubic-km})$ instrumented volume

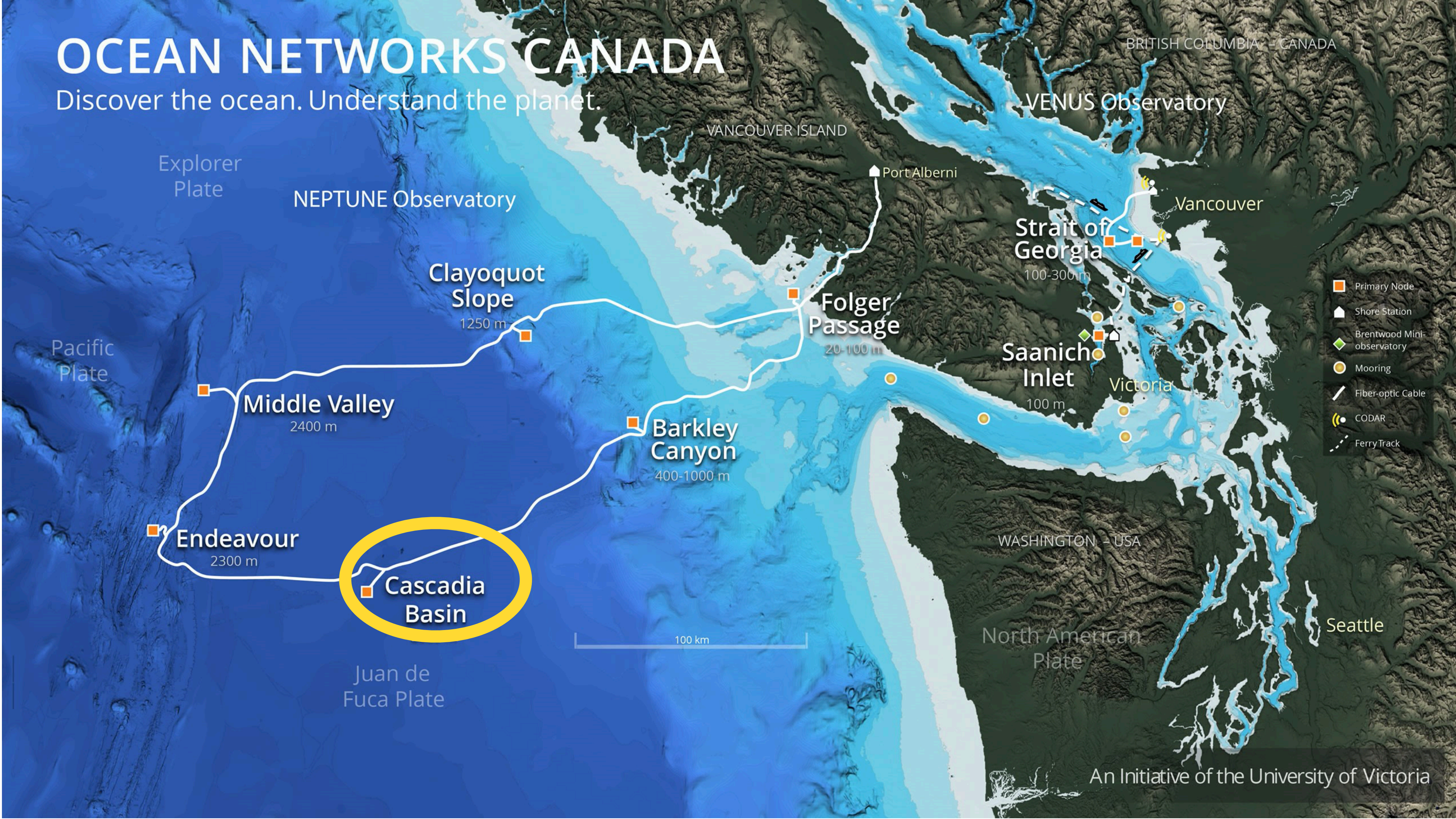
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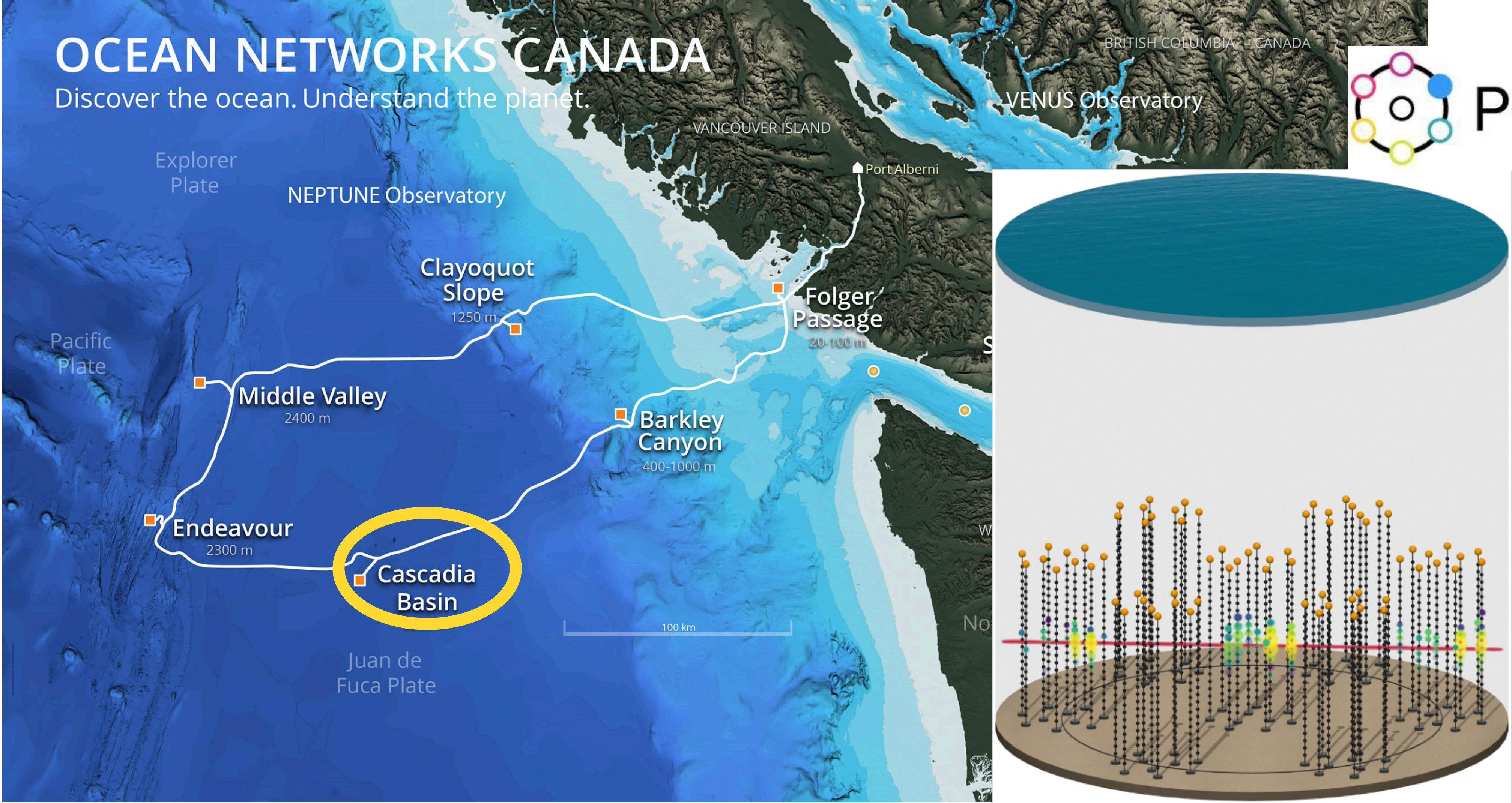
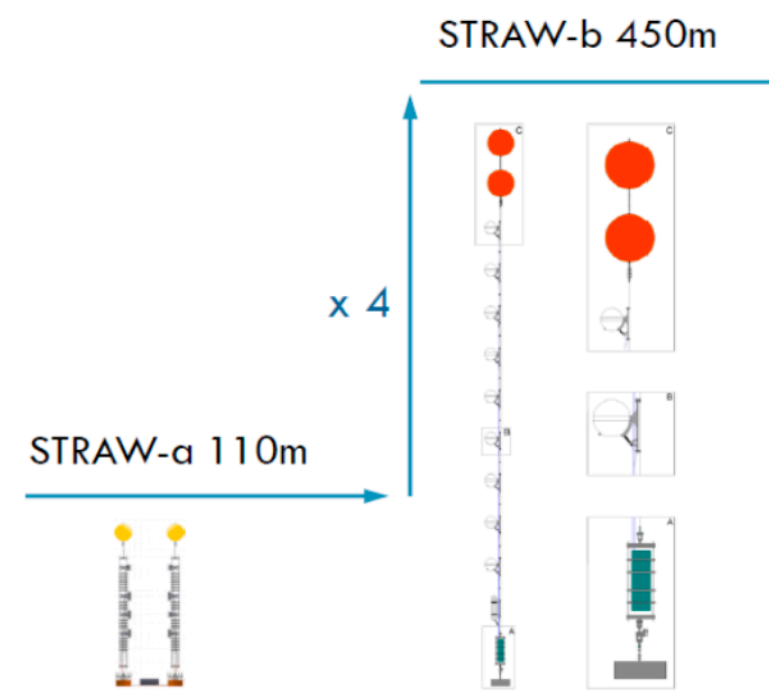


