

The Story of Early DUMAND + JGL

DUMAND acronym coined by
Fred Reines (mid 70s)

*Workshop on Ghost Particle Hunting: Neutrino
Physics and its Applications to World Peace -
April 30 2025, D. O'Connor UH Hilo*



Agencies willing to take funding risk to support very different research ... way outside their respective boxes

Beginnings

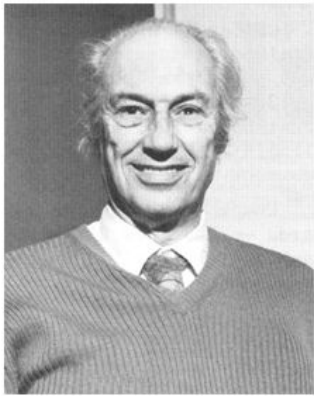
Series of Workshops on potential realization of Neutrino Astronomy mid 70s

UH High Energy Physics Group becomes home to DUMAND Project
with arrival in Hawaii of John Learned and Art Roberts circa 1980

Group Has:

- * Particle Physics Experience
- * Some underwater (not undersea) experience via JGL - Lake Chelan
- * No Deep Sea Instrumentation Experience
(mind: Most Marine Scientists and Oceanographers work fairly shallow waters...we were to find out...)

Prototype DUMAND Hardware - Sea Urchin - Art Roberts



Arthur Roberts

Deemed too
fragile for ocean
work



Early Efforts - DUMAND I

I. Muon String

Blackinton et al., Proc. Neutrino 81, 2, 246 (1981)

II. Background Light Measurements

III. SPS - Short Prototype String

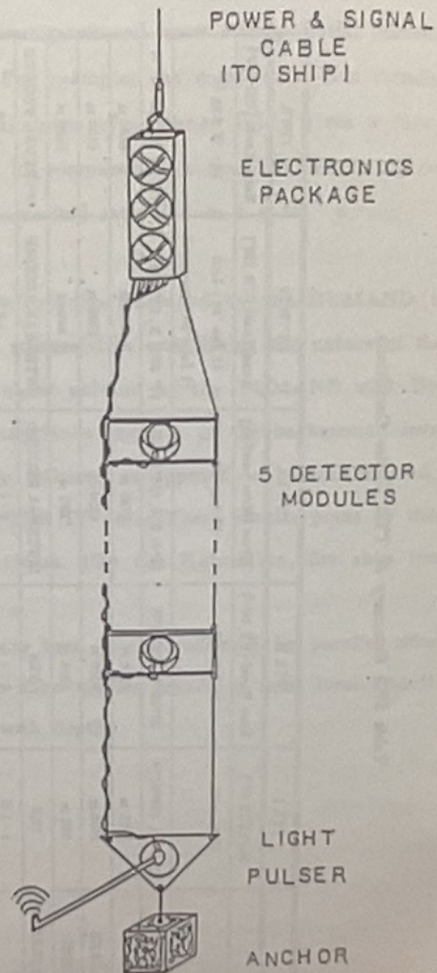
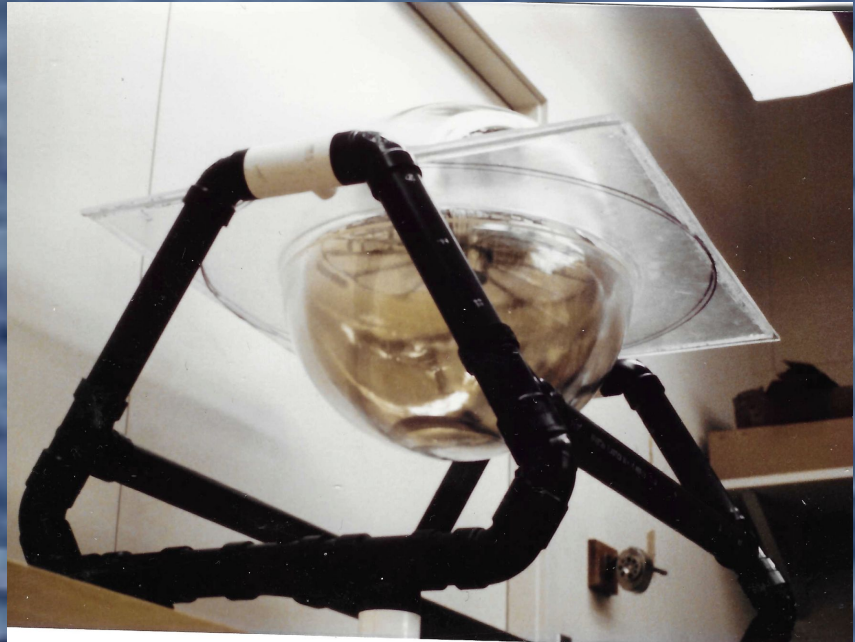


Figure IV.1 Muon String Mechanical Layout.

