



# KM3NeT

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## Deep-sea data transfer at the KM3NeT neutrino telescope

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# What is KM3NeT\*?

A Research Infrastructure in the deep Mediterranean Sea -  
combining a next generation *km<sup>3</sup>-scale deep water Cherenkov neutrino telescope*  
with a *permanent infrastructure for deep-sea sciences*:  
**Oceanography, Marine Biology, Environmental Science,  
Geology & Geophysics**

- E.U. – funded 3-year design study (2/2006 → 12/2009)  
*with 9M€ of European Union FP6 funding*  
leading to a technical design report (TDR) end 2009  
*(CDR published in April 2008)*

- A ‘Preparatory Phase’ (2/2008 - 2011)  
*funded through the European Union FP7 programme*  
allowing collaboration & governance structures to be put in place,  
relations with industry established,  
development and characterisation of prototypes  
*with a view to construction starting 2011 →*

- *\*On the ESFRI\* roadmap*  
**\*European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures**



# The KM3NeT Consortium

41 Institutes from 10 European Countries + *participants from the three present-day Mediterranean ν projects*



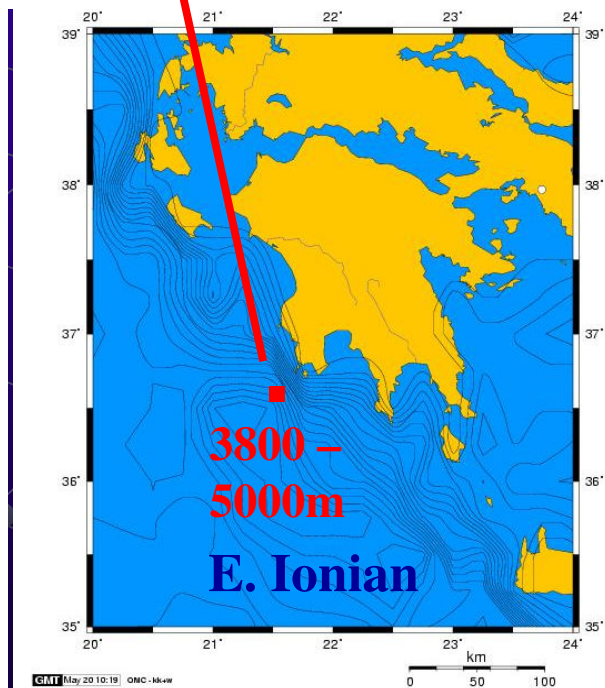
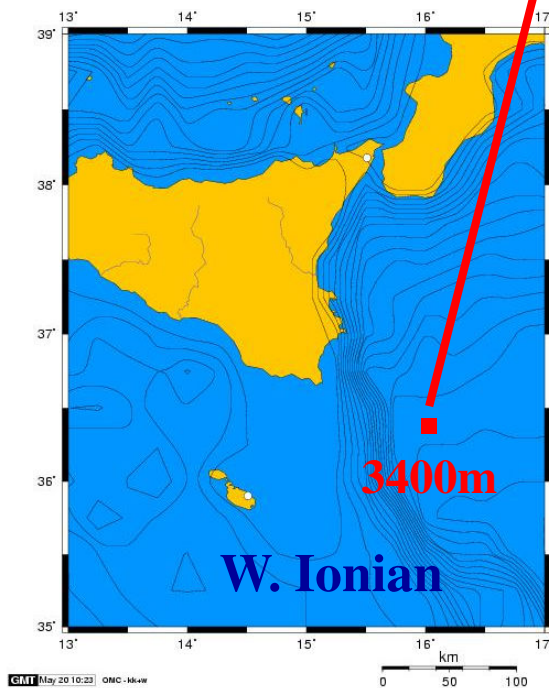
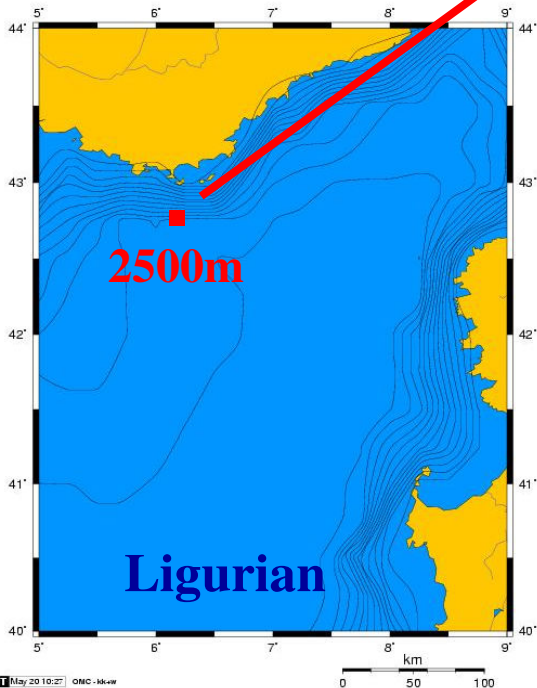
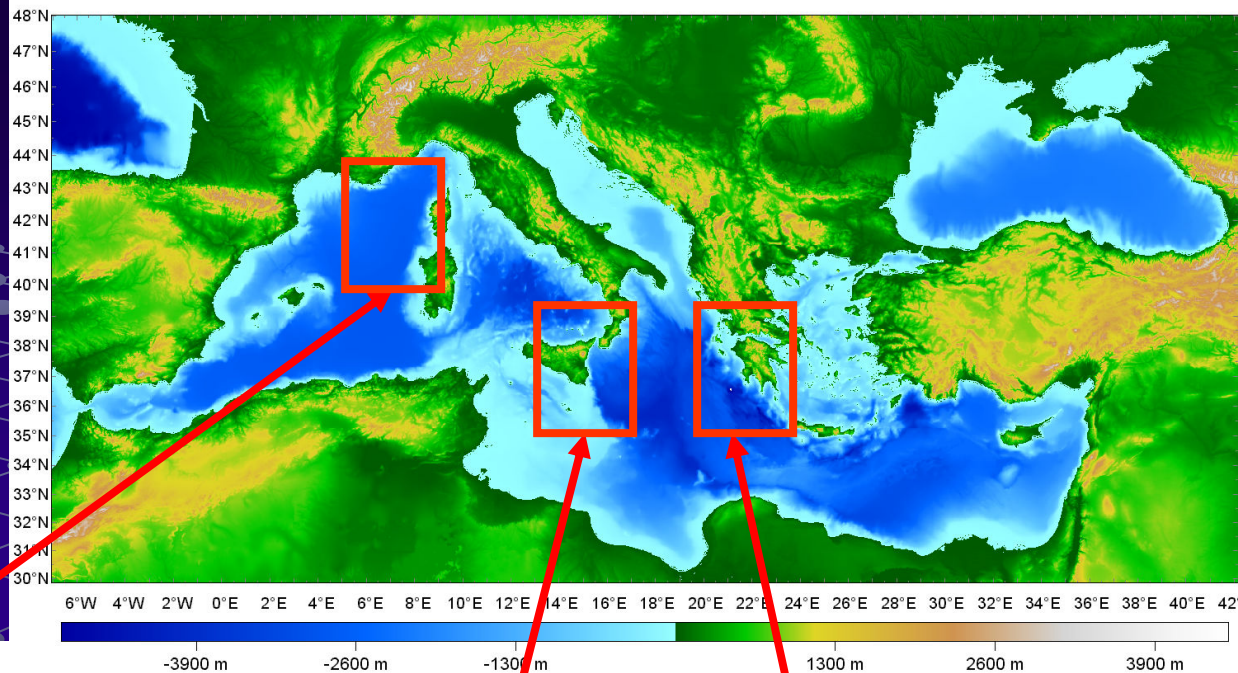
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Particle/Astroparticle institutes (33) – Sea science/technology institutes (8) – **Coordination**





# Possible sites for KM3Net in the Mediterranean Sea





# The KM3NeT Vision

- Future cubic-kilometre scale neutrino telescope in the Mediterranean Sea
- Exceeds Northern-hemisphere telescopes by factor  $\sim 50$  in sensitivity (compared with ANTARES)
- Exceeds IceCube sensitivity by substantial factor

Angular resolution  $< 0.1^\circ$  for muons with  $E_\mu > 10 \text{ TeV}$

- Focus of scientific interest:  $\nu$  astronomy @ 1-100 TeV

Production mechanisms of high energy  $\nu$ s (acceleration mechanisms etc.)

Investigation of the nature of astrophysical objects

Origins of cosmic rays

- Indirect search for dark matter
- Platform for deep-sea research (marine sciences)

# Neutrino detection principle

## Importance of Timing Resolution For telescope point precision

$c$  in water  $\sim 20$  cm/ns

Chromatic dispersion  $\sim 1$  ns / 20 m

$\sim$  ns timestamp precision, all hits, any storey

Typically  $1\gamma$  / PMT  
40 m from  $\mu$  axis

Čerenkov light  
from  $\mu$

2500 -  
5000 m  
depth

3D PMT  
array

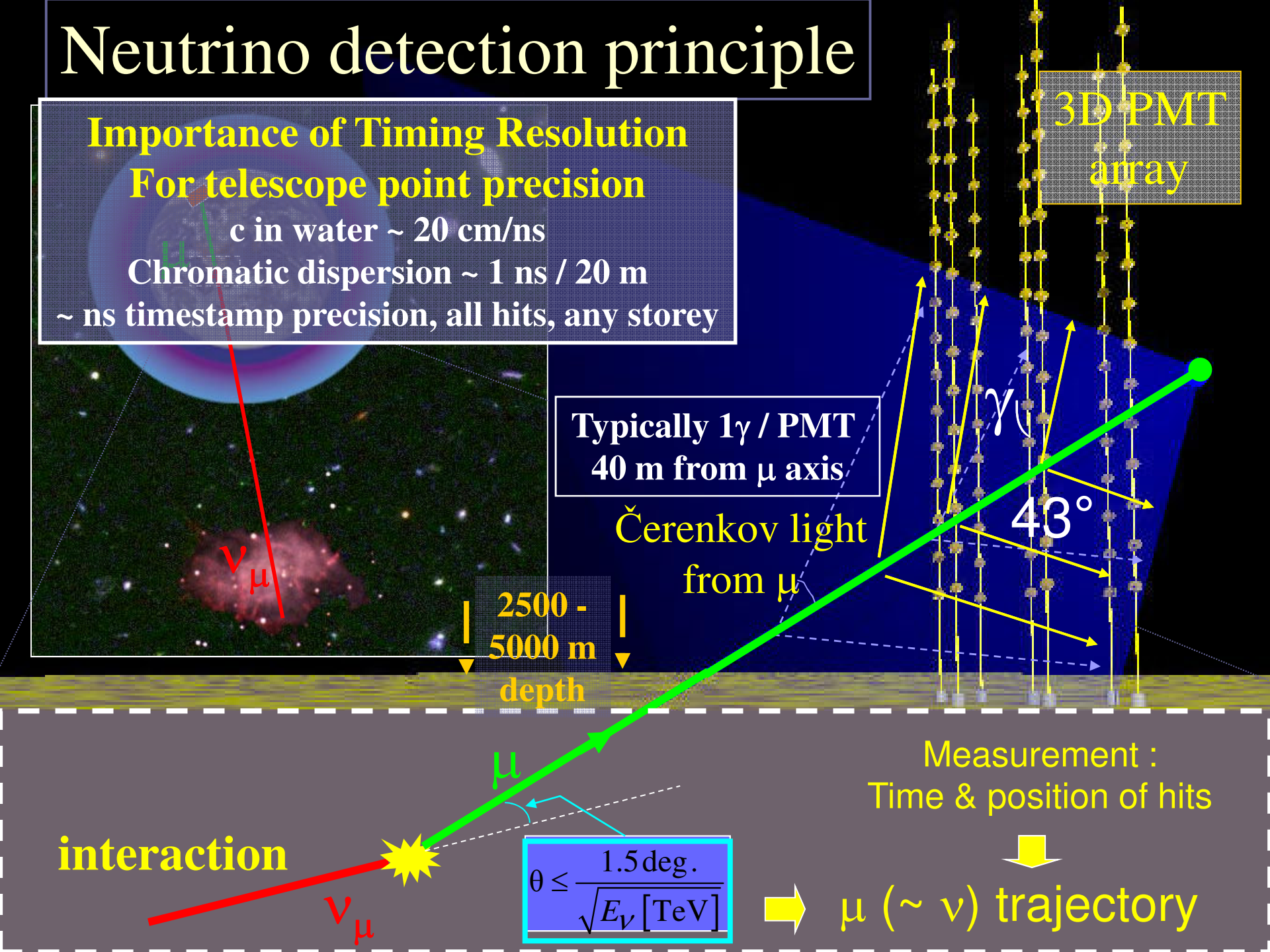
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Measurement :  
Time & position of hits

