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KM3NeT is a distributed research infrastructure in the Mediterranean Sea that will host a gigaton-scale neutrino telescope (ARCA) for high-energy neutrino astronomy, and a megaton-scale detector (ORCA) for neutrino oscillation studies with atmospheric neutrinos. ORCA is optimised for determining the neutrino mass ordering (NMO) by observing matter effects in atmospheric neutrino oscillations, providing a sensitivity to the NMO of approximately 3σ after 3 years of operation with the full detector. It will also measure the atmospheric mixing parameters $\Delta m < sup>2 < /sup> < sub>32 < /sub> and <math>\theta < sub>23 < /sub>$ using both the muon neutrino disappearance and tau neutrino appearance channels. Determining the tau neutrino appearance probability with unprecedented precision will provide for a powerful test of the unitarity of the 3-flavour mixing matrix. The observation of neutrino oscillations over a wide range of baselines and energies will provide broad sensitivity to new physics such as non-standard neutrino interactions (NSI) and sterile neutrinos.

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