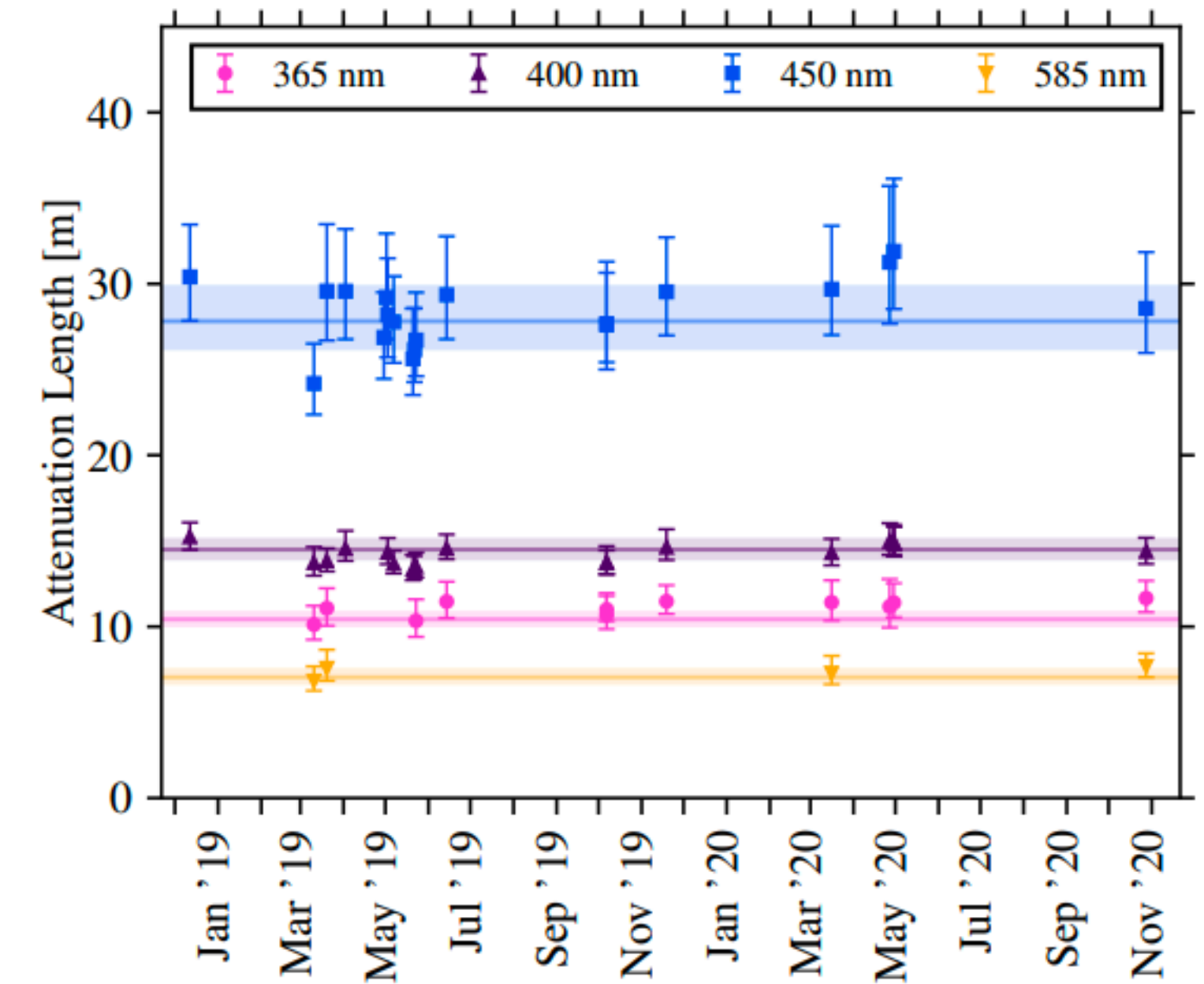
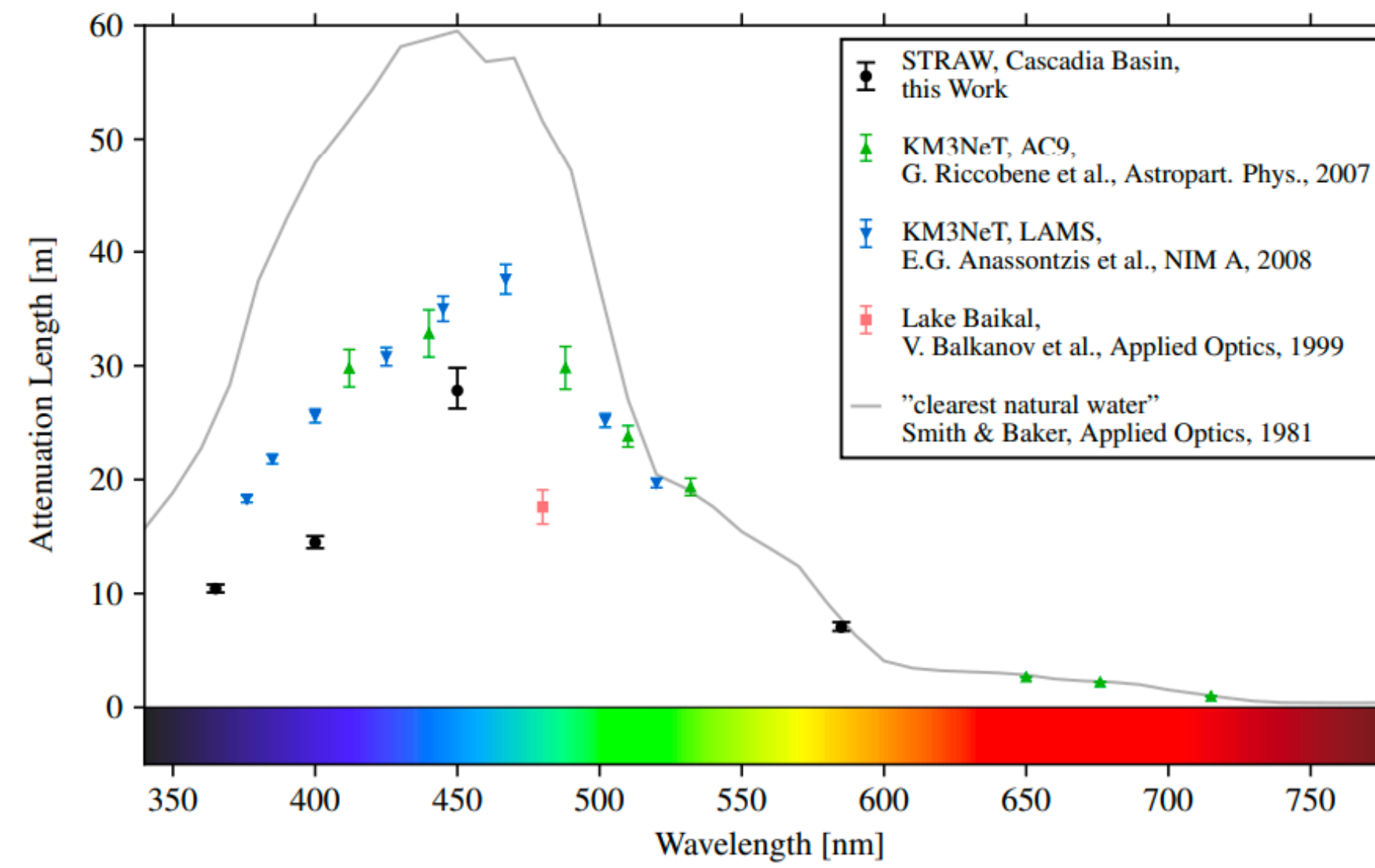
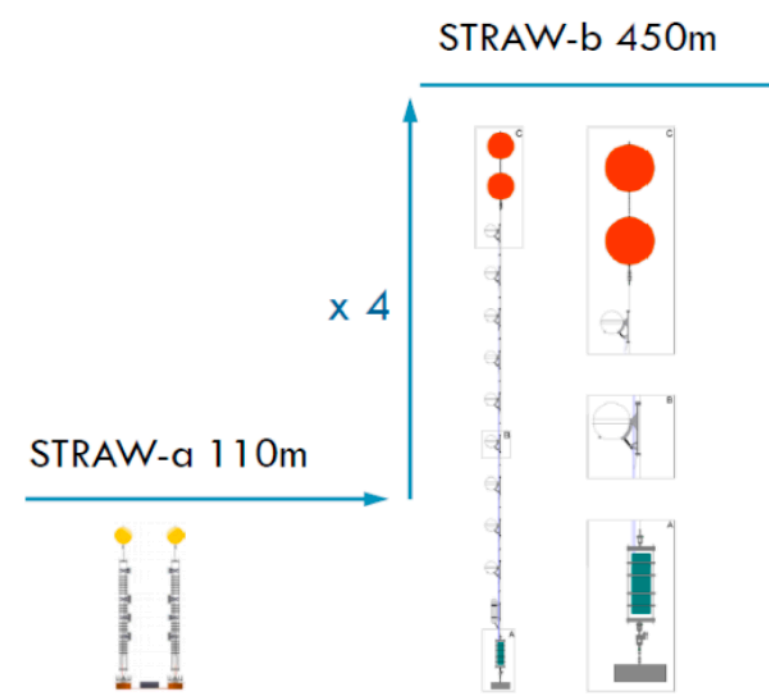
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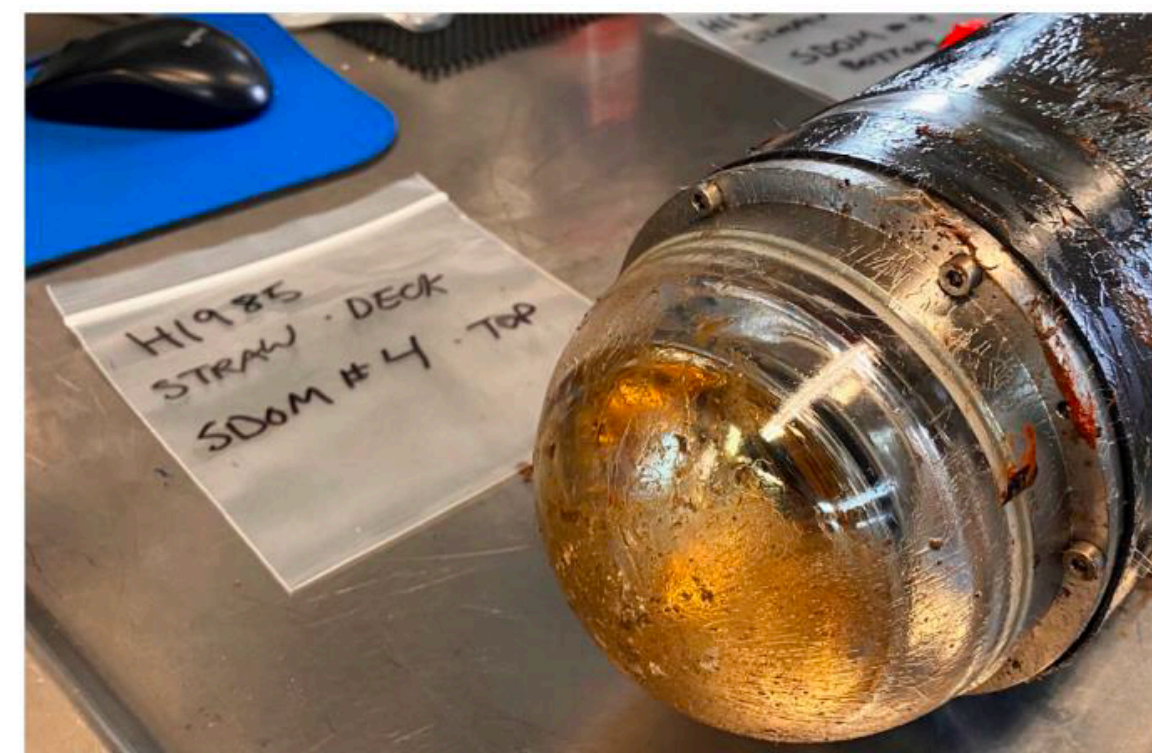
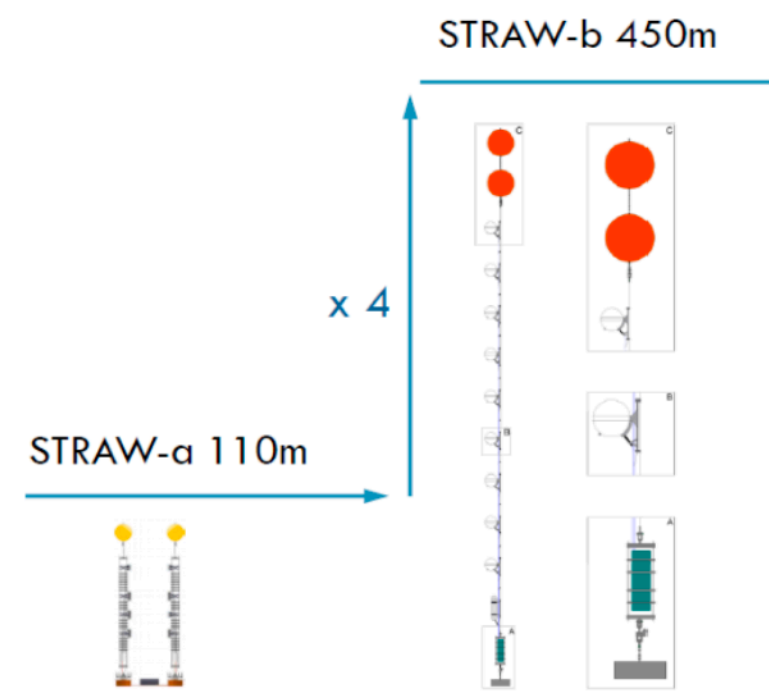
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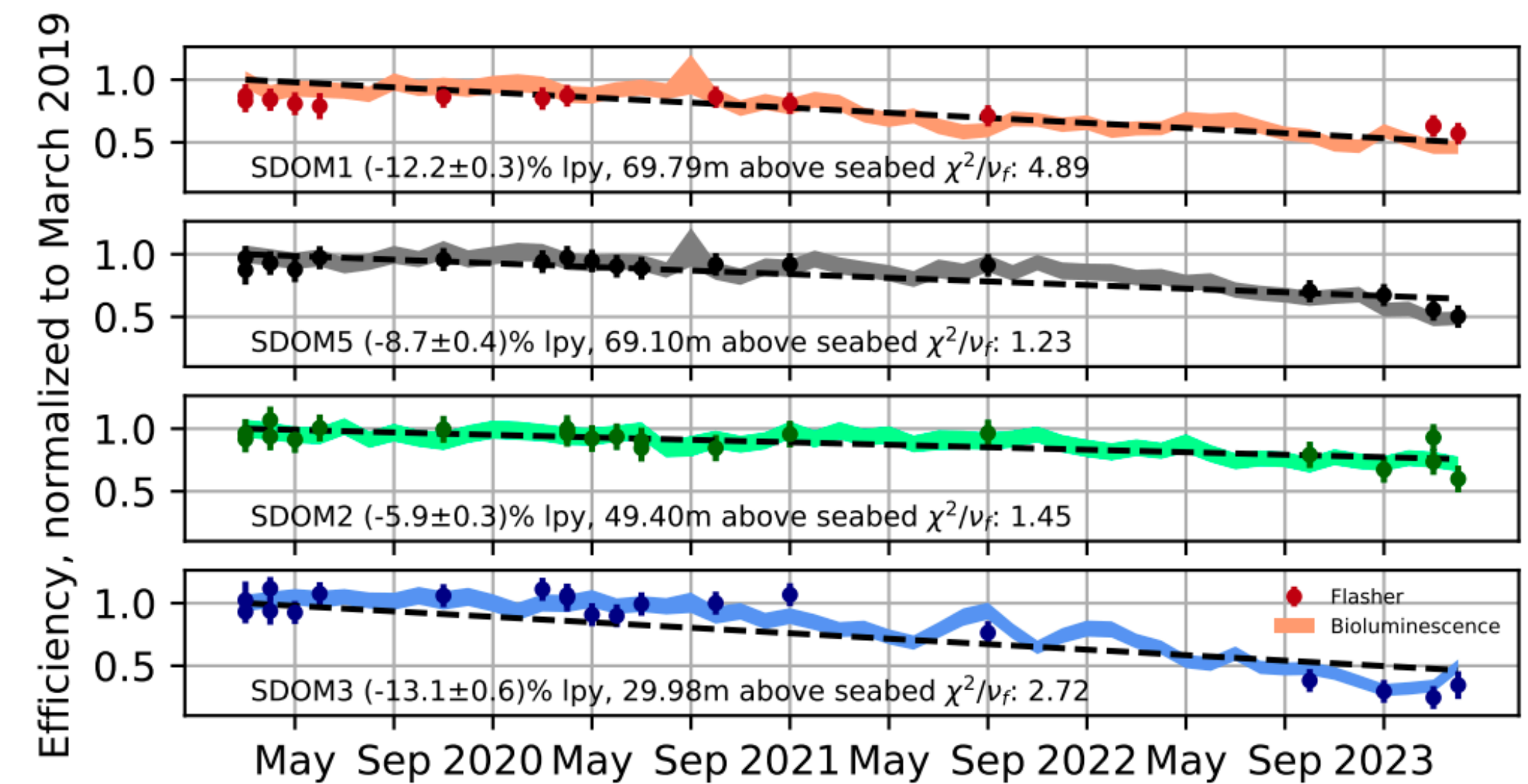
- Measured attenuation after 2 years of monitoring = 27.7–1.3/+1.9m at 450nm
- Stable over the period of data collection
- Compatible with measurements at Mediterranean sites