interaction

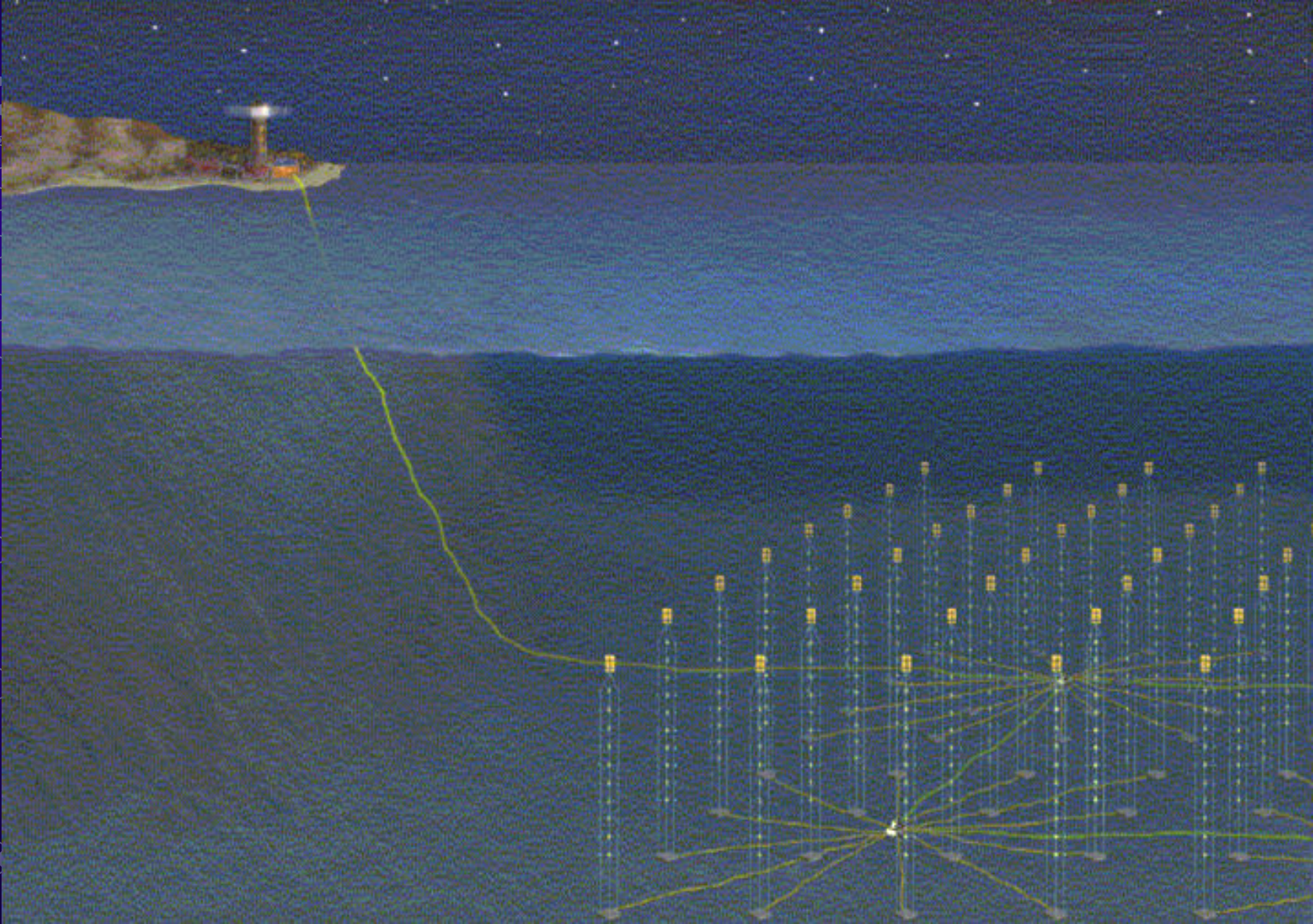
$$\theta \leq \frac{1.5 \text{ deg.}}{\sqrt{E_\nu [\text{TeV}]}}$$

$\mu$  ( $\sim \nu$ ) trajectory



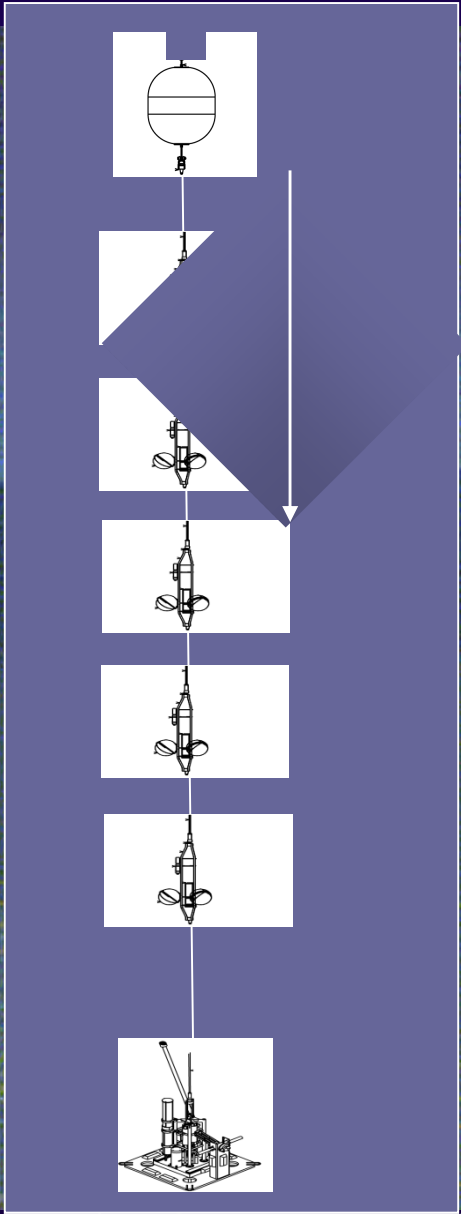
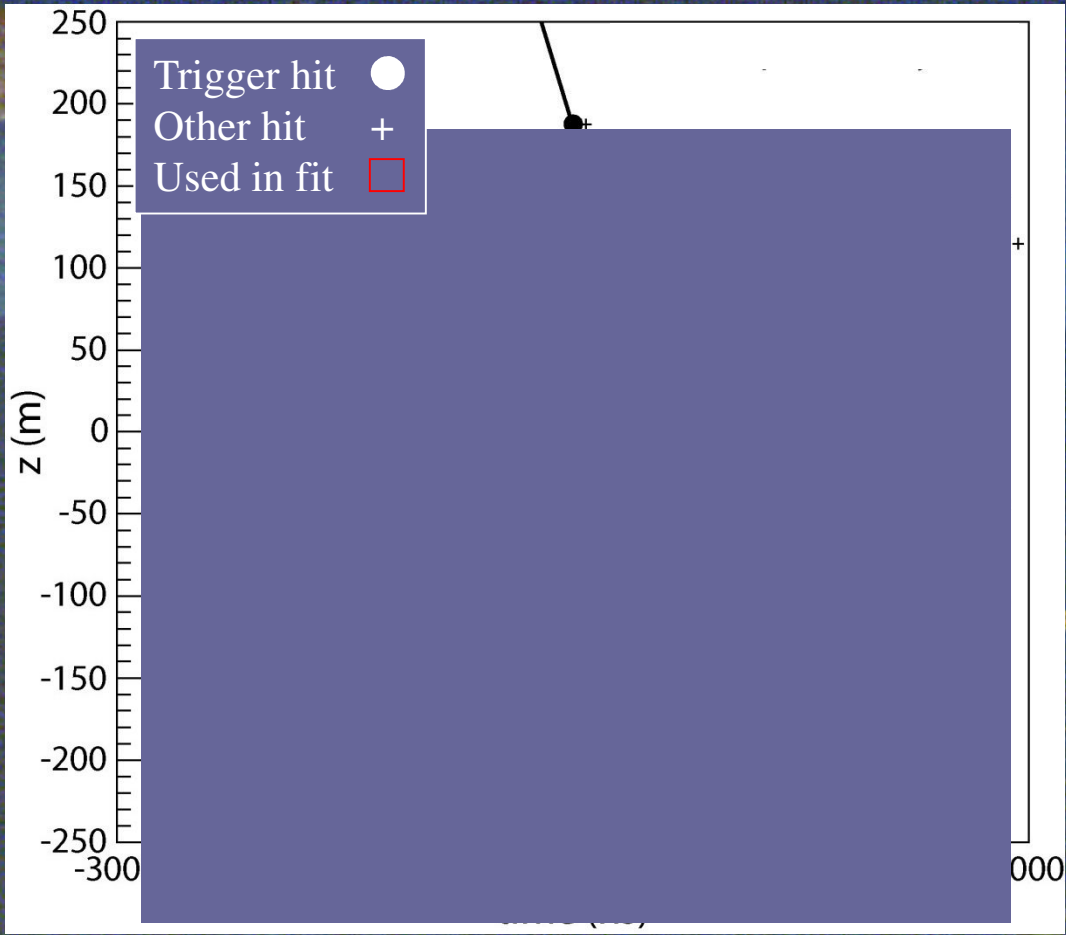


