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The Calibration Units of KM3NeT

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KM3NeT and the Calibration Units

KM3NeT: Kilometer Cube Neutrino Telescope

S. Adrian-Martinez et al., Letter of Intent for KM3NeT 2.0:

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1601.07459>

ORCA : Oscillation Research with Cosmics in the Abyss

- 8 Mton instrumented
- Low Energies : \sim GeV

ARCA : Astroparticle Research with Cosmics in the Abyss

- 1 Gton instrumented
- High Energies : GeV to PeV

Two detectors \Leftrightarrow Same Technology
Digital Optical Module (DOM) 



Calibration Goals:

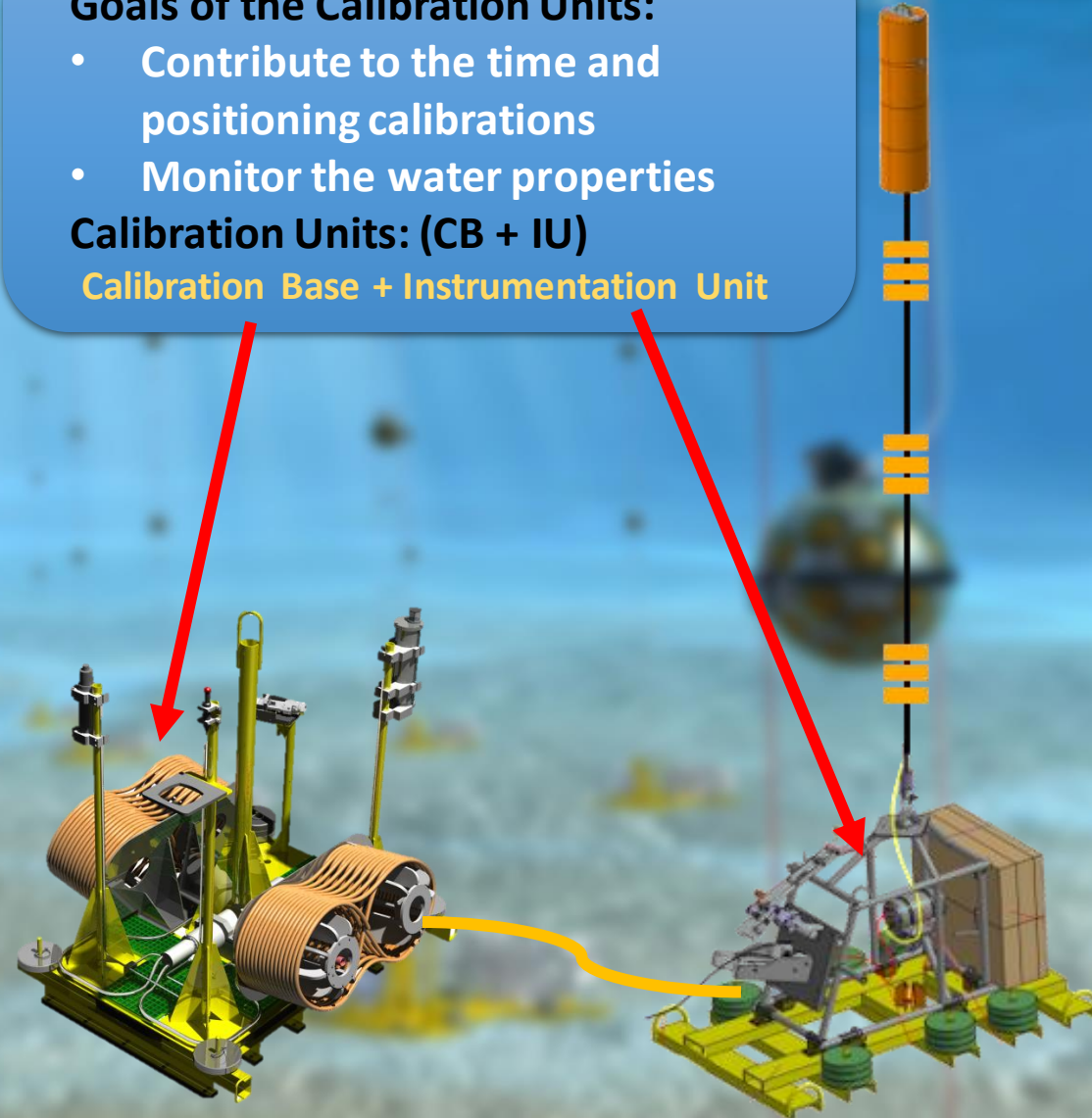
- Time: 1ns
- Position: 10cm

Goals of the Calibration Units:

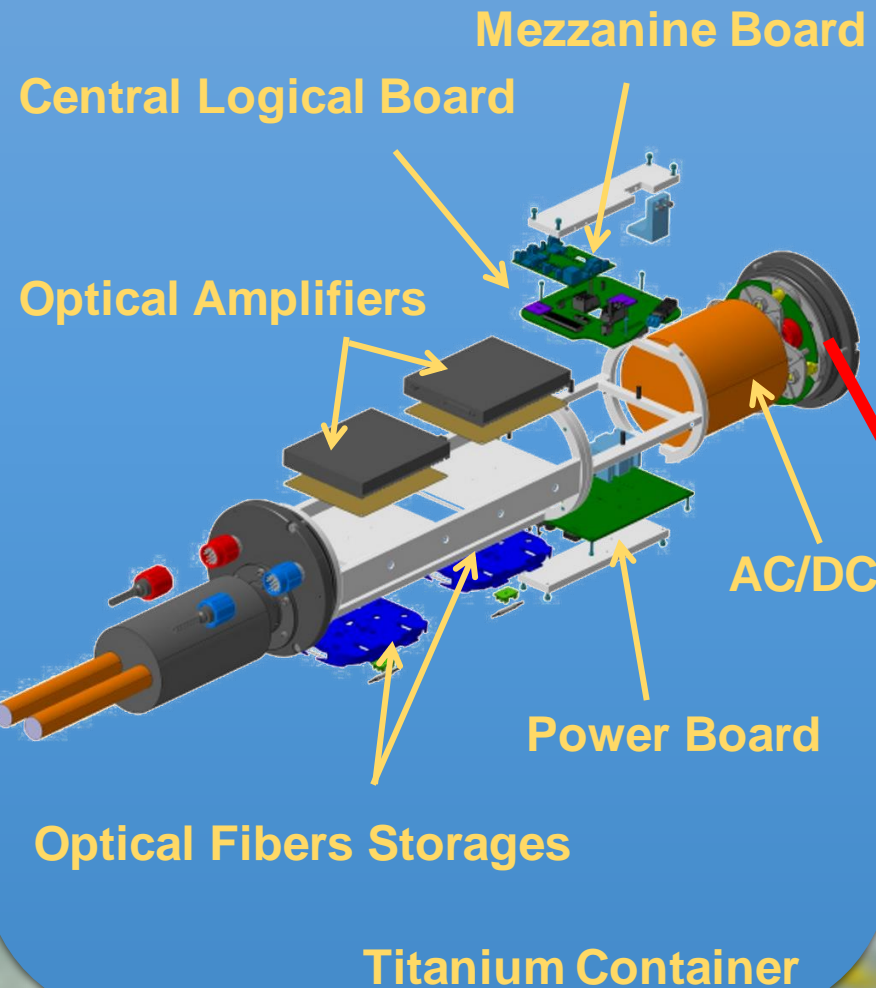
- Contribute to the time and positioning calibrations
- Monitor the water properties

Calibration Units: (CB + IU)

Calibration Base + Instrumentation Unit



"Central Unit" of the Calibration Unit



Positioning

Two acoustic devices:

- Hydrophone
- Emitter

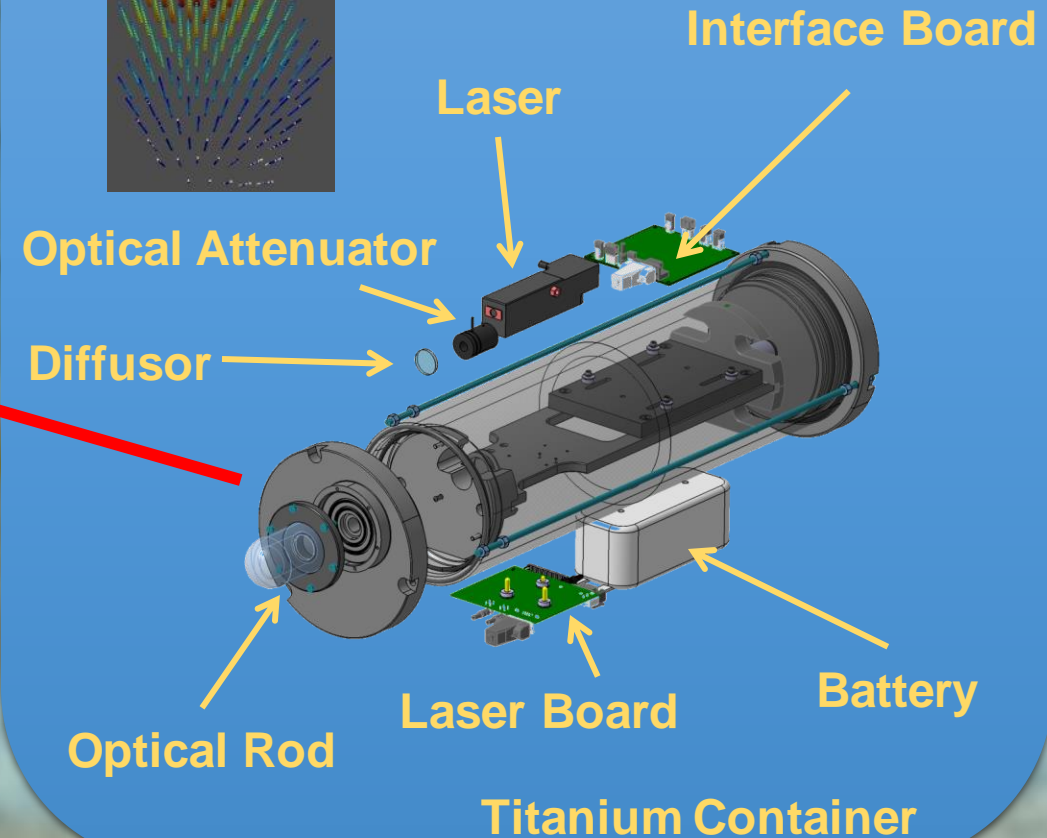
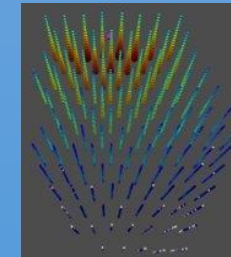


Time Calibration

Laser: 0.4 ns FWHM, 3.8 μ J pulse, 532 nm, pulses up to 4 kHz

Optical simulation:

- Check design, agreement with specifications



Positioning Calibration of the Detector

- Used to monitor sea water properties
- Compute the speed of sound and speed of sea currents, needed for the positioning system

Composed of:

- **Instrumentation Base titanium container:** electronics boards
- **Anchor:** keeps the system on the seabed.
- **Instrumented Line:** inductive cable, autonomous instruments

Same inductive instruments at 3 different elevations:

- **Current meter:** AQUADOPP from Nortek
- **CTD sensor:** Conductivity, Temperature, Pressure. Used to infer the sound velocity thanks to the seawater equation of state, SBE SMP CTD device from Seabird
- **Sound Velocimeter:** Mini SVS from Valeport

The Instrumentation Unit will be recovered every couple of years for recalibration of instruments and replacement of the batteries