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- Summer 2023 recovery of both strings
 - Dive inspection revealed some level of sedimentation and biological growth
 - Analysis of data reveals decreasing transparency for the modules as function of time
 - Mitigation studies underway

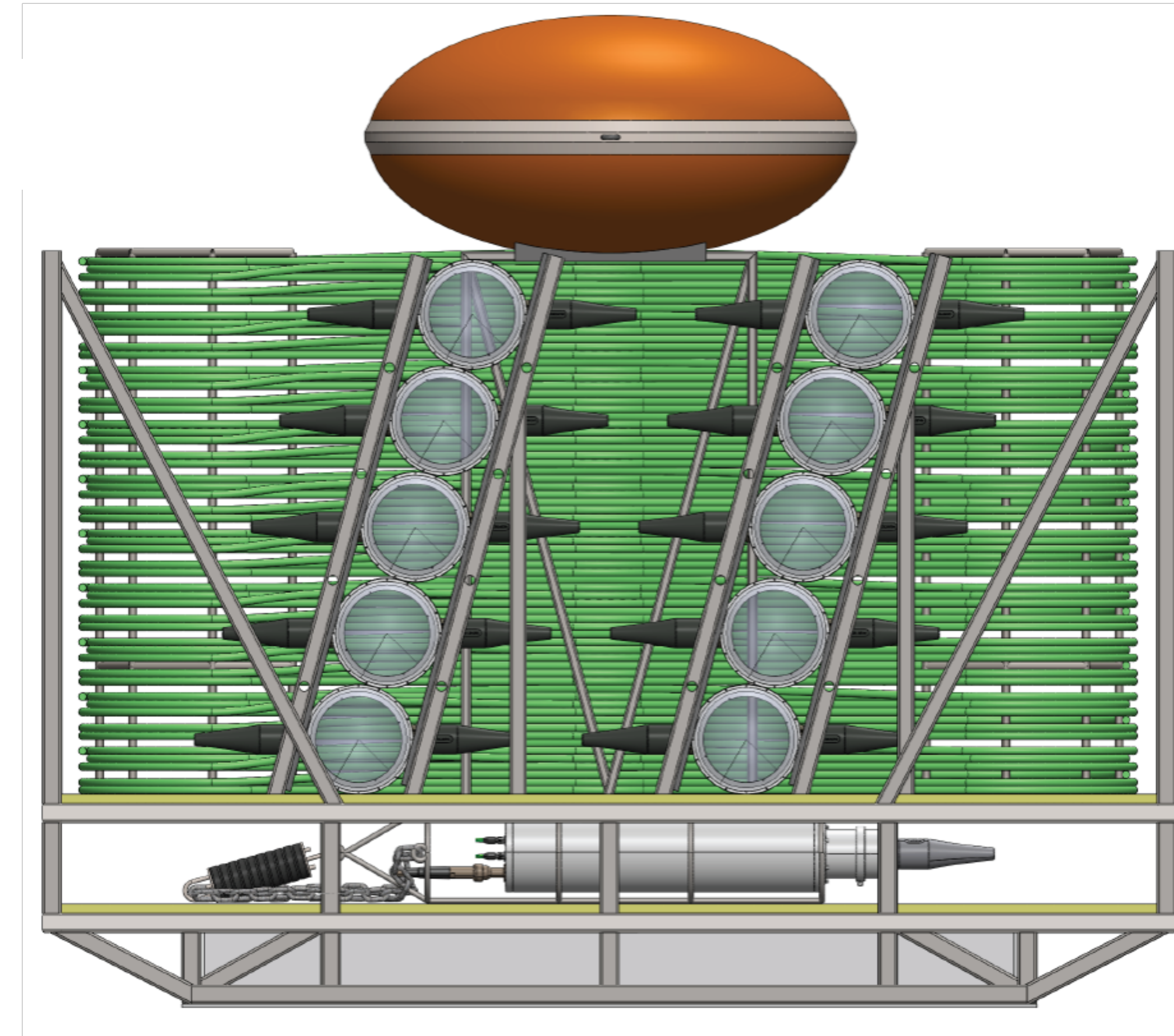
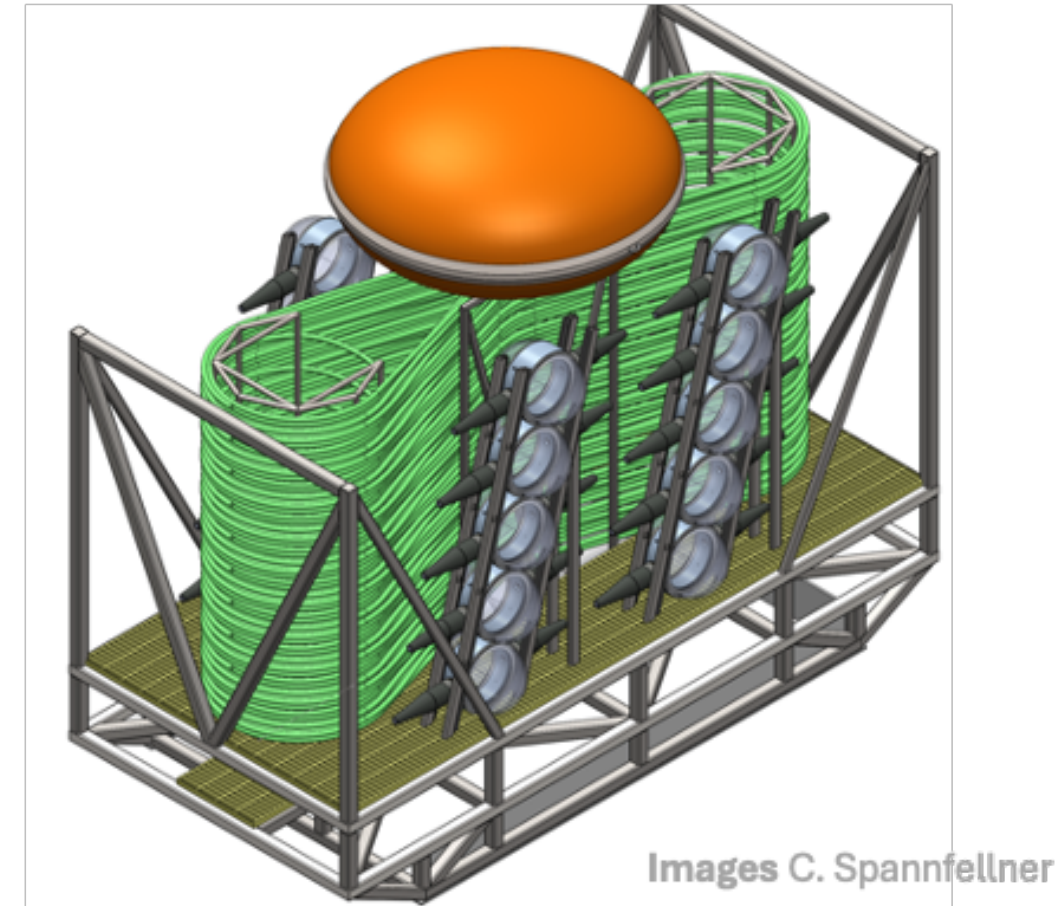
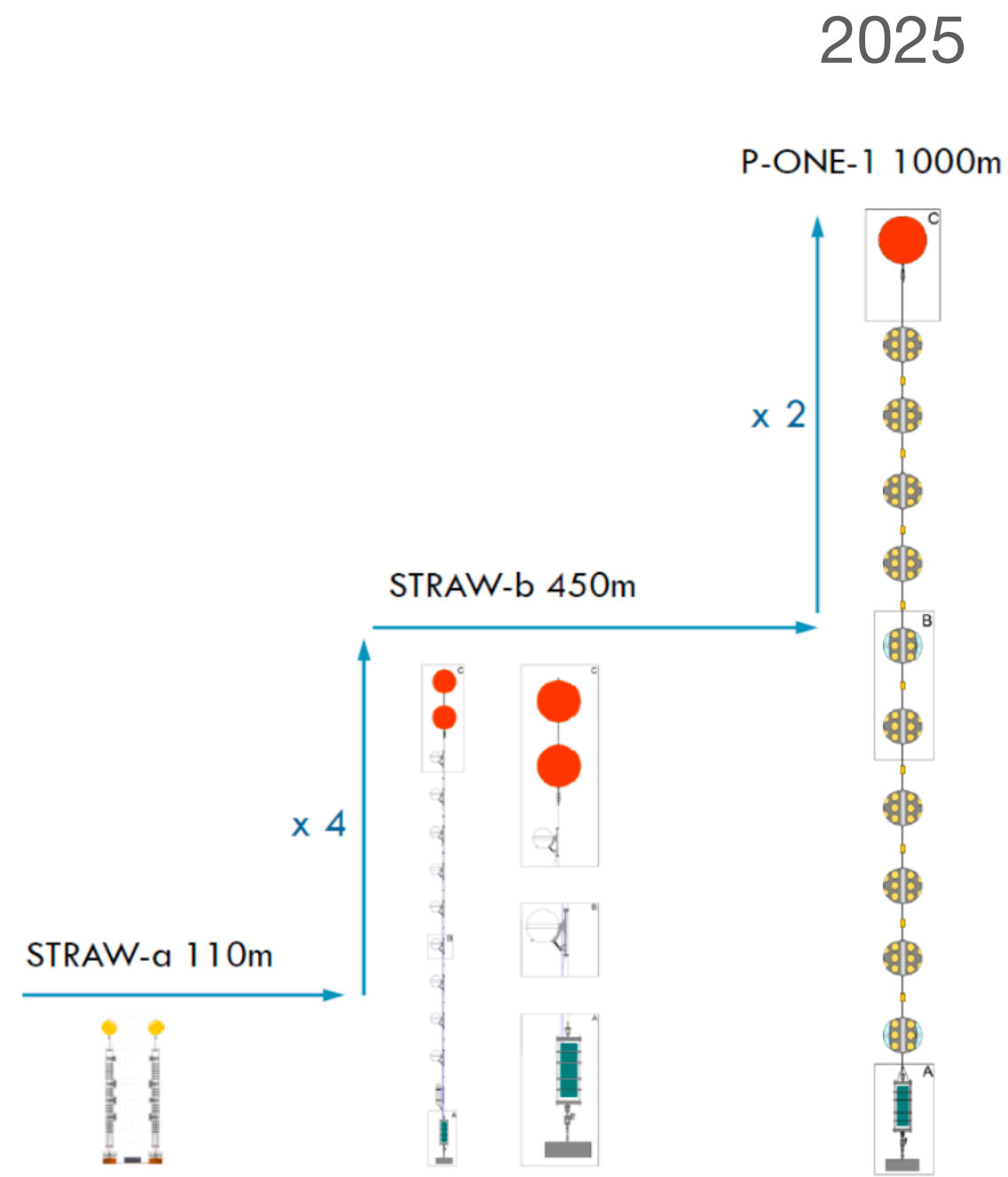