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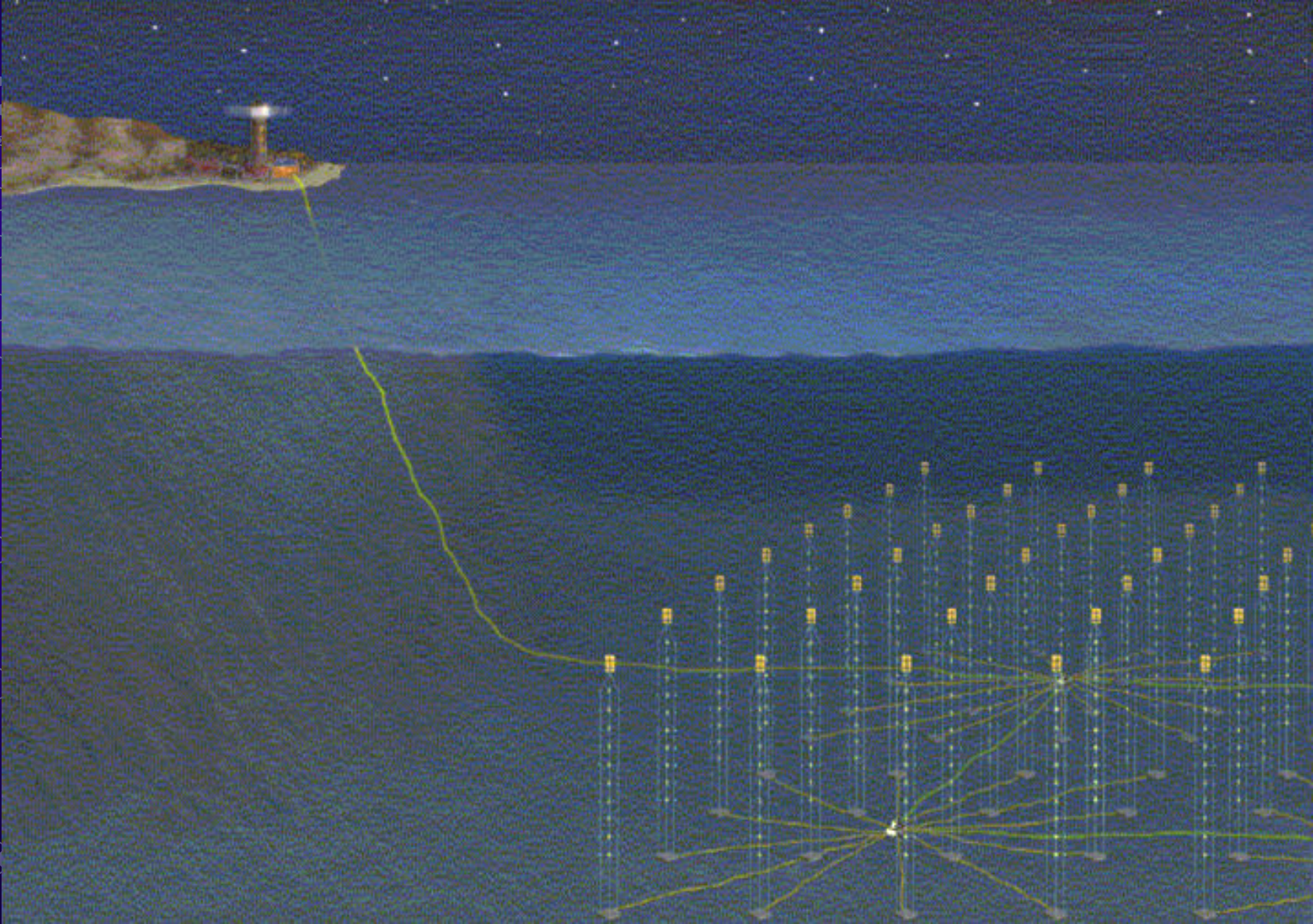
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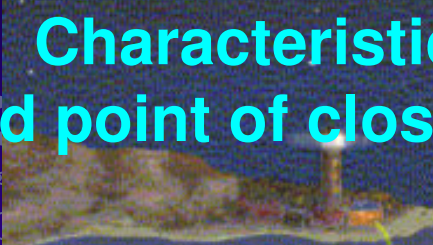
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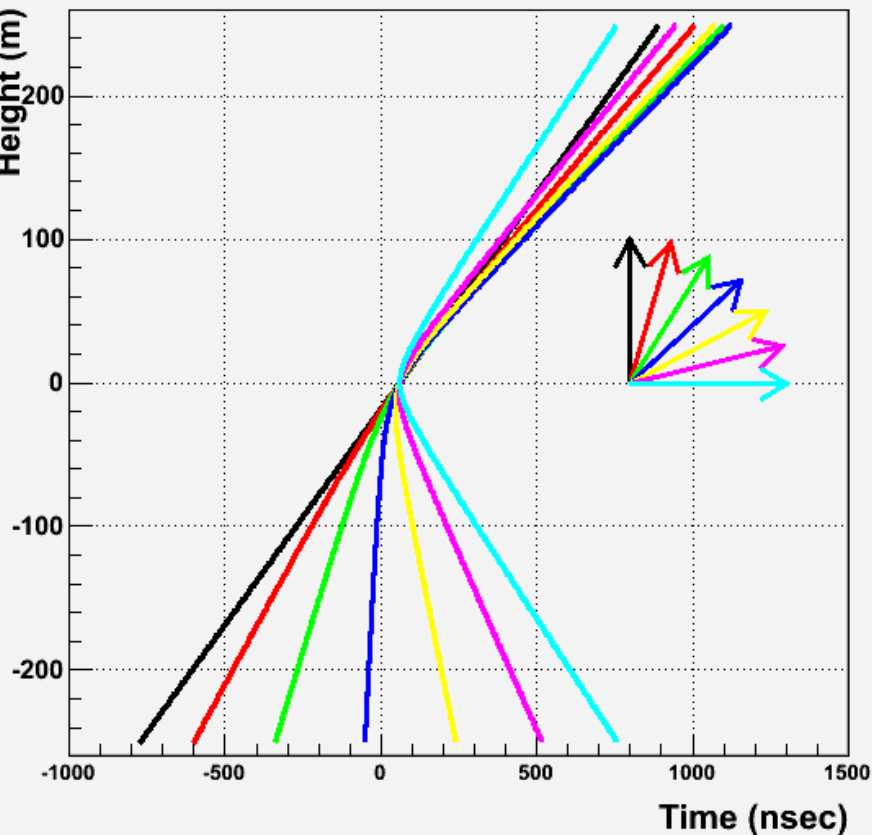


# Muon signatures : general

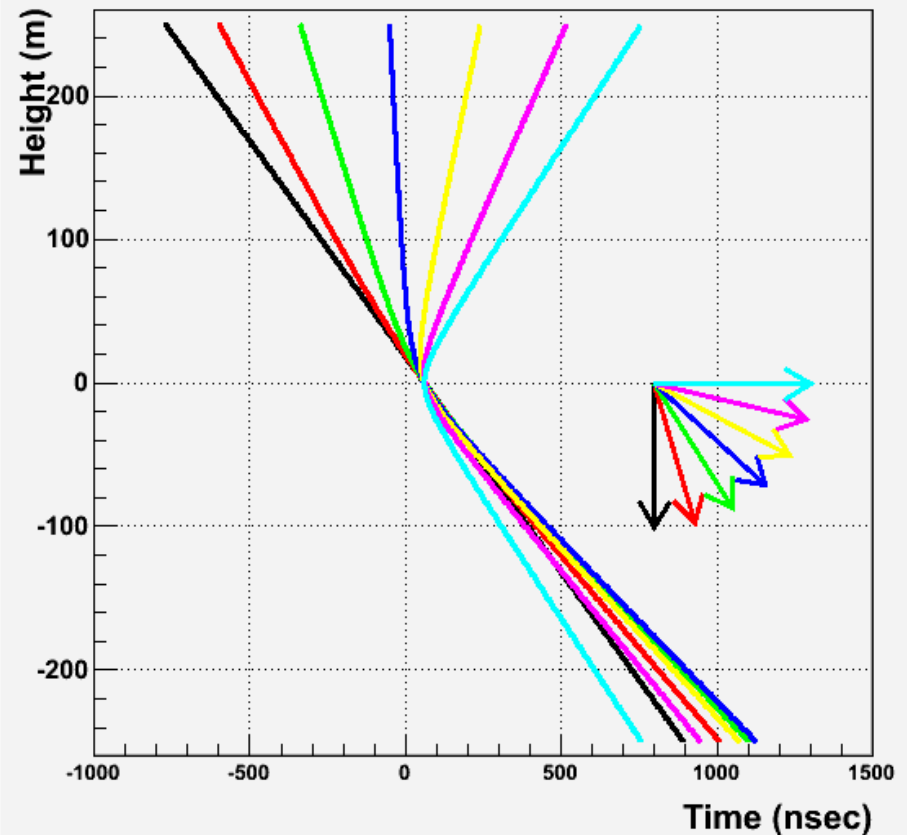
=> Characteristic pattern in function of zenith angle and point of closest approach between line and track



upward



Downward (background)





# Deep-sea data transfer at KM3NeT

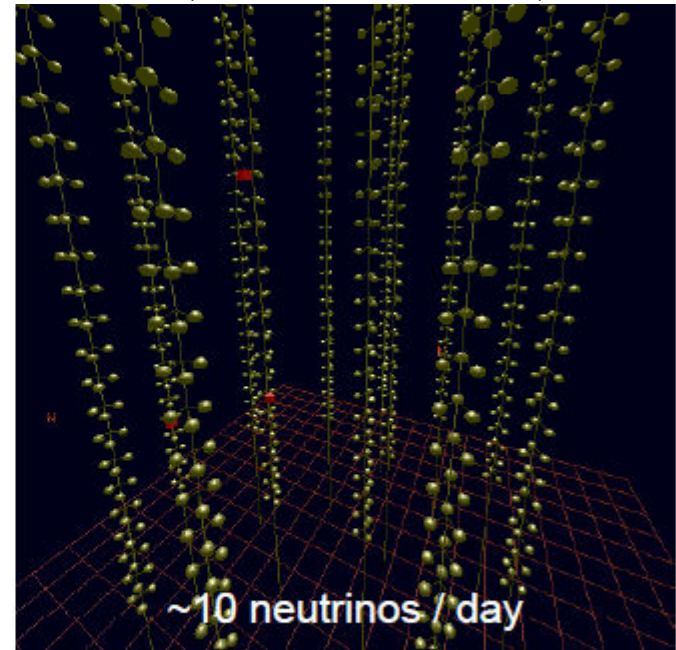
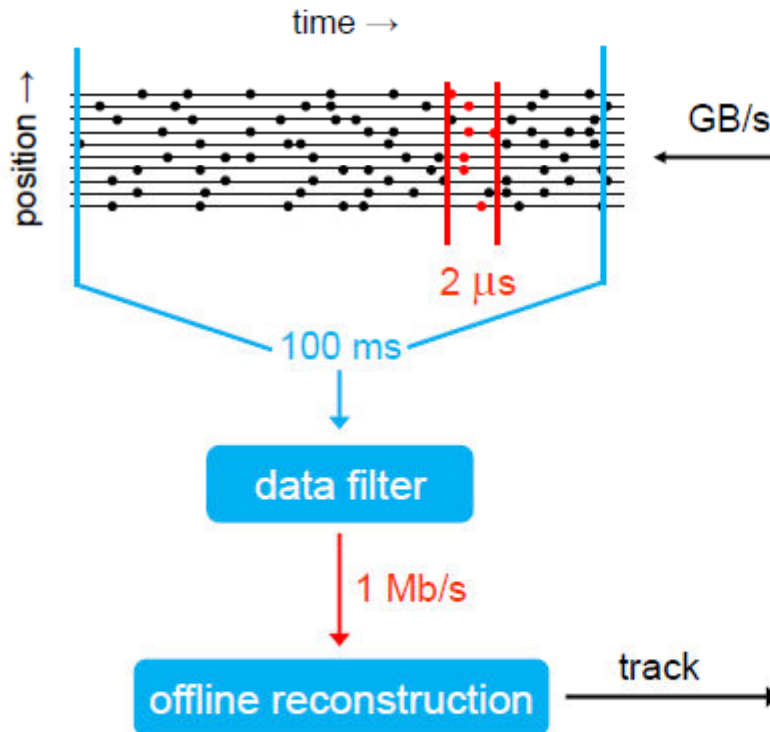
- Several hundred vertical detection lines, each of up to 120 optical modules (OMs) with PMTs, anchored to sea floor power & data transport network;
- Data acquisition will minimize offshore electronics, reducing difficult and expensive maintenance operations.
- ALL-DATA-TO-SHORE: - No off-shore triggering/filtering to combine signals from multiple OMs foreseen;  
→ all signals passing internal criteria (e.g. charge threshold) uploaded via fibreoptic telecommunications cable at overall worst case data rate of 100-400Gb/s using DWDM\* colour multiplexing  
*[\* Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing: up to 200 colours in 1550nm (C) band]*
- Data transport and routing issues are discussed.



