Development of a Trigger for Acoustic Neutrino Candidates in KM3NeT

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KM3NeT The Detector Framework

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ARCA (Capo Passero, Italy) \rightarrow Astronomy Research with Cosmics in the Abyss **ORCA** (Toulon, France) \rightarrow Oscillations Research with Cosmics in the Abyss

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100 km

ARCA

- 18 DOMs / DU
- Depth sea bed ~3400 m
- DUs height ~700 m
- DOMs distancing ~36 m
- Volume ~1 km3

ORCA

- 18 DOMs / DU
- Depth sea bed ~2500 m
- DUs height ~200 m
- DOMs distancing ~9 m
- Volume ~0.018 km3

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ARCA



KM3NeT ACOUSTIC SENSORS



[Spiering, C. Towards High-Energy Neutrino Astronomy. A Historical Review. *Eur. Phys. J. H* 2012, 37, 515–565. <u>arXiv:astro-ph.IM/1207.4952</u>. DOI: 10.1140/epjh/e2012-30014-2]

Underground detectors Cherenkov detectors in water/ice \rightarrow KM3NeT Huge detector volumes with: Acoustic detection \rightarrow KM3NeT ?? Radio detection Detection via air showers ٠ Is it possible to increase the neutrino detection range in KM3NeT?

KM3NeT **ACOUSTIC SENSORS**

Motivation: the establishment of a trigger of interesting events is crucial to study the background and efficiencies, thus to see the feasibility of the technique.



RVR: $-160 \pm 6 \text{ dB}$ (re 1 V/µPa at 1 m) in the 10-70 kHz range

This study starts to analyse raw acoustic data from the hydrophones

RVR: -156 dB (re 1 V/µPa at 1 m) in the 5-90 kHz range

Why hydrophones to start?

- Fixed
- Known (and flat) frequency response
- + Frequency range
 - + Sensitivity

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ACOUSTIC NEUTRINO DETECTION

BIPOLAR PULSE



Acoustic neutrino interaction

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[Waters, D. Study of the acoustic signature of UHE neutrino interactions in water and ice. *Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res., Sect. A* 2009, 607, 398–411. DOI: <u>10.1016/j.nima.2009.05.009</u>]

Simulated BP at 0° (hydrophone \perp pancake) and 1km

BP of 123.9 mPa amplitude \rightarrow 1.97 mV amplitude in the hydrophone (RVR conversion)

Spectrogram analysis for acoustic neutrino detection is

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THE SPECTROGRAM AS A SIGNAL DETECTOR



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THE RAW ACOUSTIC DATA FROM ORCA

- <u>Electricity network signal of 50 Hz (and its harmonics)</u>
- Acoustic Beacons (ABs)
- <u>Digital Penetrations (DPs)</u>
- <u>Bioacoustics</u>
- Ships, sonars, environmental ...

Hydrophones to study: DU2, DU3, and DU9

All these noises (background) are noticeable in the spectral analysis: Raw acoustic data from DU9 (14-May-2020 00:01:12) N_{bin} : 4096 ; overlap: 50%



There are more than 25 days in the same period recorded during two consecutive years by 3 hydrophones



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Hydro-DU3:

SPL on the 1/3 octave of 30 kHz



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Hydro-DU3:

12 RUNs selected to the analysis (6H/RUN)



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SPL [dB re 1μ Pa]

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65

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- Acoustic raw data of hydrophones have been analysed. Reference neutrino-induced BP acoustic signals have been added.
- The detection of these signals and the background has been studied
- A proposal of trigger for a BP detector, based on the spectrogram, is proposed.
- The performance of the trigger has been shown.
- The limit of the f_s and the distance between hydrophones in KM3NeT is invariant, but for this type of experiments it could be optimized.
- This trigger will allow to record interesting events and to do systematic studies that will allow to study the feasibility of the technique.
- The trigger can also be useful for other signals, for example for bioacoustics.

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HYDROPHONE THRESHOLD SELECTION



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SPL ON THE RAW ACOUSTIC DATA

Hydro-DU3

RUN	Date + 6H	<i>SPL</i> _{25-50 kHz} [dB re 1µPa]			
		Q25%	Q50 %	Q75%	PCTL99%
8008	14/05/2020 0:01	64.4	64.8	65.5	80.4
8015	15/05/2020 6:01	64.0	64.0	64.1	80.2
8018	16/05/2020 0:01	64.3	65.1	68.0	80.4
8019	16/05/2020 6:01	64.0	64.0	64.1	79.9
8021	16/05/2020 18:01	64.9	65.5	66.0	80.4
8027	18/05/2020 6:01	63.7	63.7	63.8	80.3
8042	19/05/2020 18:01	64.3	64.7	65.4	80.0
8048	21/05/2020 6:01	63.7	63.7	63.8	80.1
9901	05/05/2021 0:00	64.2	64.7	65.4	79.5
9907	06/05/2021 12:00	63.7	64.0	64.3	79.4
99 13	08/05/2021 0:00	64.1	64.2	64.3	79.5
9919	09/05/2021 12:00	64.1	64.2	64.3	79.5



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BP SIMULATED ON THE EXPERIMENTAL DATA

A BP source is simulated one km from the hydrophones in a random position every minute of the raw data and is added to it:



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BP SIMULATED ON A SPECTROGRAM

Spectrogram of an artificial BPs in the raw acoustic data:





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