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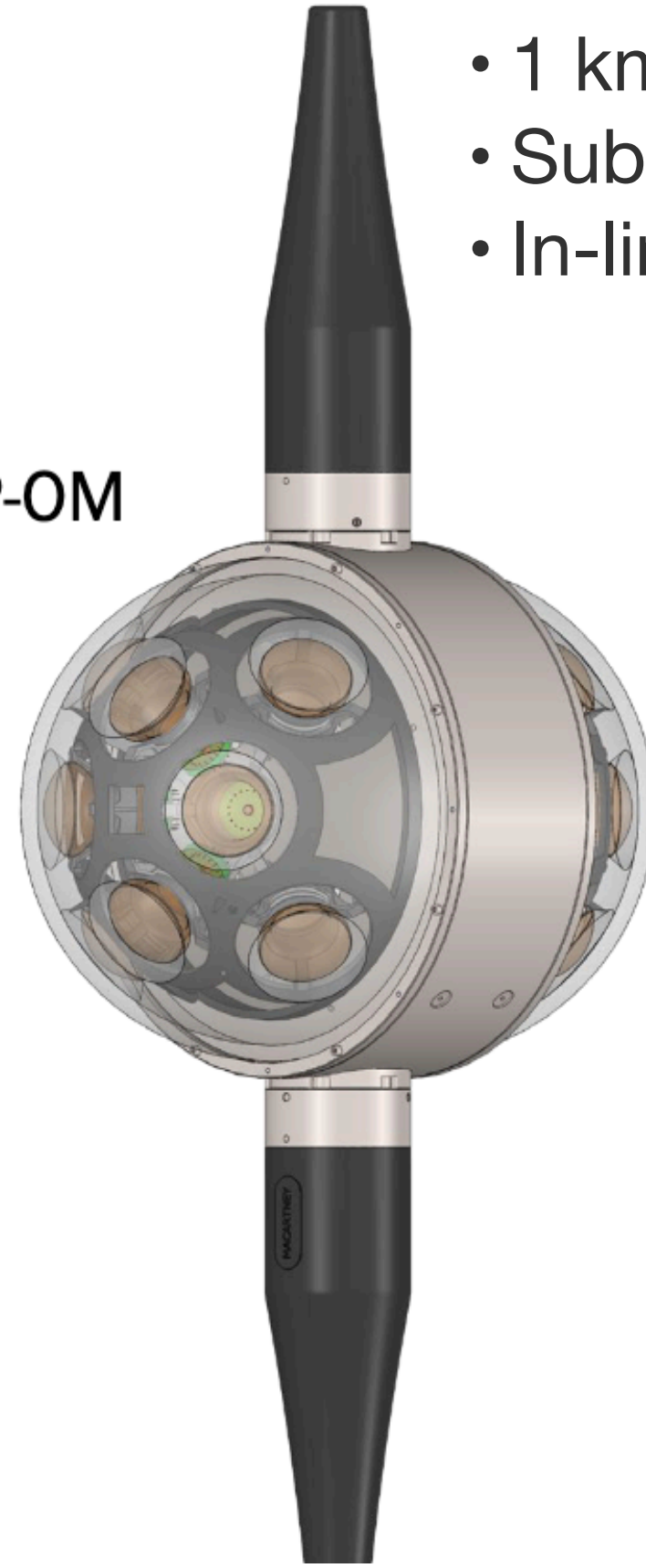
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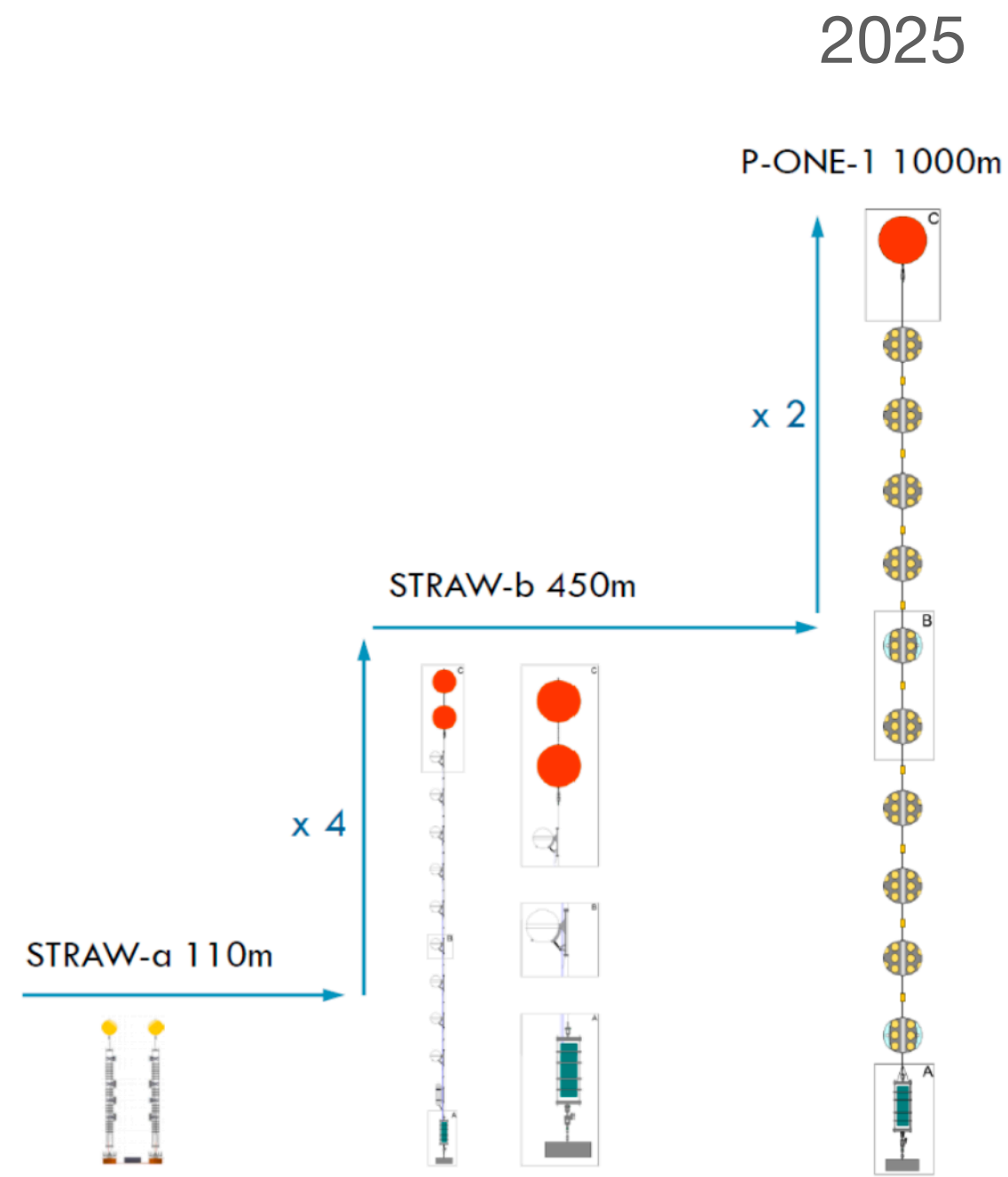
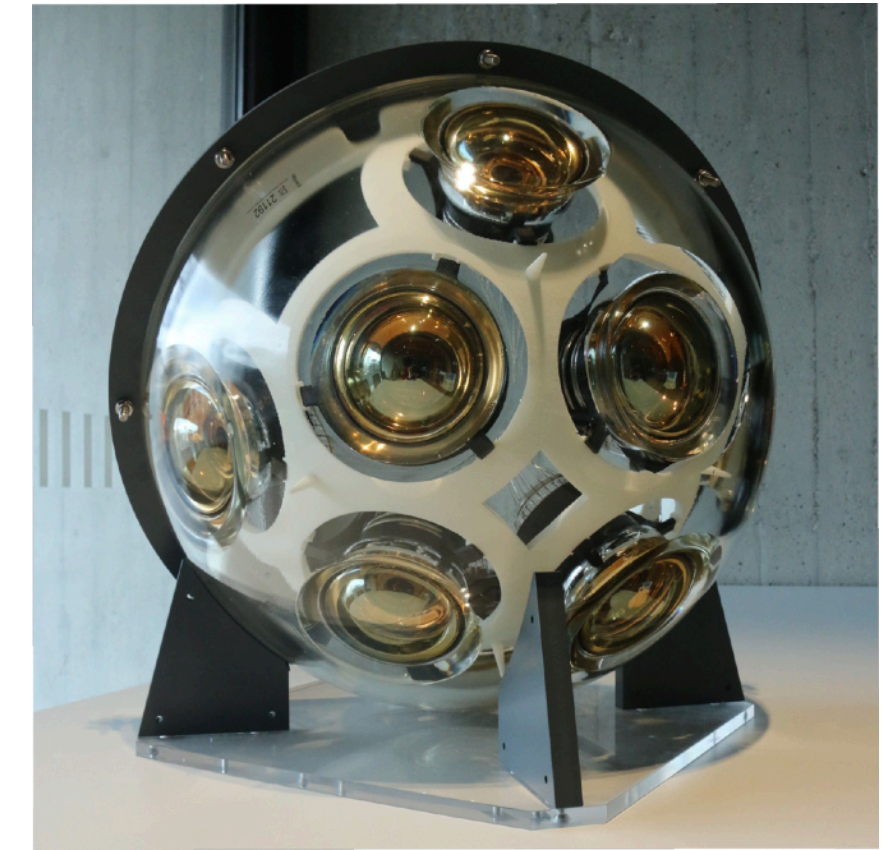
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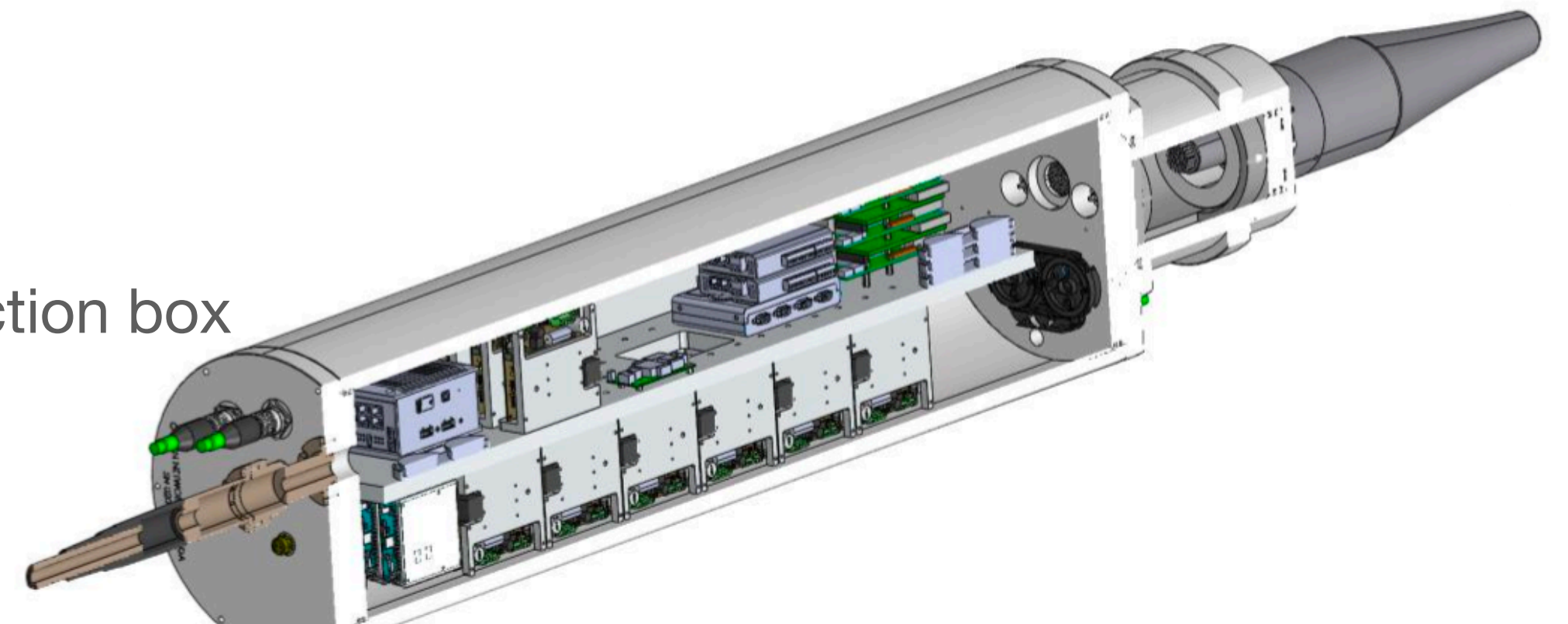