# Music box or auto-piano principle...

## “All-data-to-shore” concept

background rates on 10 PMTs  
can reach ~100 -200 kHz  
(bioluminescence)

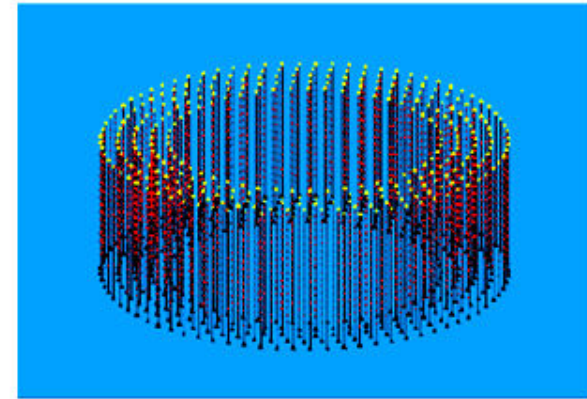
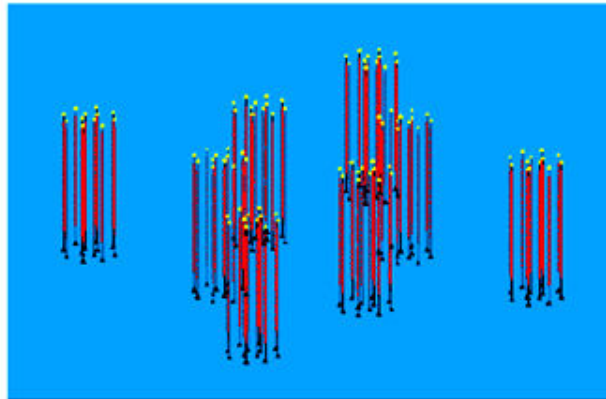
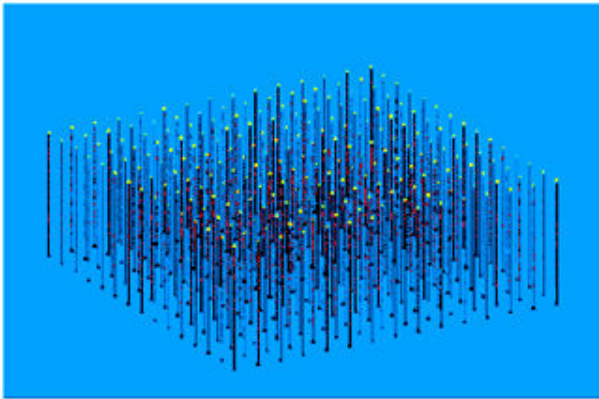
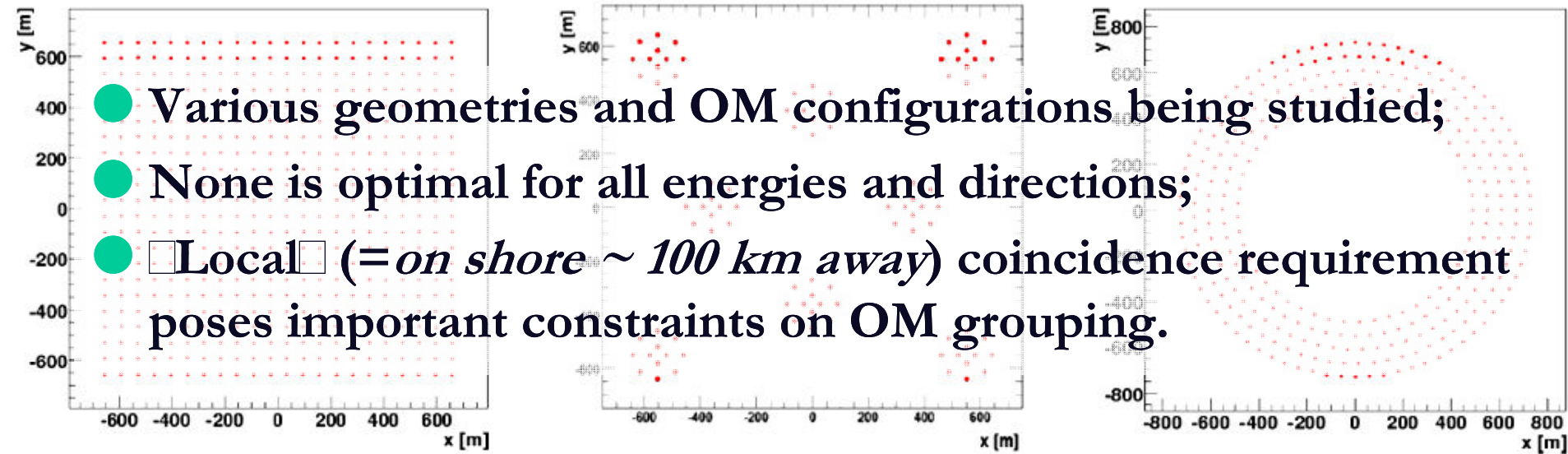


determination of muon track



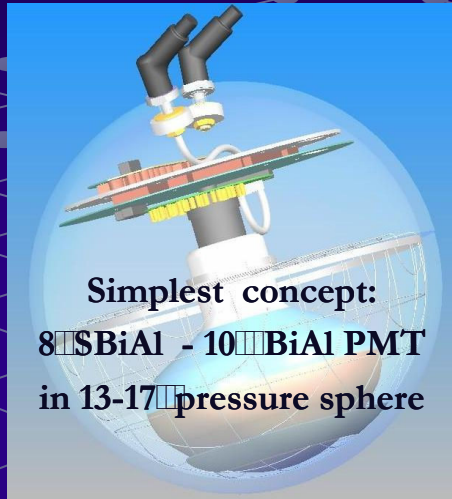
# Configuration Studies

- Various geometries and OM configurations being studied;
- None is optimal for all energies and directions;
- Local (= on shore ~ 100 km away) coincidence requirement poses important constraints on OM grouping.





# Optical Module Concepts

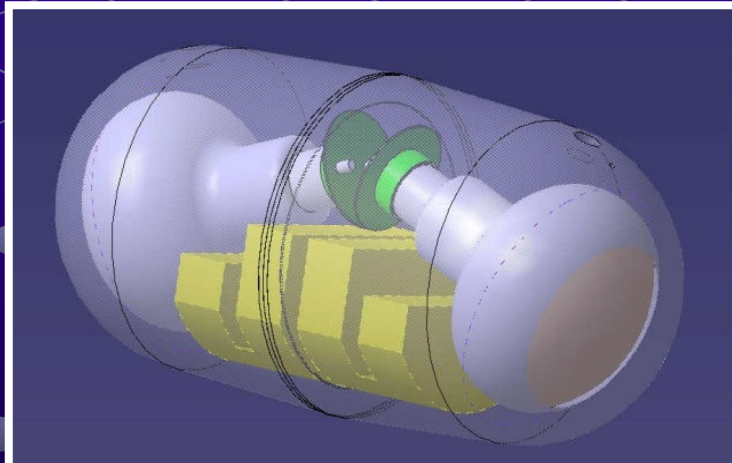


**Simplest concept:**  
8  $\square$ SBiAl - 10  $\square$ BiAl PMT  
in 13-17  $\square$ pressure sphere



**Multi-PMT Optical Module:** 31 \* 3  $\square$ PMs in 17  $\square$ sphere

- increased photocathode area
- improved 1-vs-2 photo- electron separation
- directionality

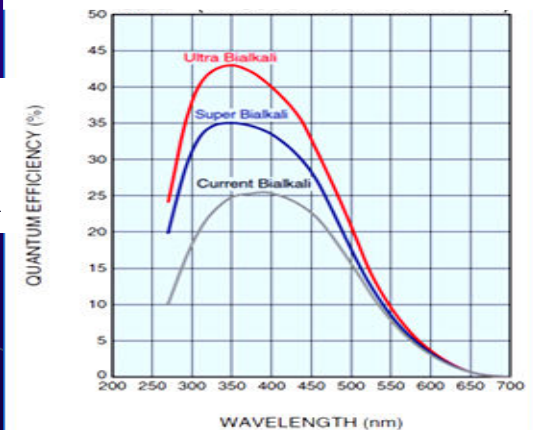


**□Capsule□concept:** 2 x 8  $\square$ SBiAl PMTs

**Envelope:** 2\*10  $\square$ hemispheres fused to cylinders.

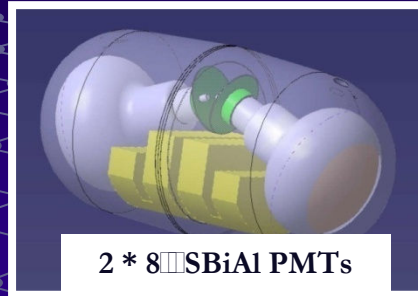
R&D with Schott; must withstand > 400 bar

**High QE bialkali p.c.**  
( $\geq 30\%$ : any chosen tube)  
extends Cherenkov horizon





# Data Rates for detection lines under worst case ( $^{40}\text{K}$ + bioluminescence burst) conditions



Normal  $I_{\text{dark}}$  +  $^{40}\text{K}$  decays (salt) (10 PMT) + micro-organism bioluminescence  
@ -2500m (ANTARES) ~ 45 KHz

Can peak @ 250 KHz levels (macro-organism passage) ; design for worse case.

## 91 detection line variant

- Detection line of 20 storeys each 3 OMs , eq 250KHz;
- 6 bytes TOT(48b) per SPE hit;
- 720 Mb/s per full detection line;
- 91 lines  $\rightarrow$  65 Gb/s

## 127 detection line variant

- Detection line of 20 storeys each 3 OMs , eq. 2\*250KHz
- ~10 -12 bytes TOT(80 -96b) per SPE hit;
- ~3Gb/s per full detection line;
- 127 lines  $\rightarrow$  370 Gb/s

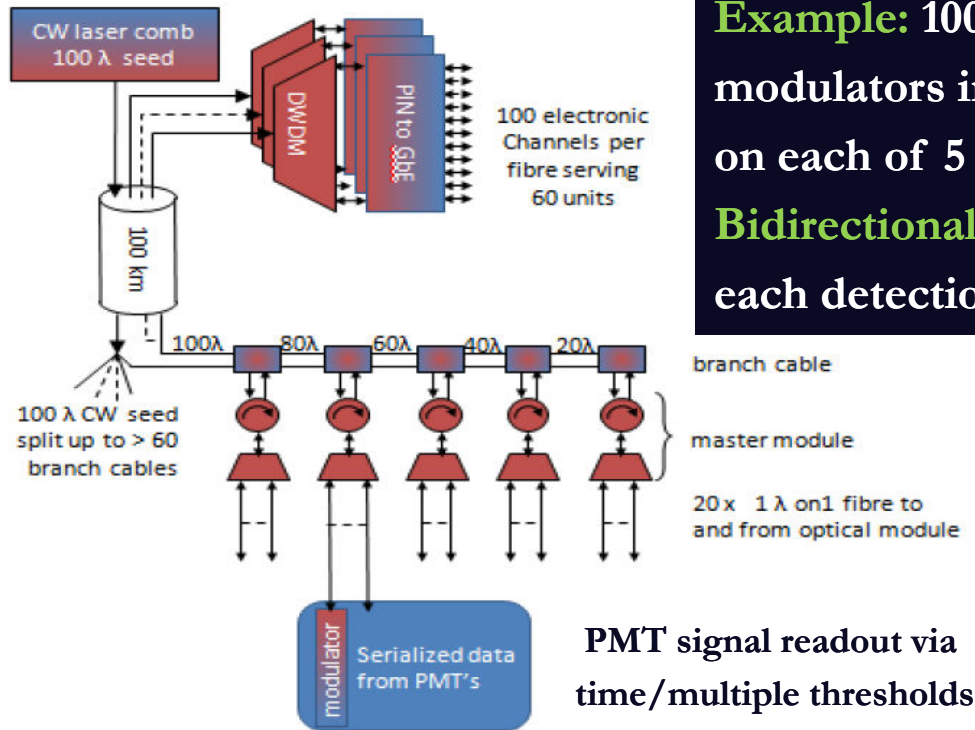
## Multi-PMT optical module variant (300 lines)

- Detection line of 20 storeys, each 1 OM of 31\* 3 PMTs;
- 22.5 KHz noise per tube & 6 bytes (48 bits)/ SPE  $\rightarrow$  1.1Mbps /tube
- 670 Mb/s per full detection line;
- 300 lines  $\rightarrow$  200 Gb/s

Such high levels (macro-organism spate) rare & seasonal (ANTARES)



# A proposed readout scheme with shore based lasers and off-shore reflective electro absorption modulators (R-EAMS)



**Example:** 100 colours interrogate modulators in 20 optical modules on each of 5 detection lines

**Bidirectional:** a circulator in each detection line

Figure 9 Schematic view of the fibre topology in the data acquisition system.