Muon String

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Muon String

5 ea 13" EMI Phototubes in 17" Benthos Glass Housings

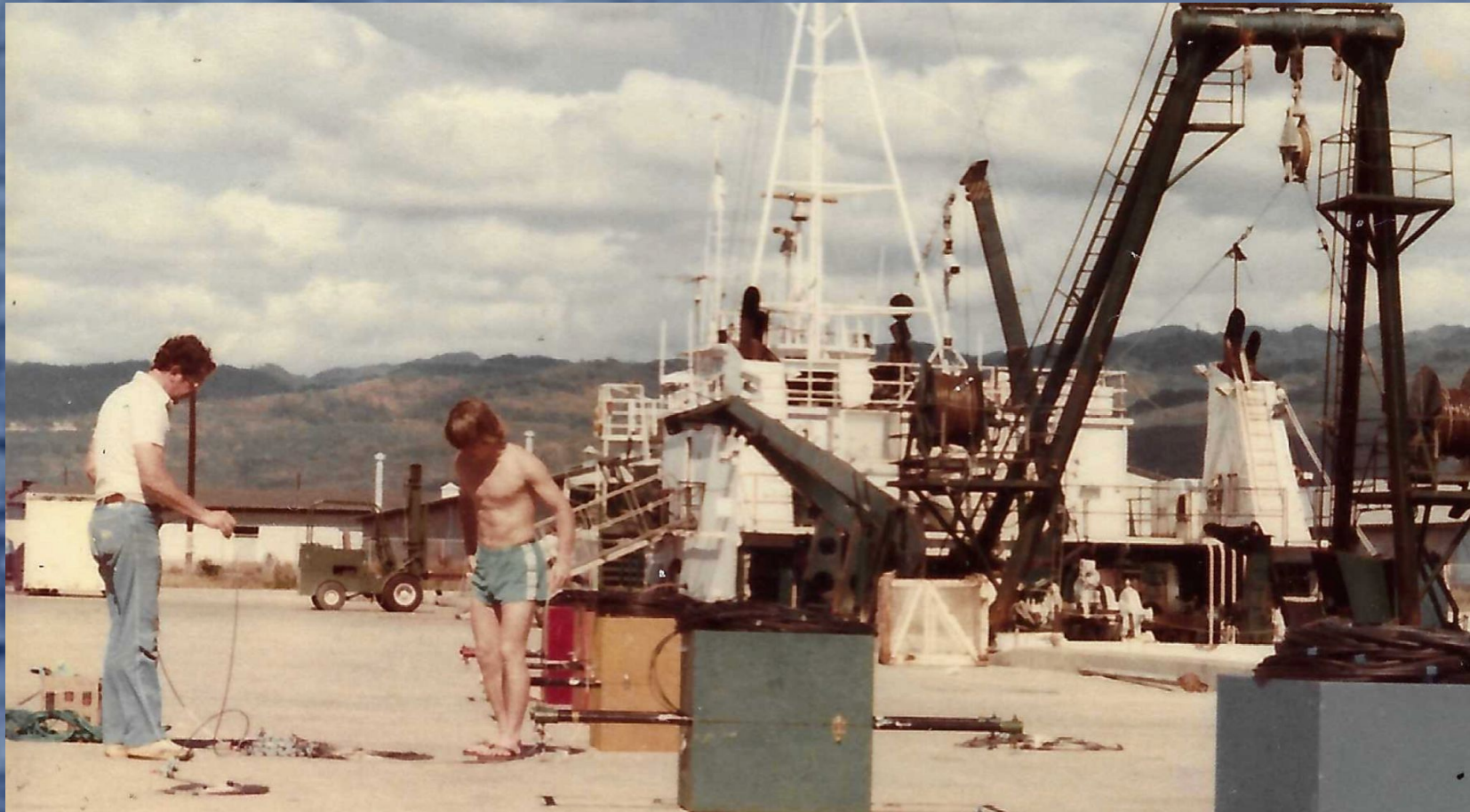
*Stoplight: Two CAMAC crates, TERAk computer, 1200
baud RG-8 comm to surface*