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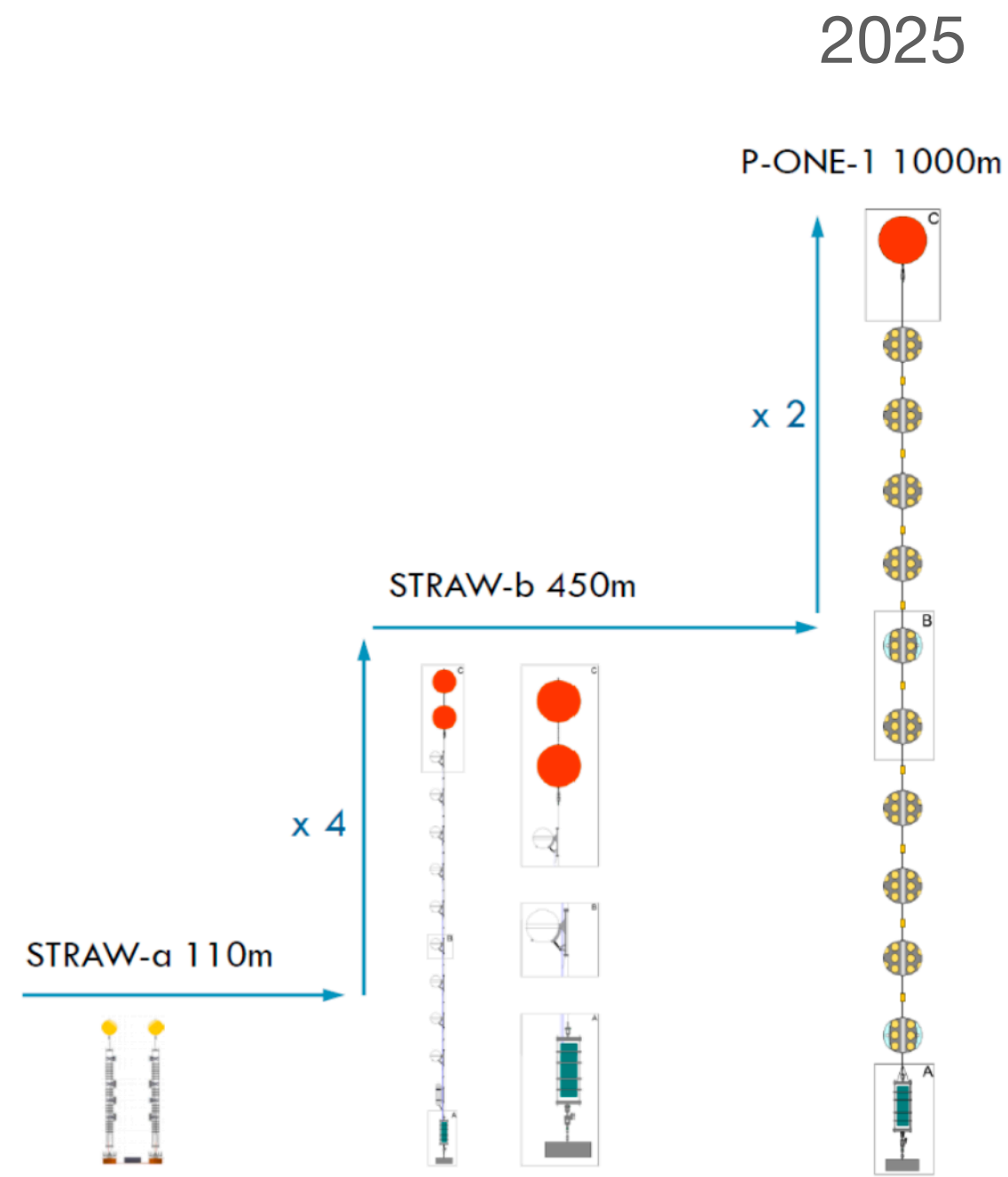
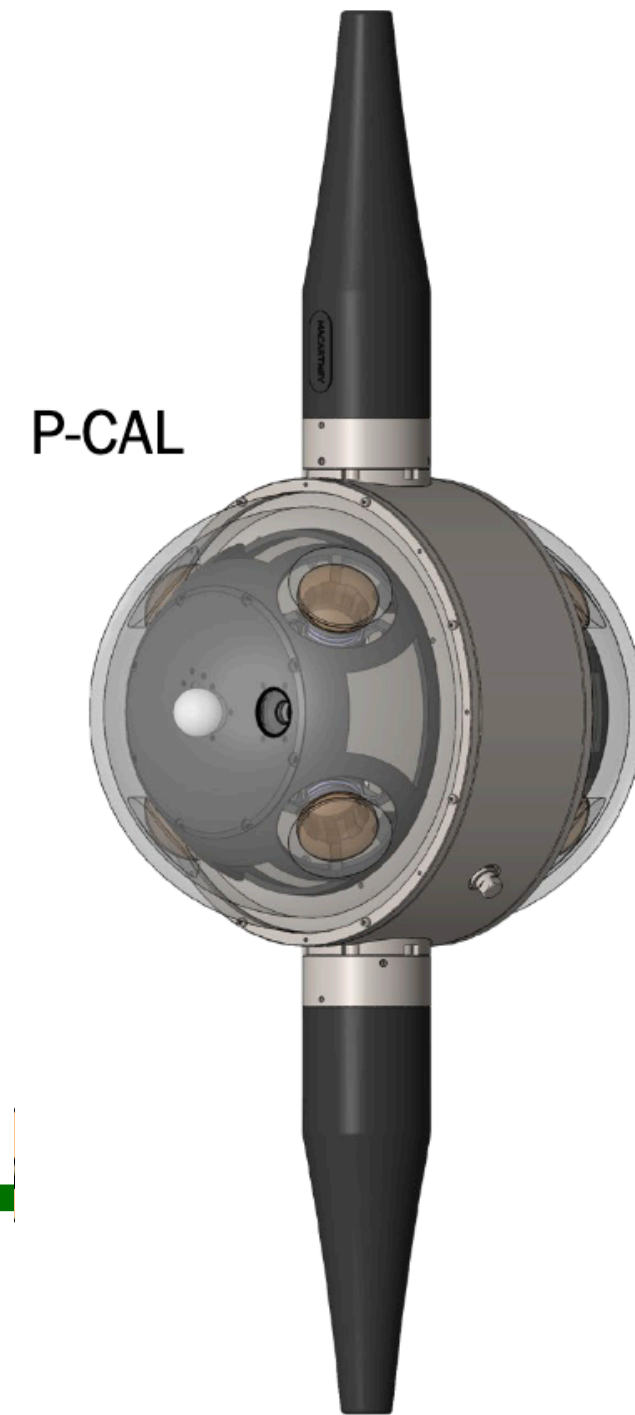
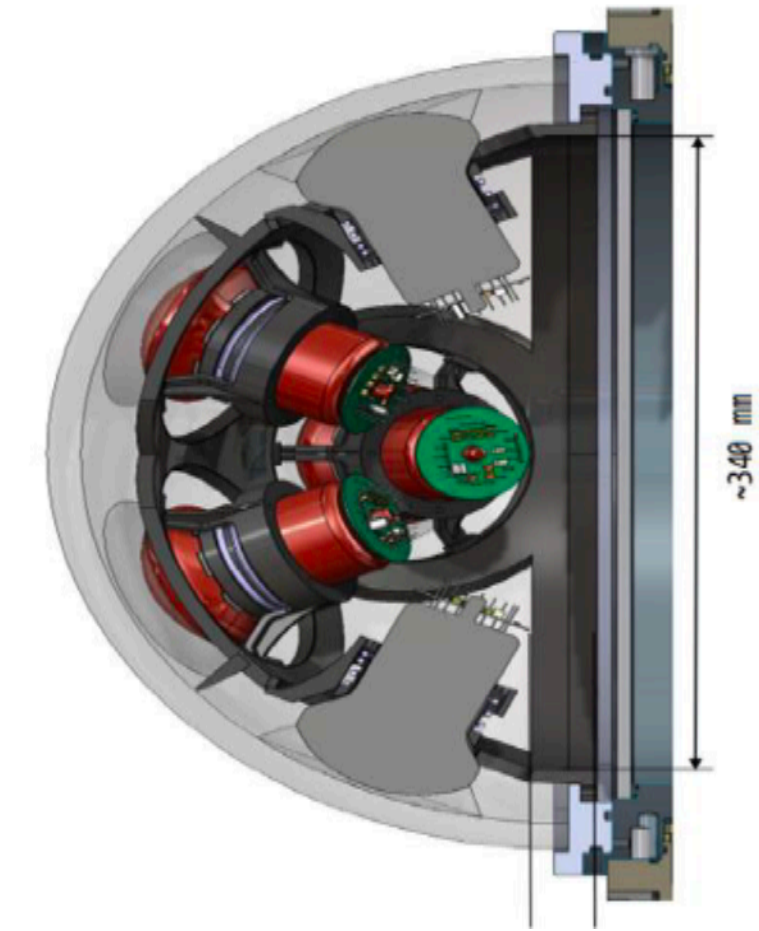
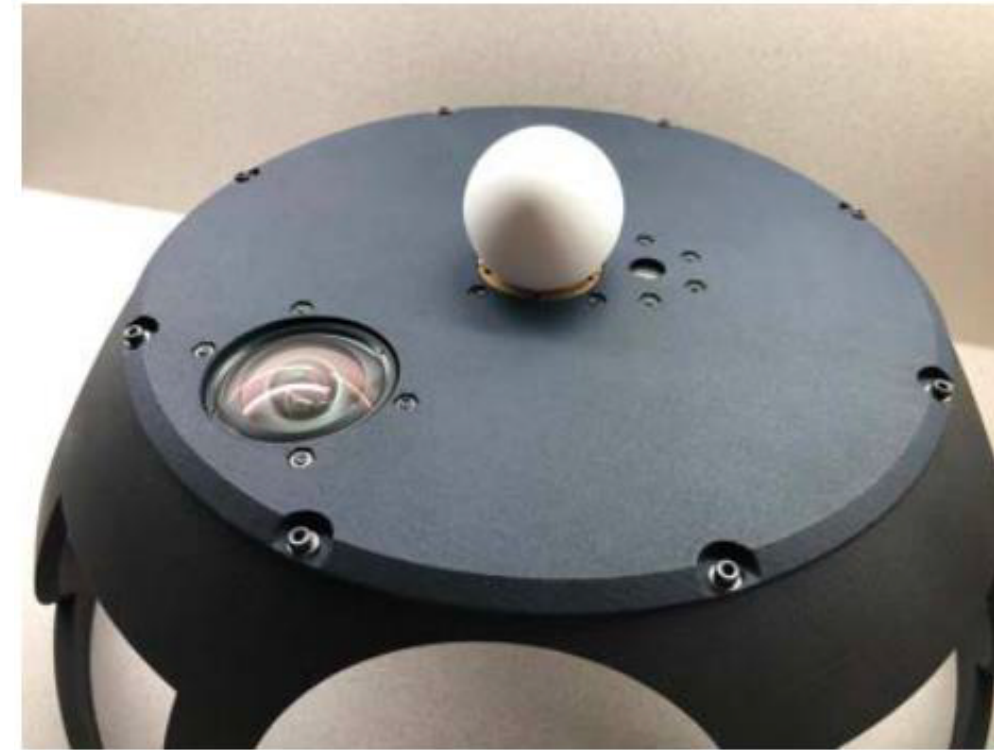
String junction box