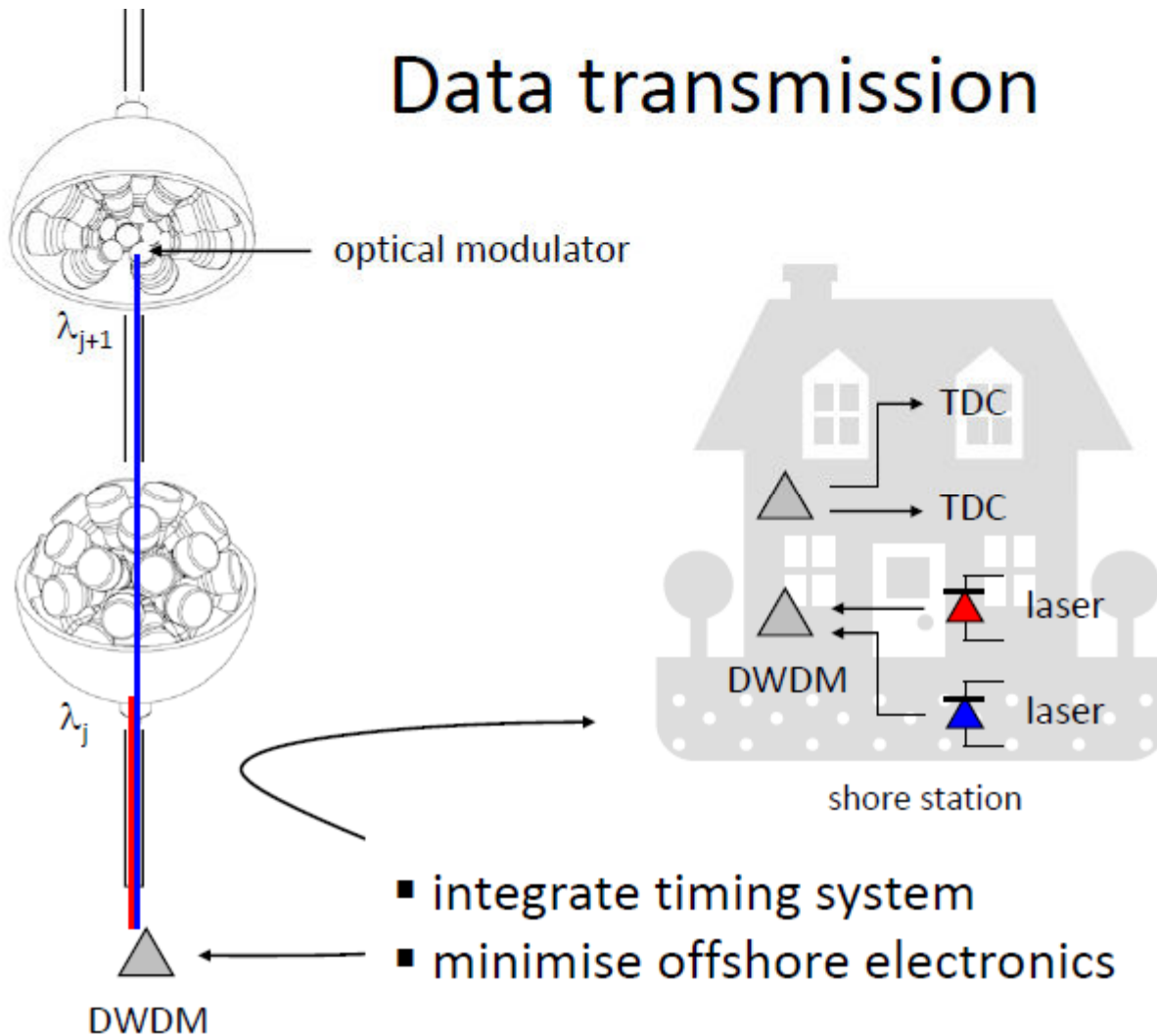
- Present data transmission rates reaching 40Gb/s per DWDM λ in C (1550nm) band
- 25 GHz colour channel spacing (~ 0.25 nm) gives 200 chans; 50 GHz gives 100 ch
- KM3NeT data rates conservative by these standards ~ < 25 Gb/s per fibre; 100 chans





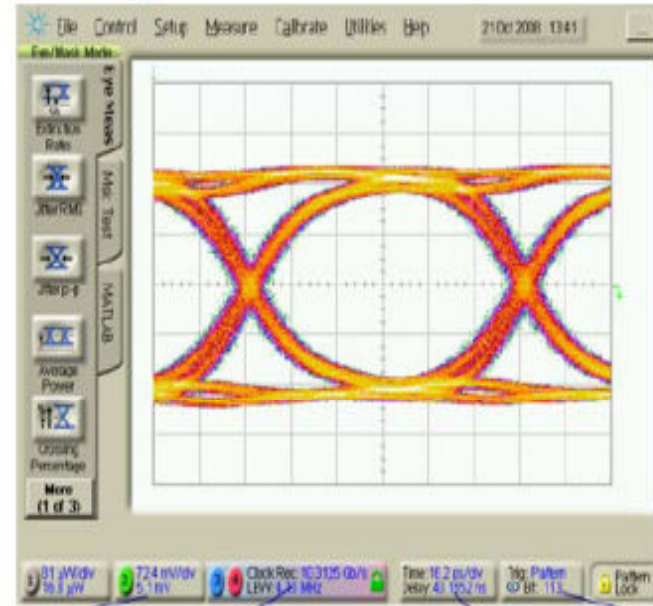
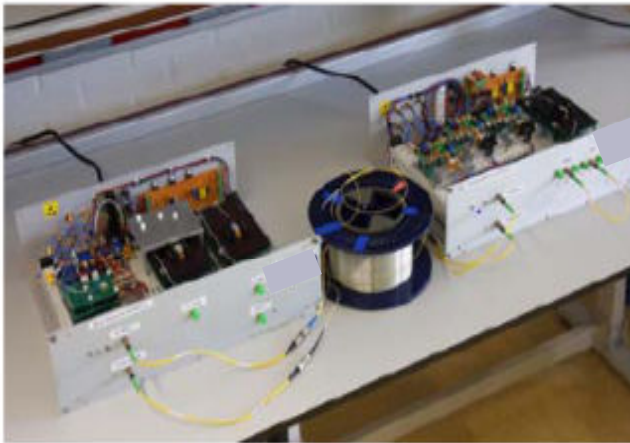
Local coincidences formed 100 km away; TDCs can be onshore, timing between arriving edges **but ASICs also under development incorporating T.O.T. (see talk by L. Caponetto)**

## Data transmission





# Proposed readout scheme with shore based lasers and off-shore reflective electro absorption modulators (R-EAMS)



72.4 mV/div  
5.1 mV

Clock Rec: 10,3125 Gb/s  
LBW 4.13 MHz

Time 16.2 ps/div  
Delay 40.1552 ns

Trig: Pattern  
Bit 113

**10 Gb/s demonstration: one colour interrogating Passive R-EAM @10 Gb/s through 100 km monomode fibre approximating KM3NeT configuration**



# Getting the data to shore: 50-100 km of deep sea fibre-optic telecommunications cable:



**Mfrs: Alcatel-Lucent, Nexans, Tyco, Norddeutsche Seekabelwerke...  
Delivery by rail or cable ship loading at factory**



3. 10. 2001 10:32

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# Use DWDM\* in C band (1530 - 1565 nm) (Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing) Presently up to 200 colours @ 25 GHz spacing

**Chromatic dispersion  
can complicate life**  
(signals can arrive ~ 10 ns apart  
over 100 km, depending on  $\lambda$ )



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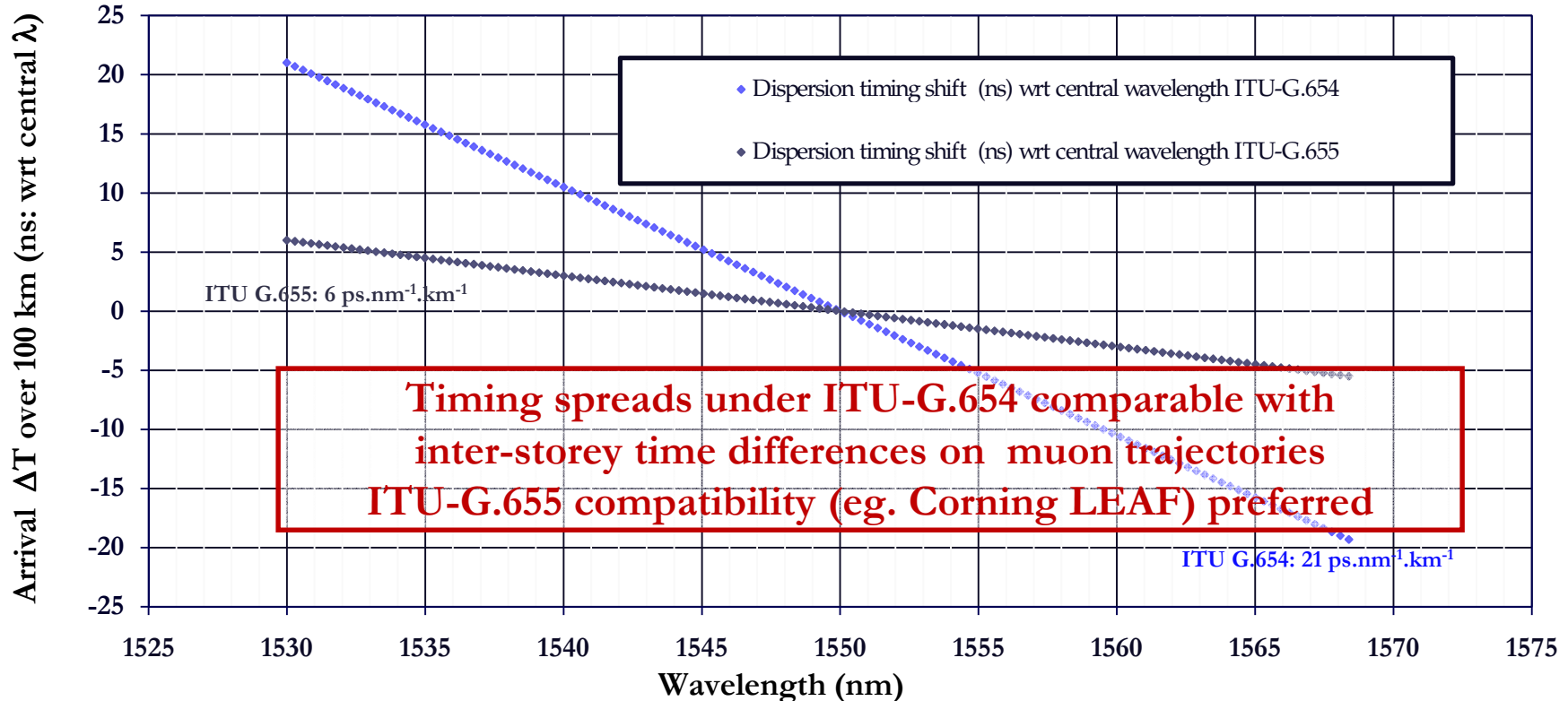
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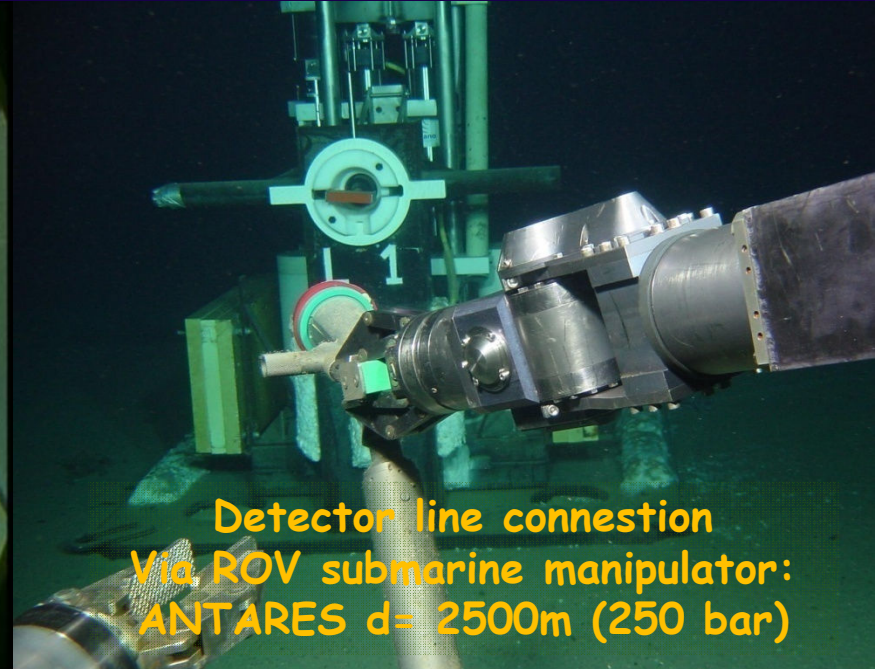
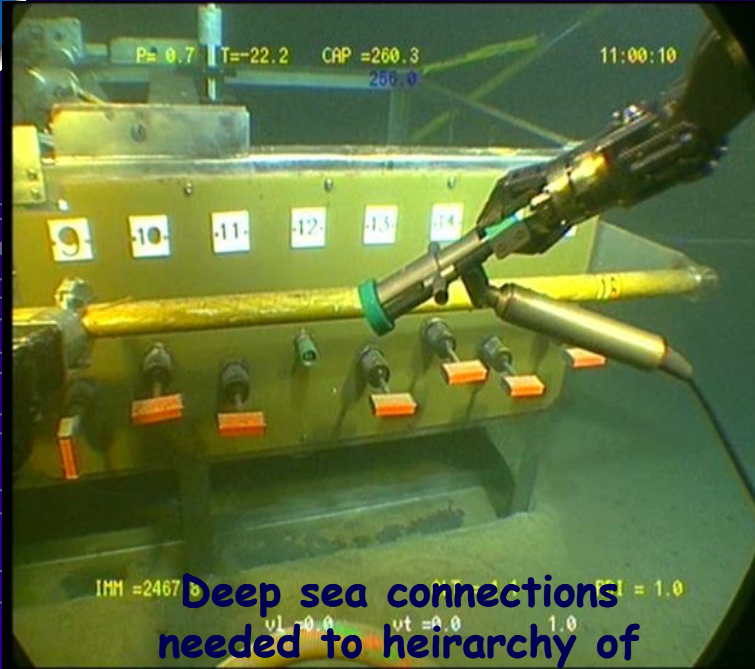
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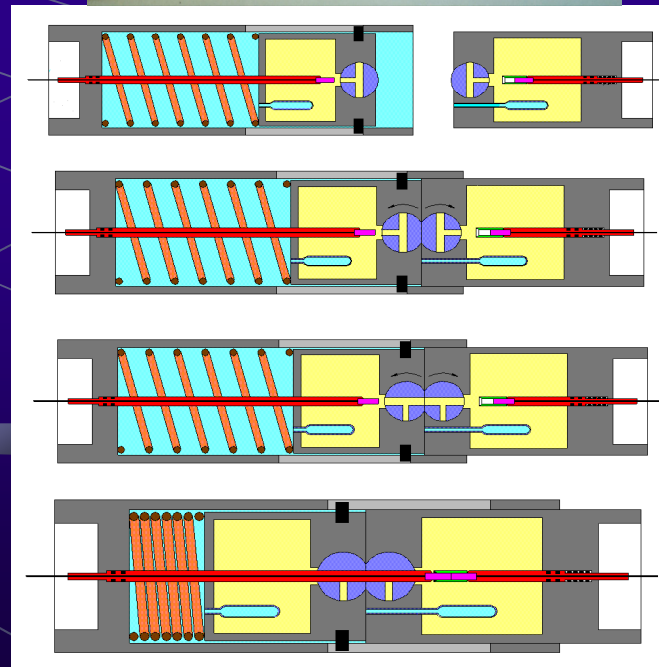
# Submarine detector line connection