Cruises 1 & 2: Nov. '81, Jan. '82, successful Tests Kanakeoki

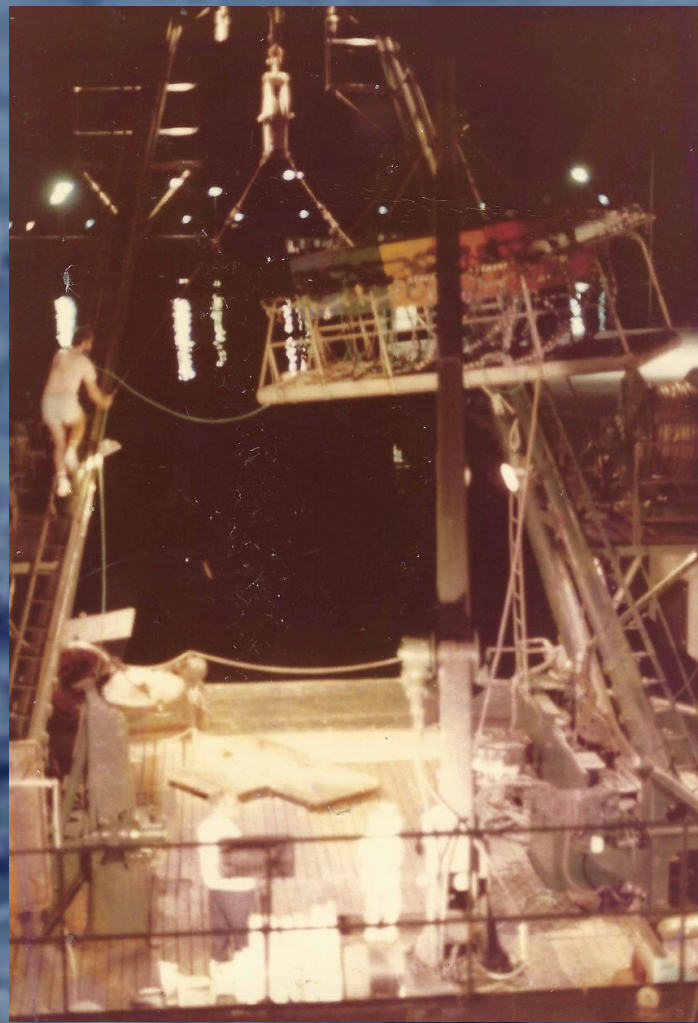
Muon String



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Muon String - "Data Taking Cruise" March '82

Depth 4800 meters, estimated 2 week run*

Ship = Navy / Merchant Marine "de Steiguer"



Muon String - de Steiguer

No Deck Layout Plans, A-Frame
Height much shorter relative to
Kanaheke, Bridle shortened to lift
instrument off deck

Skippers Orders - Stay in Circle
[Brandner, Learned try to change,
no cell phones]



Muon String - de Steiguer

Seas initially flat,

Deploy - electrical splice issue

Retrieve - fix splice

Deploy again to 2 km, seas picked-up

Drift South out of circle

Skipper fires up engines and steams North (without telling us)

Around 2 AM, PWG & DOC on shift, power lost again...

Retrieve AM

Lost at Sea - 7 March '82 - 19 deg 41.2' N, 156 deg 34.6' W

Muon String - Lessons

Know thy Ship

Background Light Levels at 2 km very high

Gorham, DIR - 13 - 82

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Q: What fraction of Background Light -