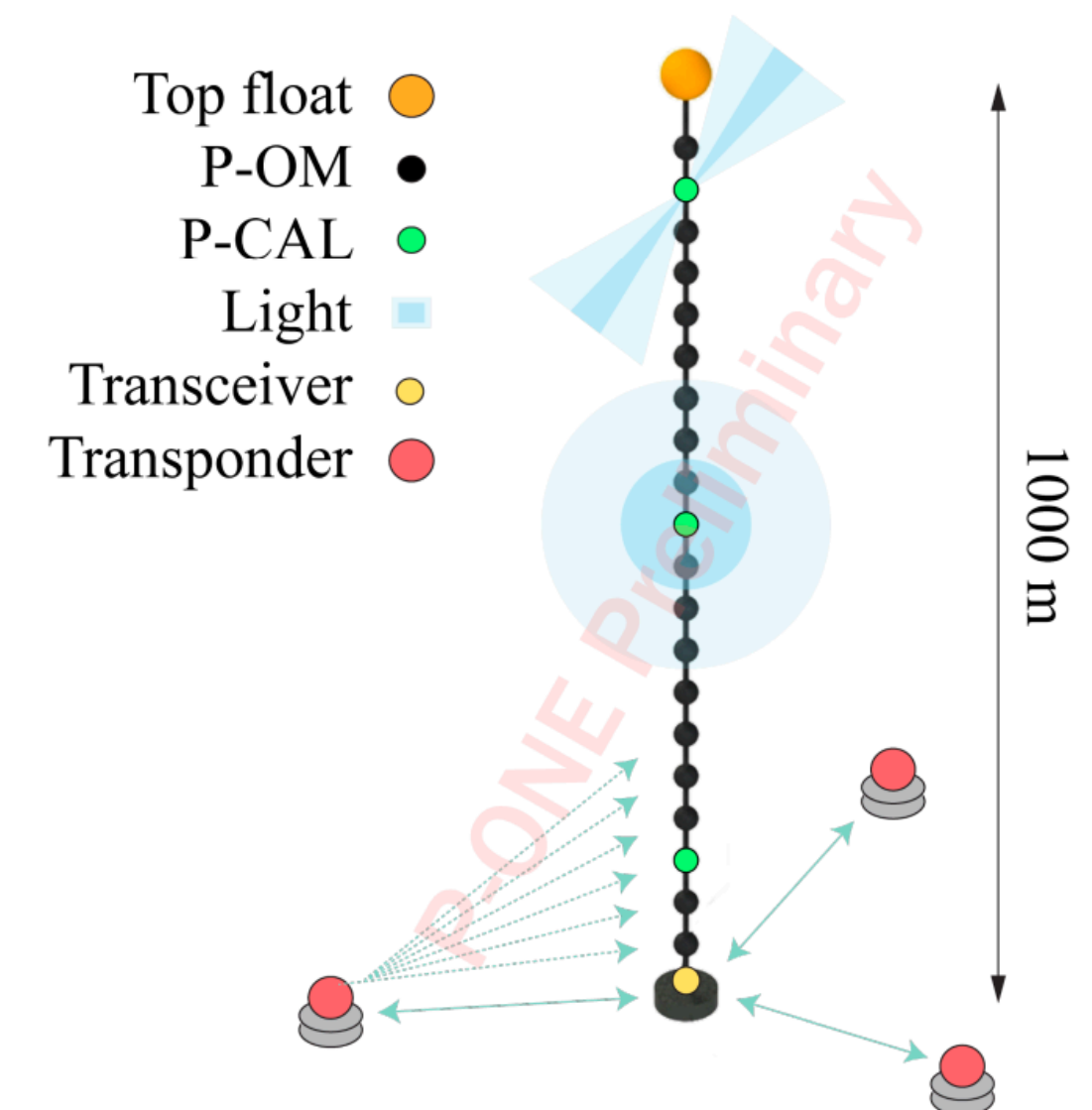
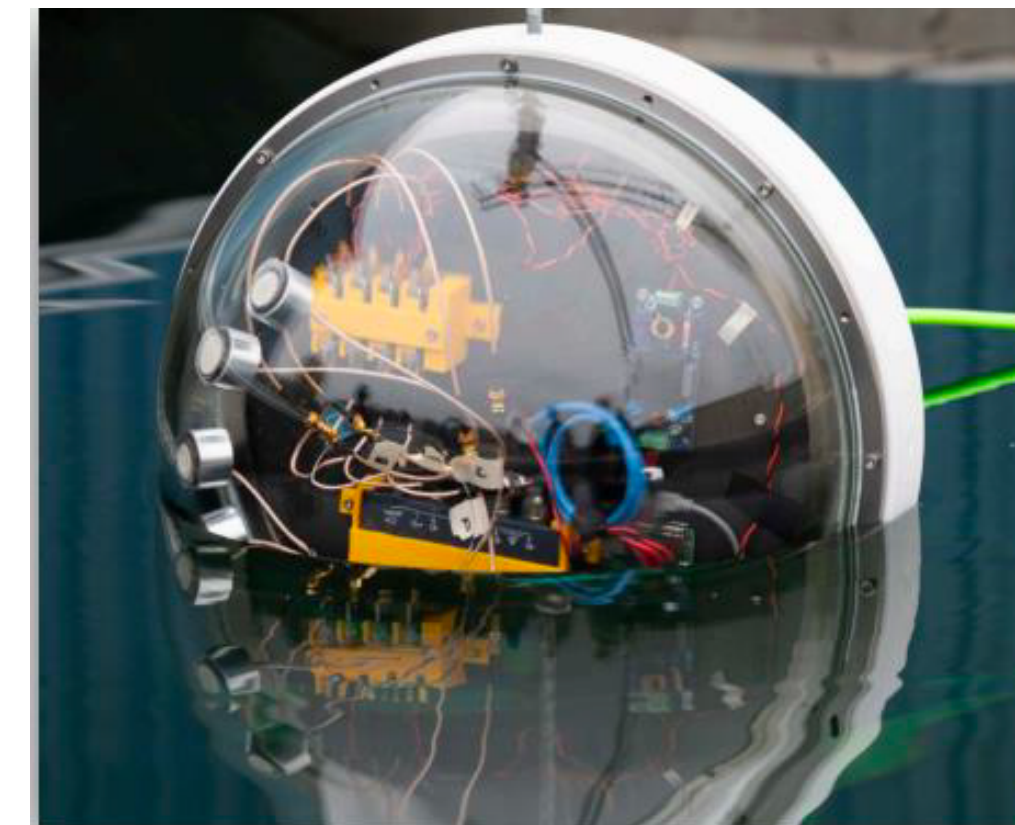
Calibration program