# Deep-sea mateable connector M/F oil volume mixing

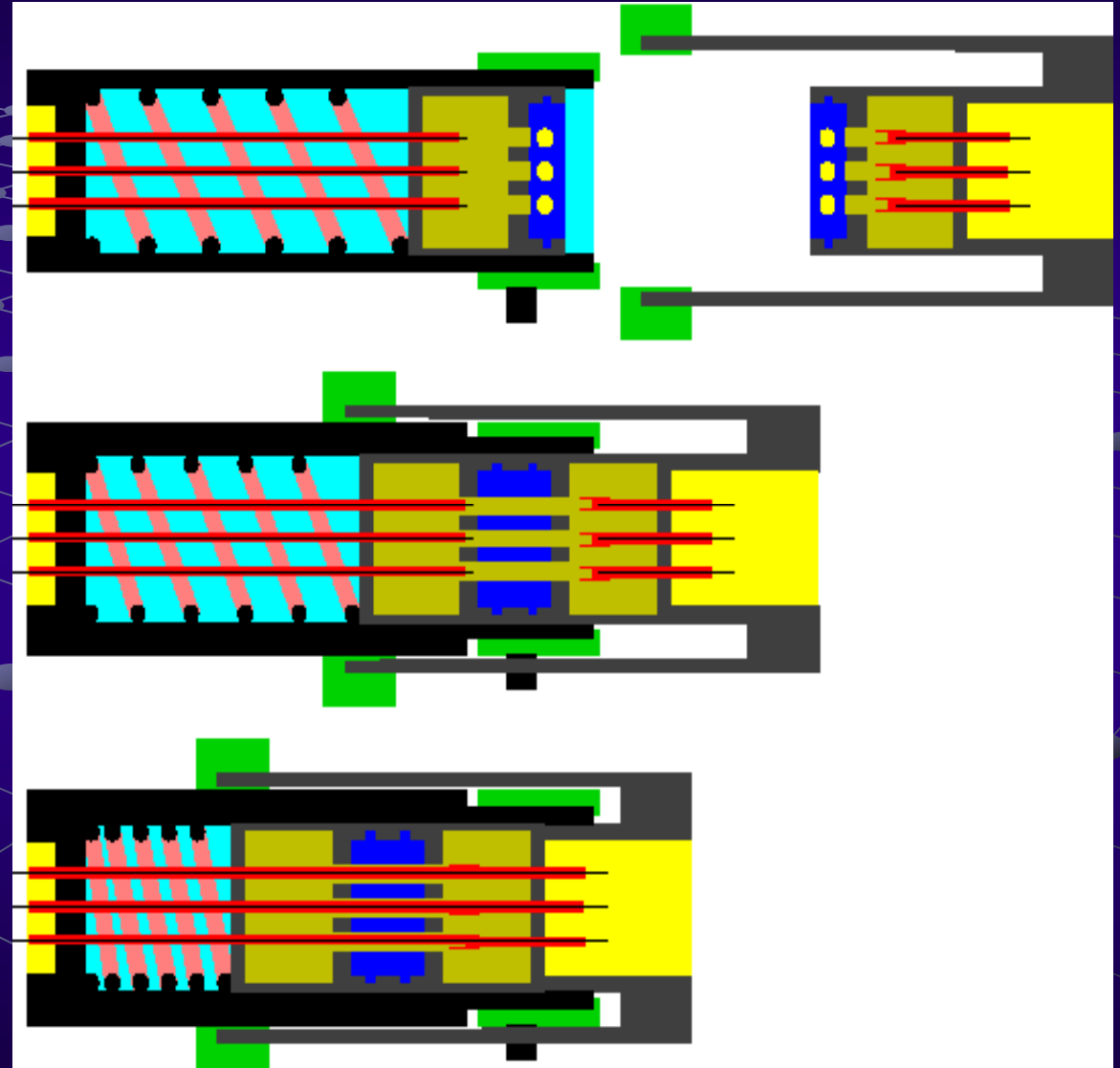
Schématique fonctionnement connecteur ODI





# CONNECTOR SOCKET AND PLUG

ANTARES has seen problems with monomode (7 $\mu$ m) core alignment in these connectors:  
New types anticipated





# Scalable Sea-Floor Cabling

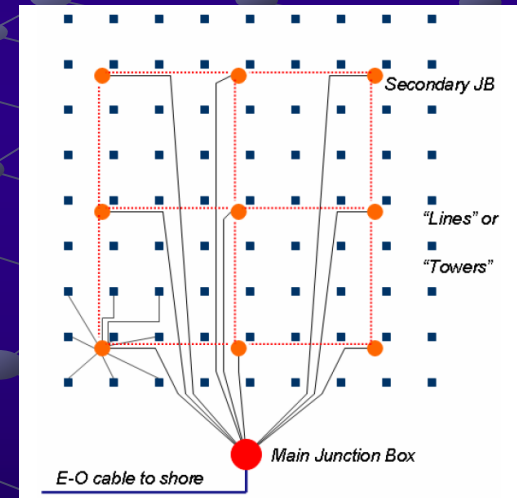


A Km<sup>3</sup> detector means many detector units to be cabled. ANTARES experience teaches us that ROV wet-mateable connections (particularly fibreoptic) are a weak point.

Reduce the numbers of wet-mateable connectors (also new types on the way)

Interconnections in detection lines using 'penetrators' and fusion splices inside optical modules:

Various "Star" and "ring" data/power cabling layouts being considered



*Unipolar 10kV D.C. or A.C. (p.p.) delivered by site-top-shore cable: reduced to ~ 400V in primary and/or secondary junction boxes for seabed and vertical link distribution (see talk of M. Sedita)*





# Hierarchical sea floor data/ power connection: possible schemes with varying levels of power and dataflow redundancy and scalability of construction

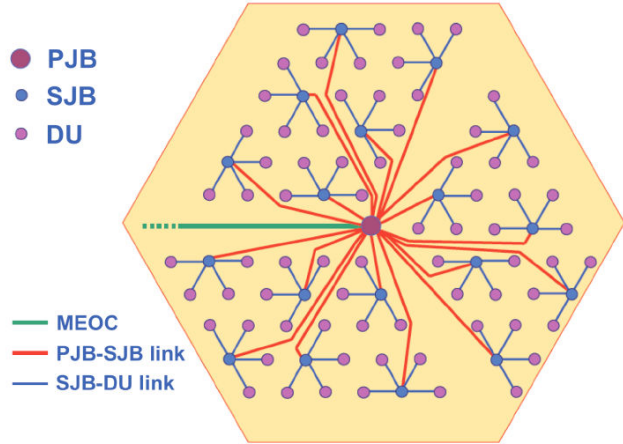
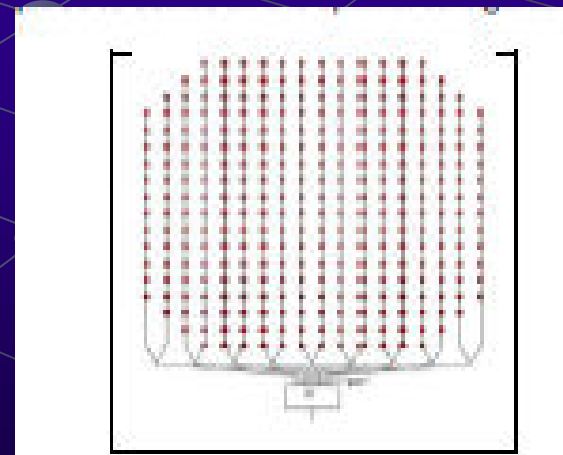
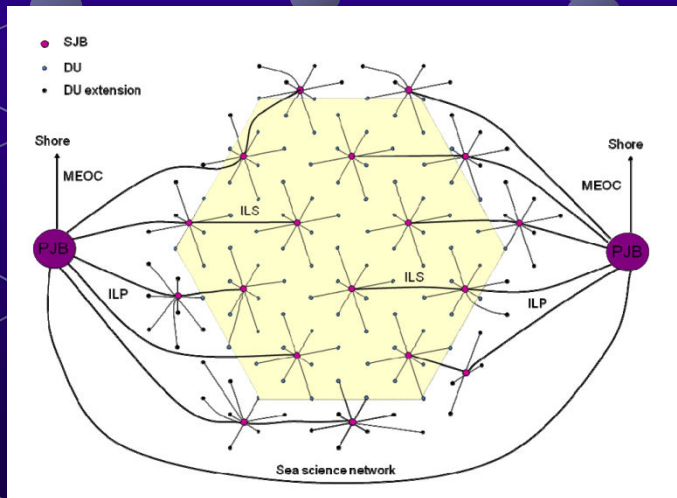
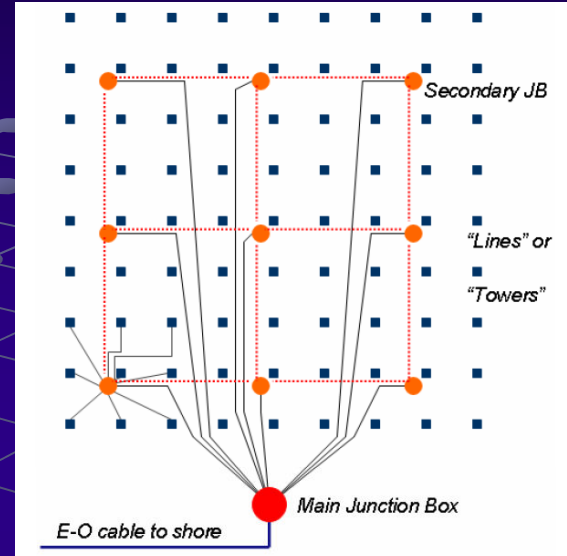


