Tests on the acoustic positioning system of the PPM-DOM

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Acoustic positioning system

The acoustic positioning system (APS) is a mandatory subsystem for the detector

KM3NeT APS goals:

- relative positioning accuracy : < 10 cm (less than DOM diametre)
- absolute positioning accuracy: < 1 m to optimize pointing resolution



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All data to shore technology



•Signal acquisition and digitization off-shore (data rate 6.2 Mbps per channel)

•Signal processing performed on shore : •improves measurement accuracy •Opens to other science •Reduces power consumption (no need for "intelligence" in deep sea)

•Cost reduction with respect to commercial equivalent systems

Other applications:

•Earth and Sea Science (bioacoustics, geo-physics, acoustic oceanography)

•Acoustic neutrino detection (preliminary studies)

Acoustic sensors in PPM-DOM and PPM-DU



Custom piezoelectric acoustic sensor developed by ECAP



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From NEMO-SMO AcouBoard to KM3NeT AcouPlug



NEMO-SMO ACOUBOARD



- EBU/AES-3 stereo compliant DIT (Digital Interface Transmitter)
- Power lines to 2 hydrophones 80 mA@5V per channel
- AcouBoard hydrophones coupling via transformers









ACOUPLUG

- I²S to CLB
- AcouPlug controlled by CLB (clock, reset,...)
- 2 Power lines at 5 VDC available
 - 1 line used for external hydrophone
 - 1 line unused (piezo sensor powered by Octopus Board)
- AcouPlug-hydrophones AC coupling

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Implementation on PPM-DOM

AcouPlug is plugged on the CLB.



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PPM-DOM acoustic sensors read-out

The system consists of an external hydrophone and an integrated piezo and their readout.

The hydrophone differential signal is routed directly to the AcouPlug. The ADC is read out by the CLB and data is formatted for transmission to shore.

The piezo signal (preamplified, single-ended) is read-out through the piezo amplifier board (piggy-backed on octopus board), from there a differential signal is routed to the AcouPlug through the Octopus and the CLB.



- AcouPlug
- Piezo Erlangen inside the DOM
- INFN hydrophone (external)





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ADC Tests



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Nikhef Tests 6-9 August: time and amplitude response





SMID +preamp sensitivity: -172 dB re 1 V/uPa Piezo + preamp sensitivity: - 145 dB re 1 V/uPa

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Piezo + preamp sensitivity: - 145 dB re 1 V/uPa

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Acoustics: DOM test @ CPPM and Foselev

Dimensions of the water tank: 42 cm length, 32 cm with 19 cm height The hydrophone was placed at 5 cm (h)from the box



- Frequency range : 44.522 to 60.235 kHz
- Sv (+/- 3dB) : 144dB re µPa / V / m
- Axial directivity (+/- 3dB) : +/- 60° Radial directivity (+/- 3dB) : +/- 180° Sequence :
- 50 kHz, 1 ms every 1 s, A =10 Vpp



CPPM Test 23 October 2012



- run 413 Hydro in a water tank with an ANTARES pinger, piezo ON, PMTs ON Pulser: period 1s - pulse width 10ms - frequency 50kHz)

- run 417 Hydro in a water tank with an ANTARES pinger, piezo ON, PMTs ON

Piezo is OFF! Only ADC noise recorded !!! Log says piezo on ... Should be tested!

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CPPM Test 23 October 2012



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Foselev Tests 20 November 2012



-run 500 with PMTs ON

-run 502 PMTs not configured, piezo/hydro activated

-run 501 with PMTs + piezo/hydro + nanobeacon (at some intensity/frequency)

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Hydro and piezo on-board the NEMO-SMO Project

The acoustic positioning system technology for KM3NeT will be also tested in NEMO-SMO at 3600 m water depth (Capo Passero Site) SMID - INFN acoustic sensors (6 floors + base): SMO detector BUOY On floor 7: 2 FFR hydrophones (UPV-CPPM) **On floor 8: 2 ECAP piezos** All sensors installed onboard the NEMO – Phase II tower Submarine Multidisciplinary Observatory SENSORS SMØ Shore Laboratory in Capo Passero harbour ANCHOR 96 km 20 optical fibres E.O. CAB 10 kV DC monopolar with sea return 19

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NEMO-SMO sensors: SMID hydrophone

Floor #1 ÷Floor #6 +Tower-base SMID Hydrophones + SMID preamplifiers (gain: +38 dB)









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NEMO-SMO sensors: SMID hydrophone



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Conclusions

- AcouPlug on-board PPM-DOM fully functional and compliant with DAQ
- Three (+2 spare) AcouPlugs ready for PPM-DU (2 tested @ Saclay)
- **Results and improvements:**
- →Read-out (after PPM-DU) new ADC under-test (low noise > 50 kHz)
- \rightarrow Hydrophones: reliable technology
 - e.m. noise reduction: Guard ring implemented for PPM-DU hydros (...if any...!)
 - Low cost hydrophones under test for positioning + cetaceans (after PPM-DU)
- \rightarrow Piezo: promising technology
 - Noise is too high: improve signal and power lines coupling (e.g. results in NEMO-Phase II)
 - Transfer function in deep sea not well known: DOM and Phase II will be test benches
- → Long Base Line: Missing
 - Must be installed. UPV and CPPM efforts in Km3NeT DS (but test only in NEMO- Phase II)