Muon scintillation tracker

P-CAL optical diffusing sphere*



Acoustic position system

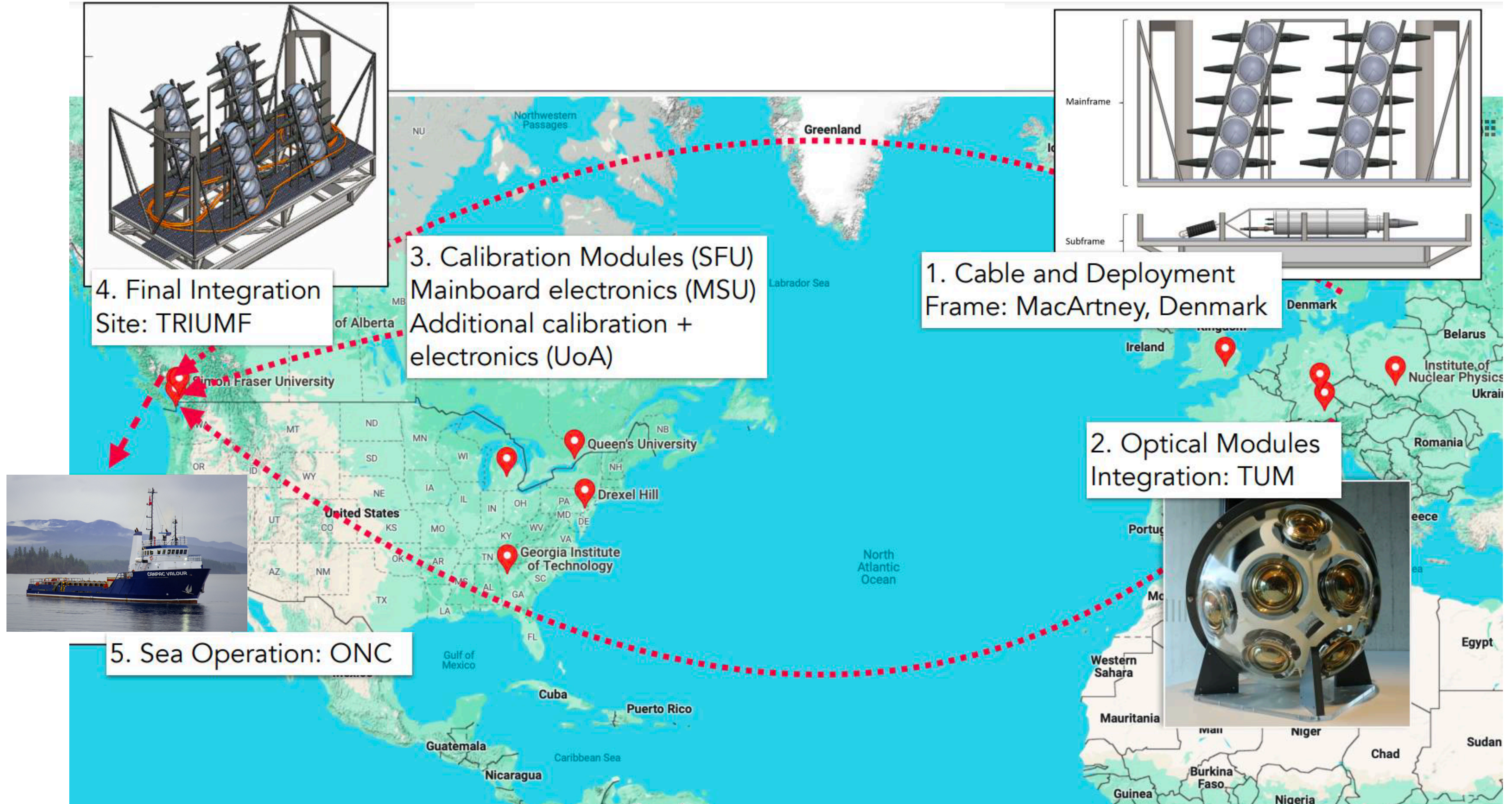


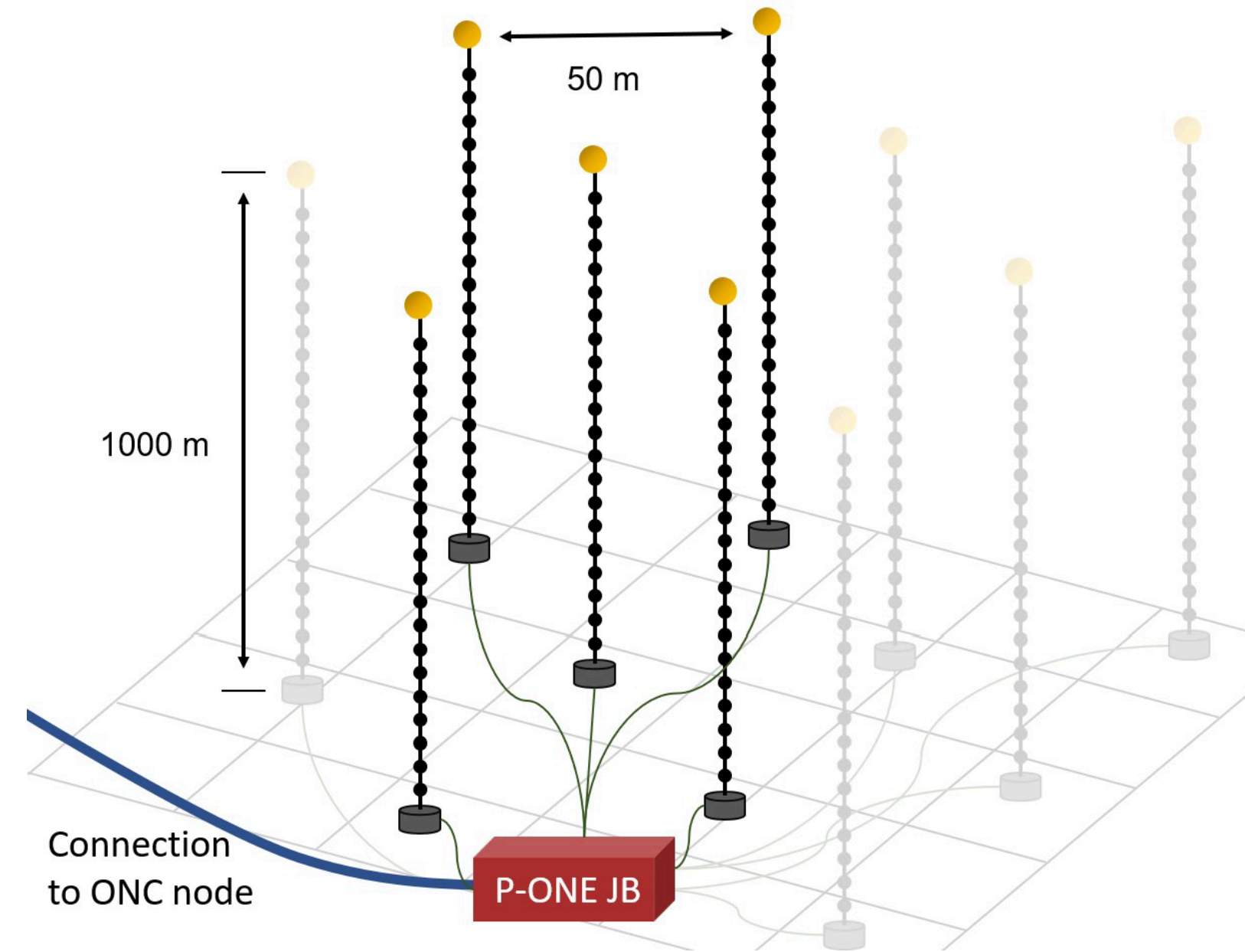
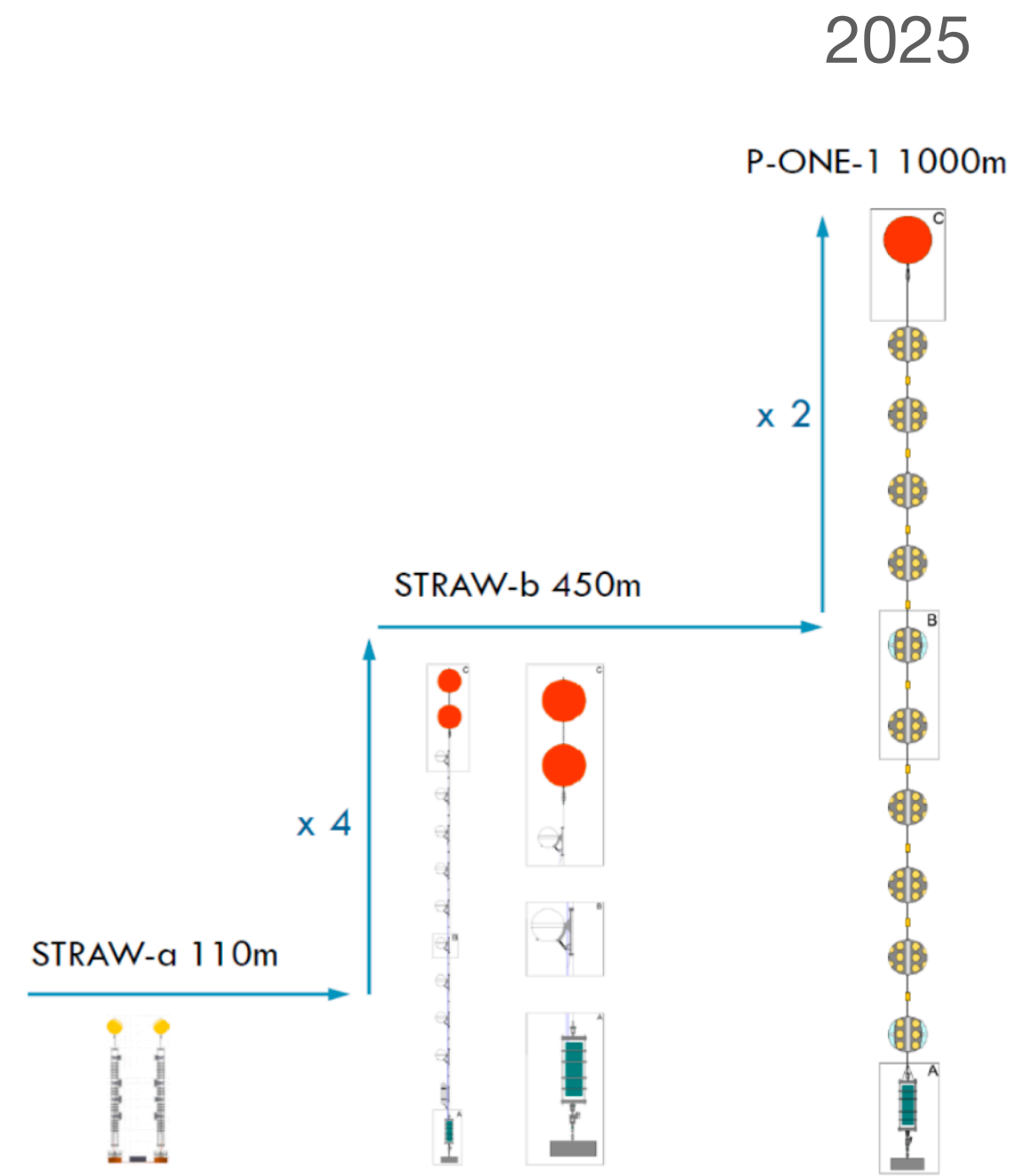
* P-CAL characterization at the U.Winnipeg HyperK test facility; component overlap with nEXO

P-ONE collaboration



P-ONE Logistics Chain





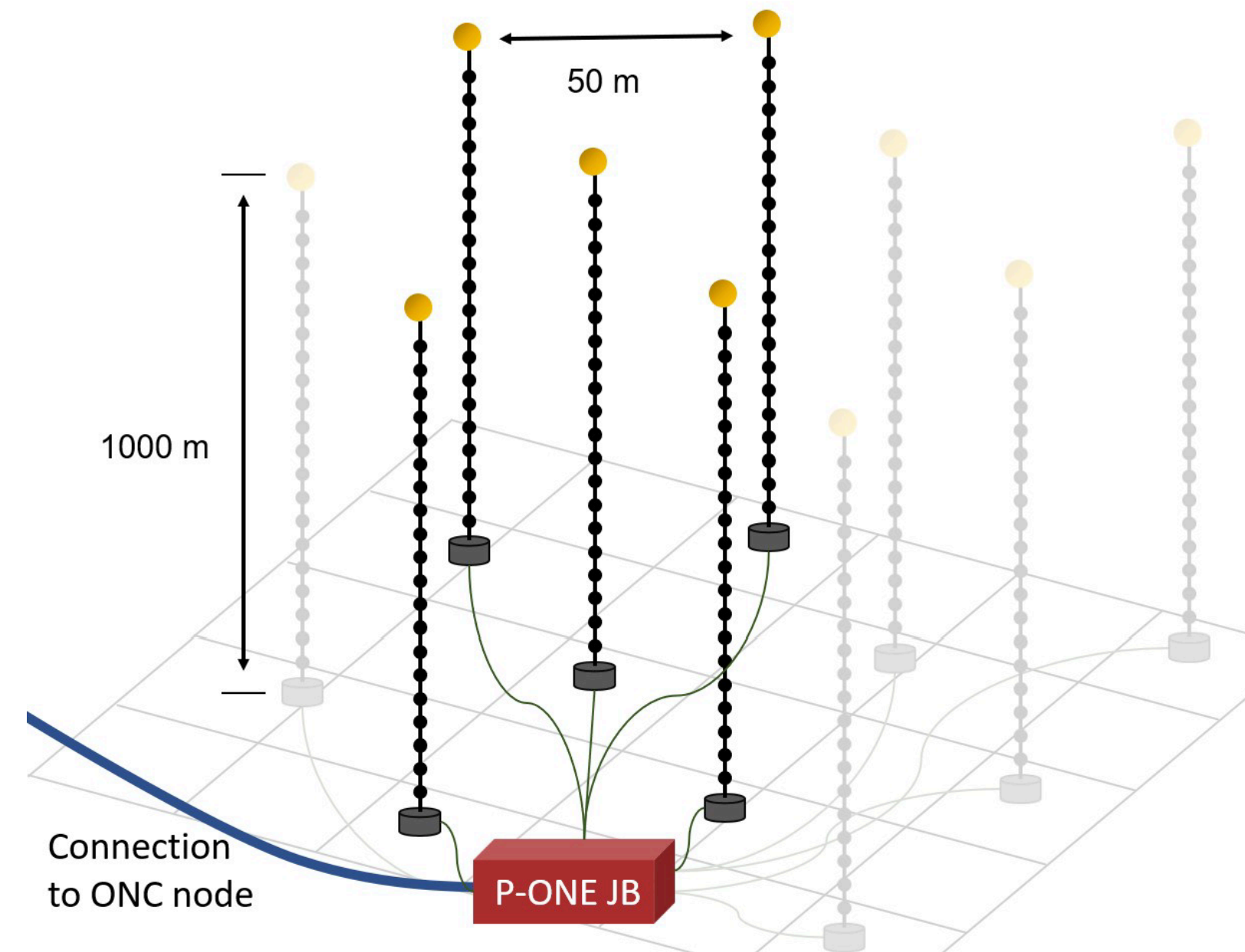
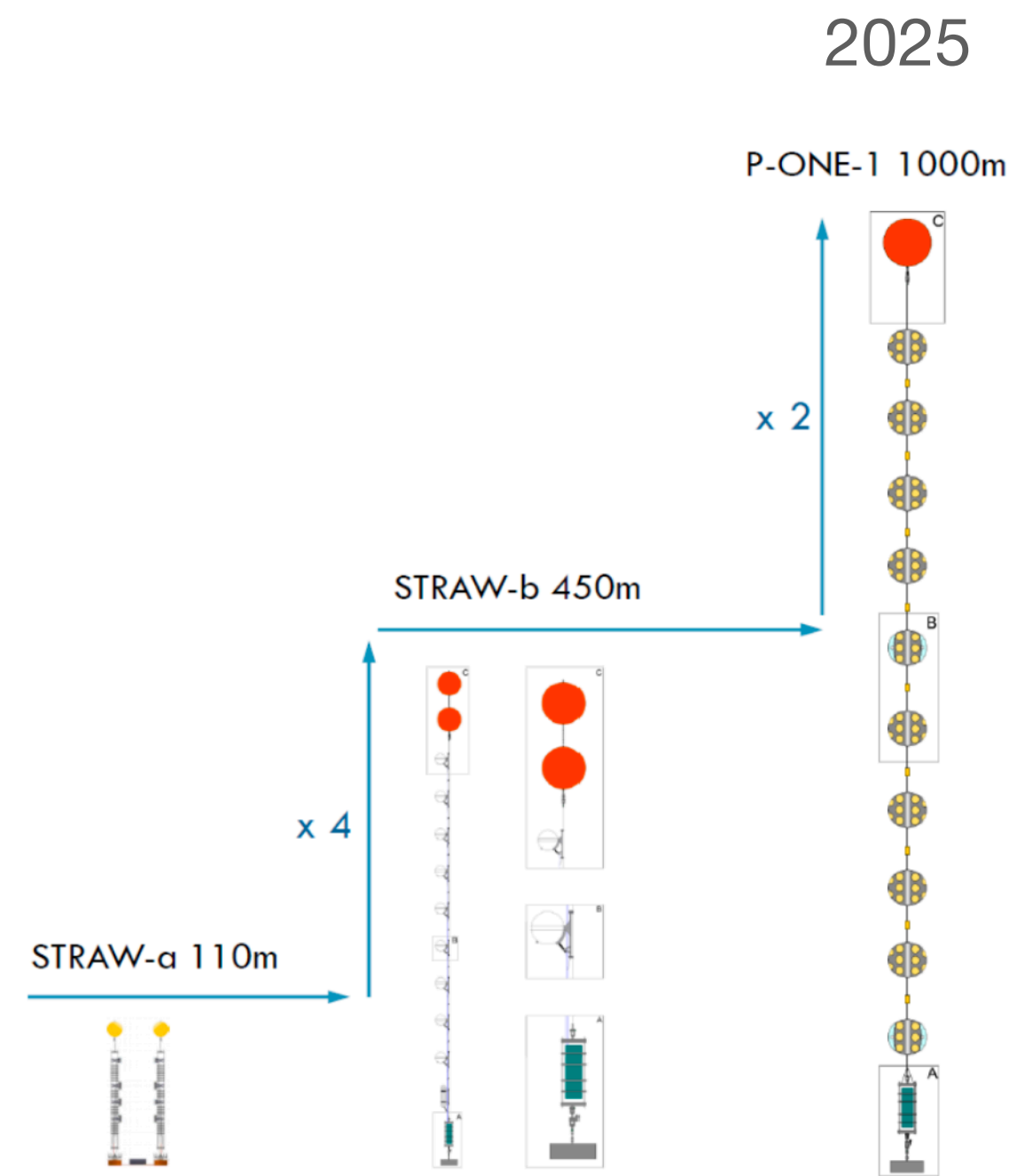
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Core CFI deliverables:

- Precision calibration devices
 - Optical
 - Acoustic
 - Scintillation tracking
- Trigger/DAQ
- String integration/testing (TRIUMF)
- Deployment (ONC)
- Deep sea communications/power

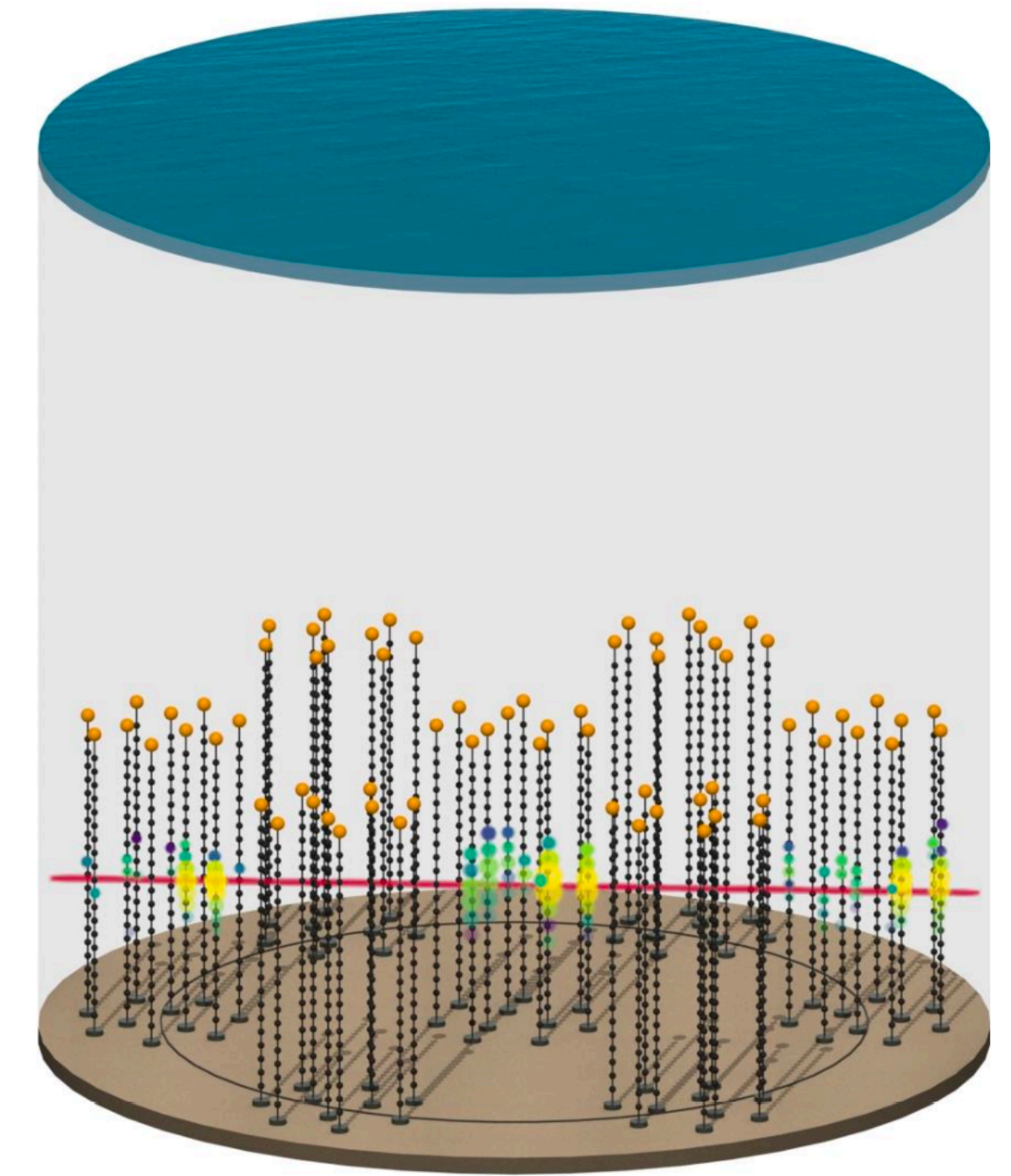
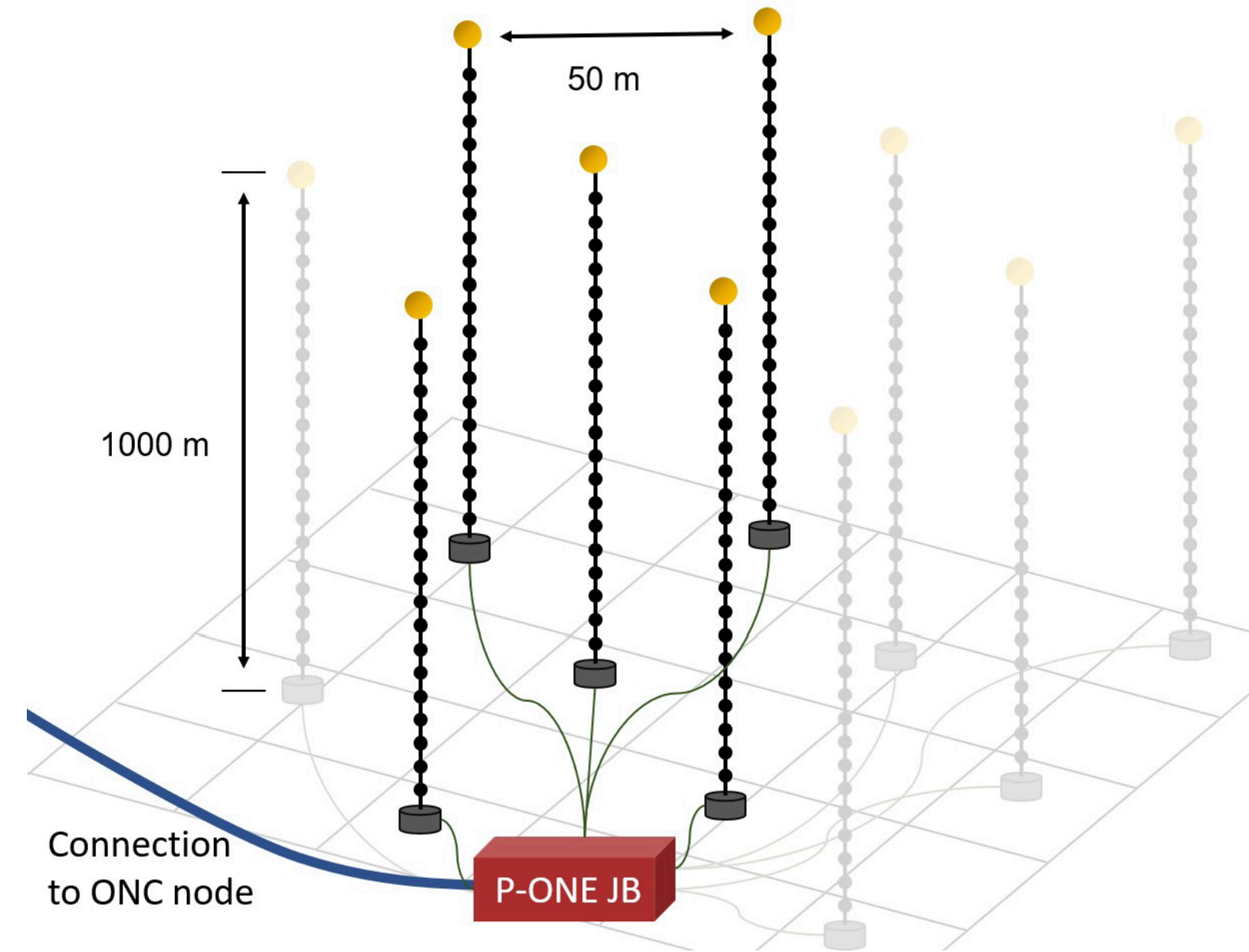
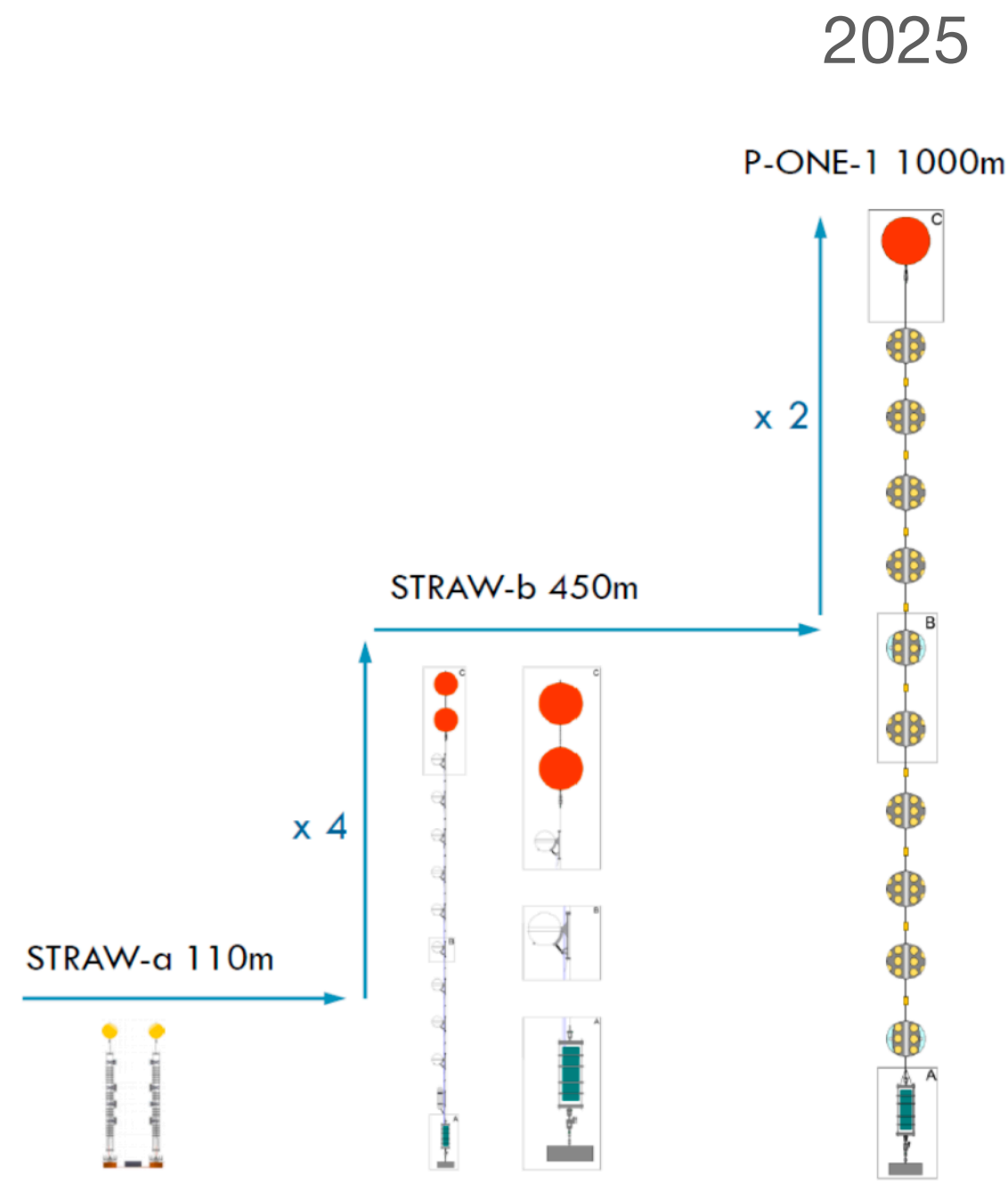
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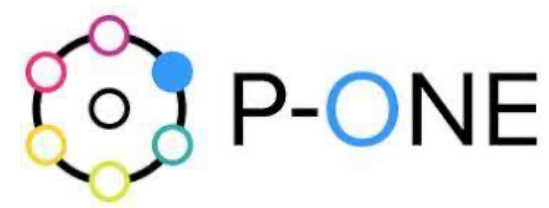


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P-ONE
Phase 3 (2028+)
O(100M)-scale
CFI-IF in preparation for next
generation deep ocean junction box

Summary



- Vibrant program leveraging high-energy neutrinos continues to rapidly evolve/grow
- The P-ONE program is in its early stages next phase of now underway.
 - First fully integrated detector line is tracking to first data in 2025
 - Will deliver 1st neutrinos in the Pacific Ocean
 - “Demonstrator” first cluster (estimated completion 2028) will provide significant Canadian detector construction activities over the next few years
- The detector and calibration source technologies, and trigger/DAQ developments are leveraging early synergies broadly in the Canadian experimental PP program landscape (most recently HyperK, nEXO);

Expressions of collaboration are very welcome!