Fig. 17 – Example of a possible layout of the seafloor distribution system for 90 DUs. Extensions to configurations with a larger number of structures can be obtained by adding subgroups of 5 DUs + 1 SJB





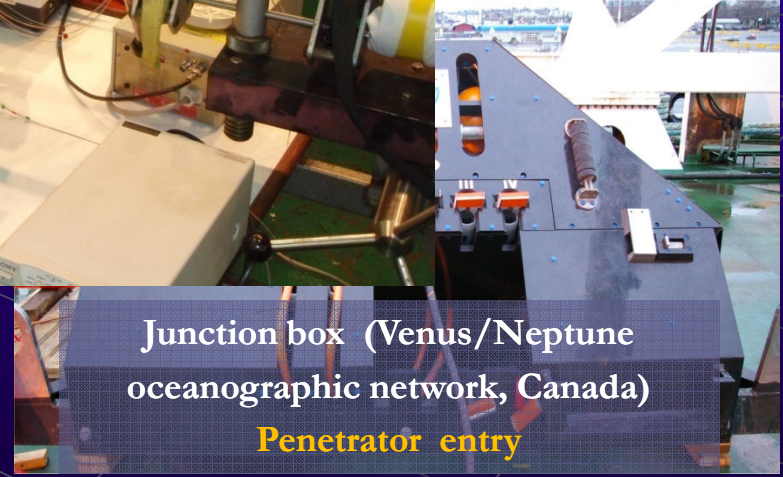
Standard Telecoms Universal Joint (UJ) Technology (penetrators)  
allows to build a scalable sea floor Junction box network  
without intermediate 10 kV HV connectors in the main trunk cables



Branching Unit  
(Alcatel-Lucent,  
Greenwich, UK)



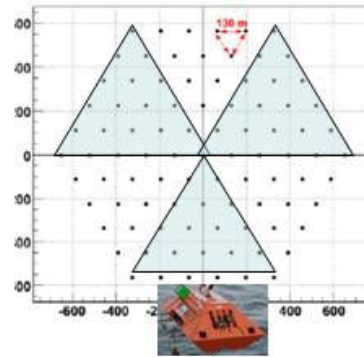
Branching Unit (HV, fibres)  
(Alcatel-Lucent,  
Greenwich, UK)



Junction box (Venus/Neptune  
oceanographic network, Canada)  
Penetrator entry



## An idea for progressive deployment...



**1: Single Branching Unit,  
Junction Box and UJ stub  
Terminating in recoverable single  
ended UJ box with acoustic  
transponder, dragging tail etc.**

Universal Joint stub with dragging tail



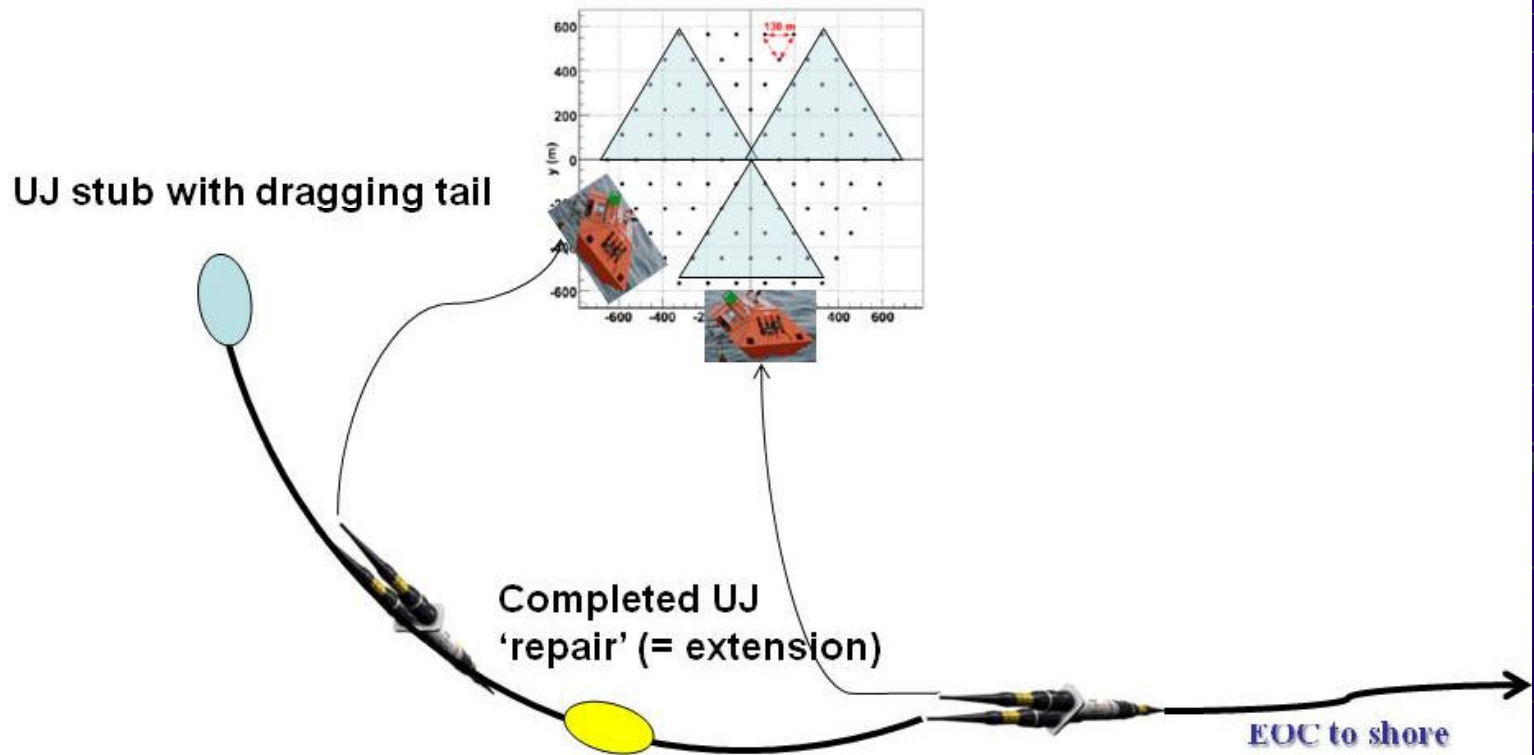


## An idea for progressive deployment...

### 2: Second BU, JB and UJ stub

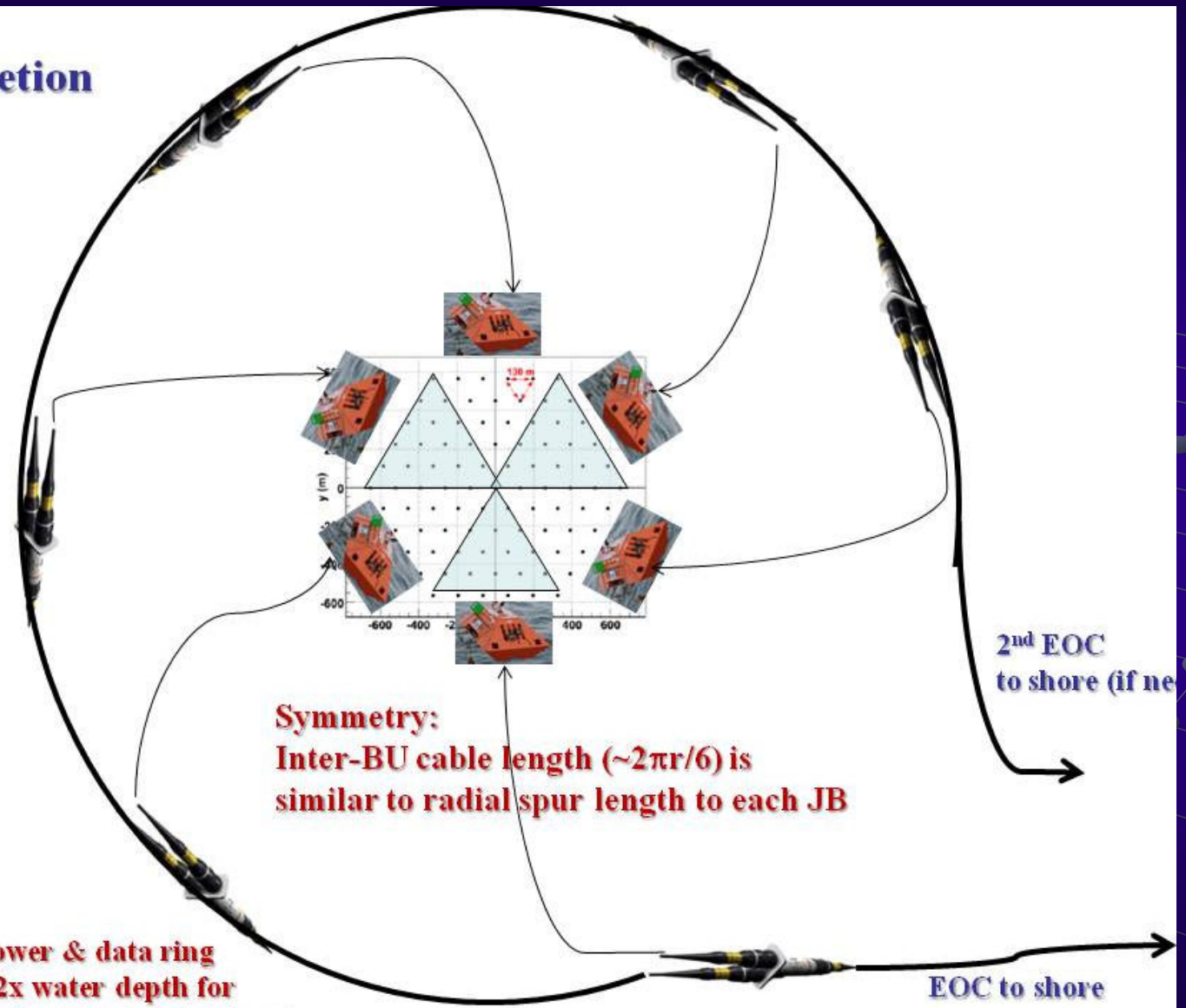
Terminating in recoverable single ended UJ box with acoustic transponder, dragging tail etc.

Earlier-deployed UJ stub has been fished and jointed in continuation according to standard MECMA UJ jointing practice





## Completion



**Circulating power & data ring radius ~ 1.5 - 2x water depth for individual JB placement & retrieval**

**Symmetry:  
Inter-BU cable length ( $\sim 2\pi r/6$ ) is similar to radial spur length to each JB**

2<sup>nd</sup> EOC to shore (if ne

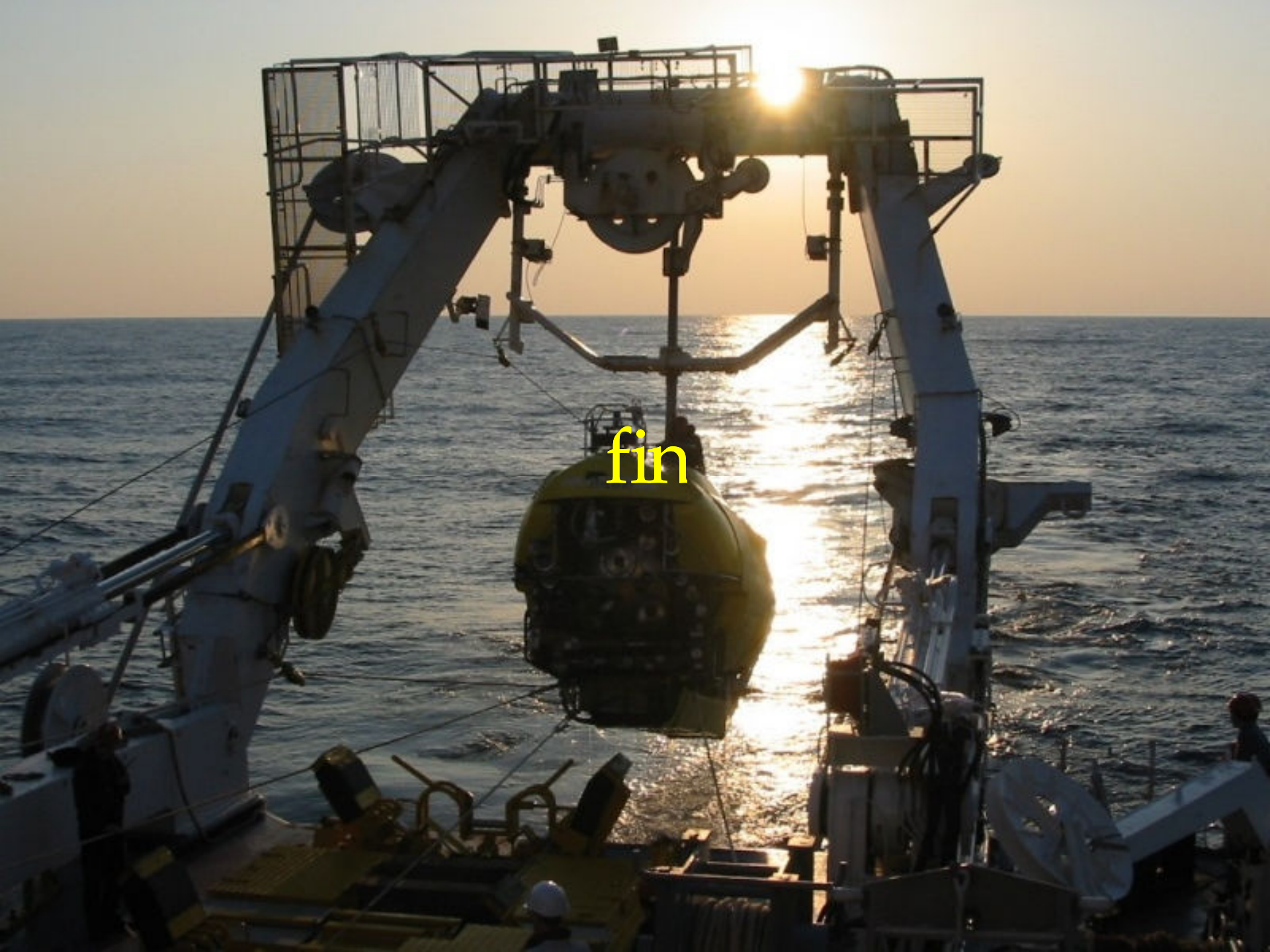
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# Summary

- ❖ **KM3NeT will be one of the biggest (3) detectors ever built ( $V > 1\text{km}^3$ )**  
**hundreds of detection lines anchored in sea floor matrix, height up to 1km;**
  - ❖ **Connection to the coast up to 100 km distant:**  
**high bandwidth monomode fibreoptic transmission in standard telecoms cable;**
  - ❖ **Depth 2500 – 5000m (ambient pressures 250-500 bar)**  
**connectivity issues, minimum possible deployed electronics**
  - ❖ **Innovative optical module designs proposed;**
  - ❖ **Innovative readout scheme proposed with lasers on shore and modulators in optical modules: 1 colour /optical module or even/PMT well within current telecoms bandwidth capabilities**
- ALL DATA TO SHORE: (UPGRADABLE) SHORE PROCESSING (EVEN LOW - LEVEL COINCIDENCE TRIGGERING) NOW CHEAPER THAN INACCESSIBLE SEA ELECTRONICS**

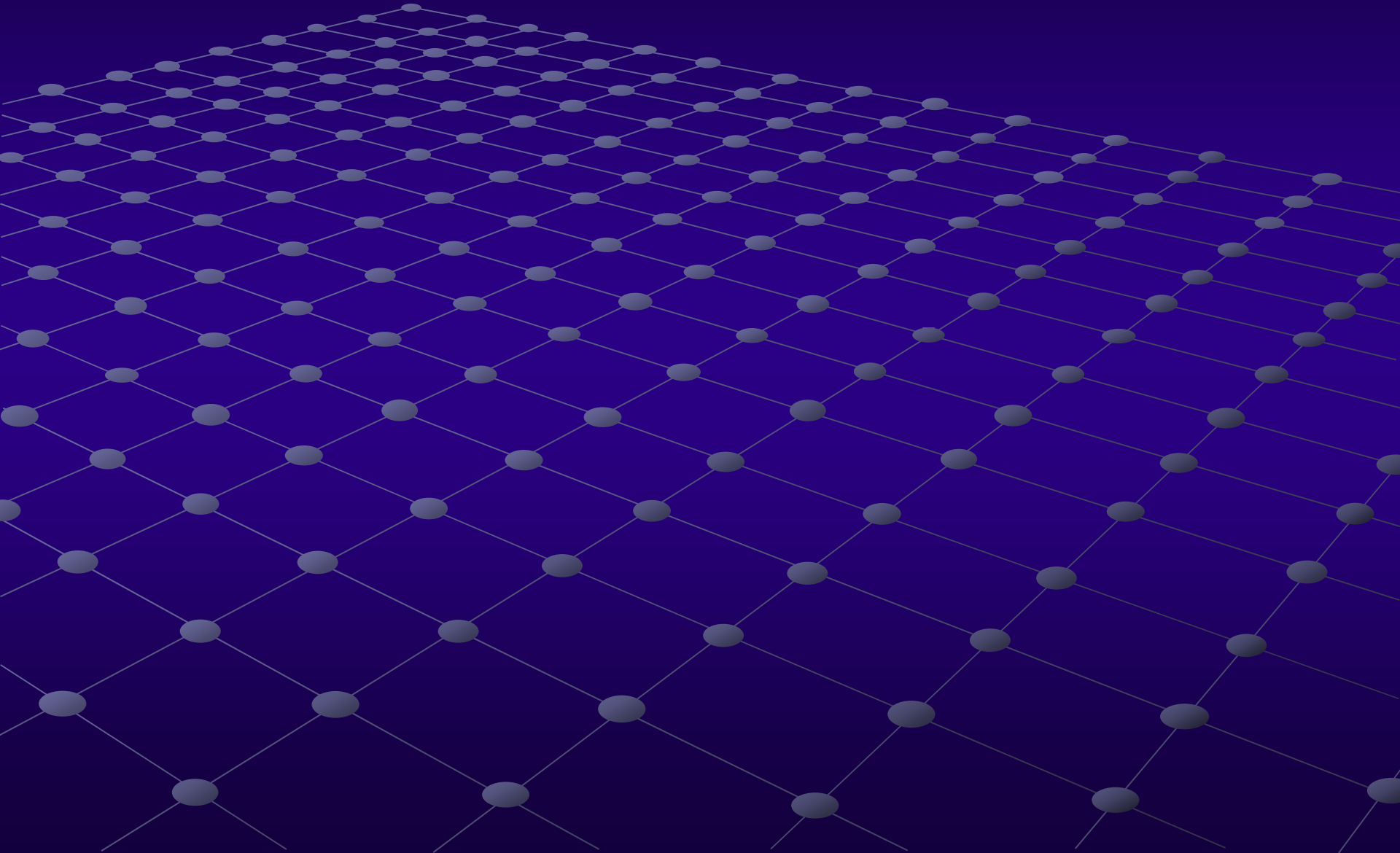
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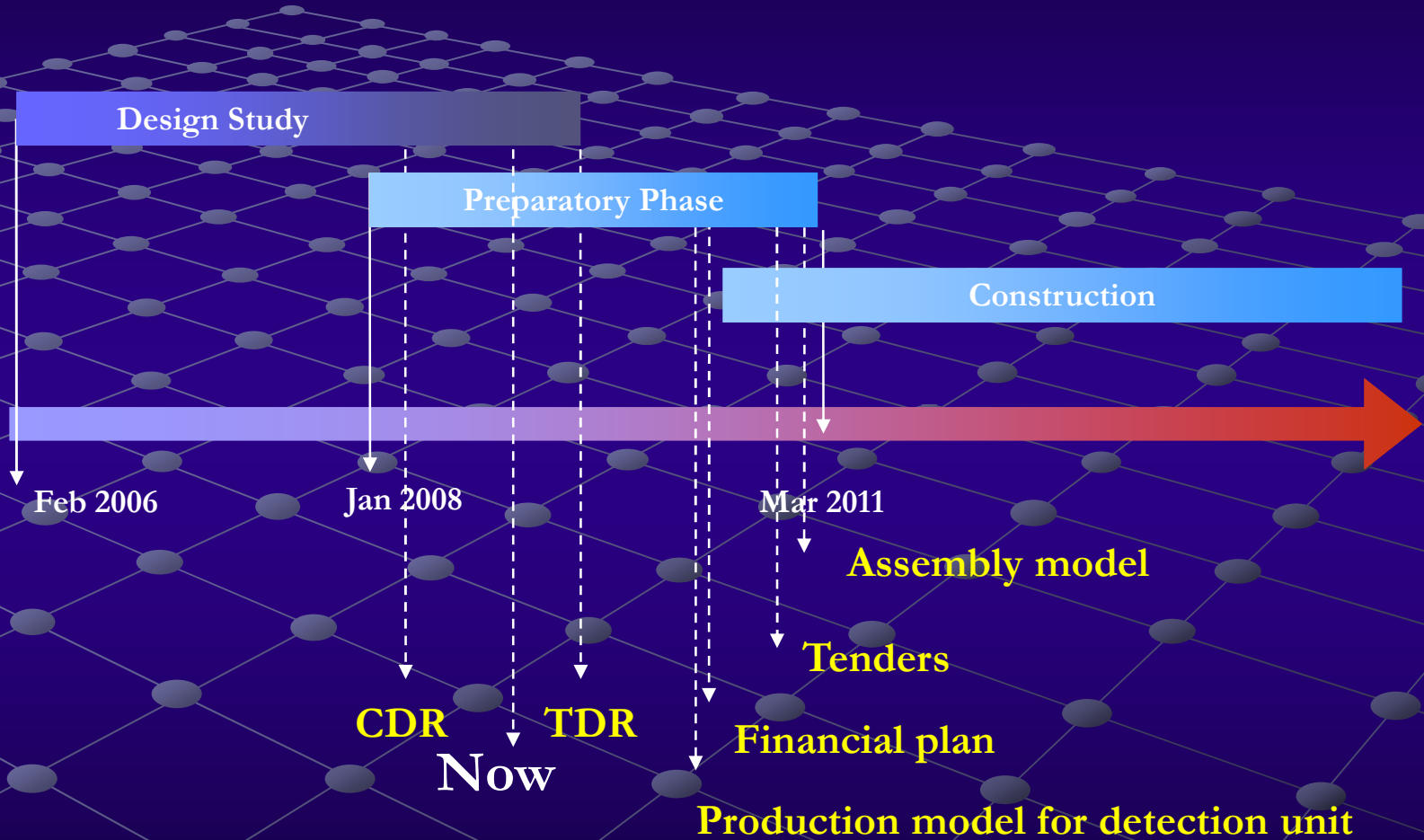
# Back up material







# KM3NeT timeline





# The KM3NeT Conceptual Design Report

- ❖ Presented to the public at the VLVnT08 workshop in Toulon, April 2008
- ❖ Summarises (a.o.)
  - ❖ Physics case
  - ❖ Generic requirements
  - ❖ Pilot projects
  - ❖ Site studies
  - ❖ Technical implementation
  - ❖ Development plan
  - ❖ Project implementation

## **KM3NeT**

Conceptual Design for a Deep-Sea Research  
Infrastructure Incorporating a  
Very Large Volume Neutrino Telescope  
in the Mediterranean Sea

available on [www.km3net.org](http://www.km3net.org)