*A.) Stimulated (vortex shedding of instrument
due to surface coupling)*

B.) Ambient

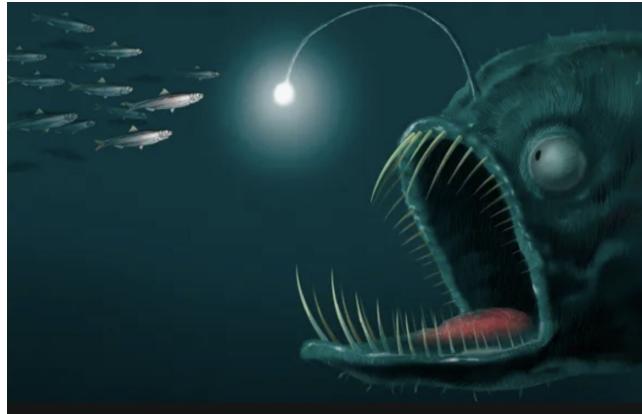
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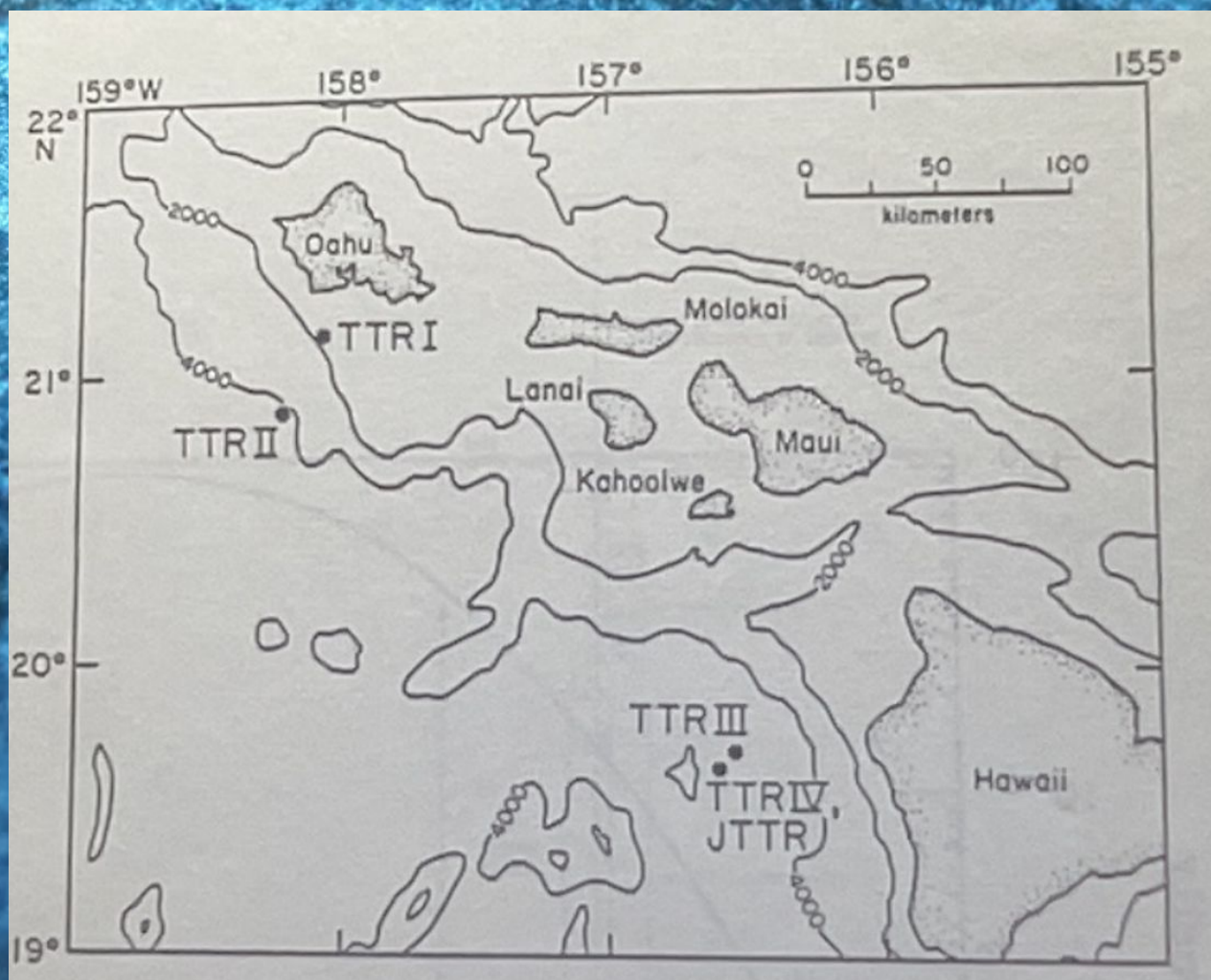


Bioluminescent Studies

Telemetering Transient Recorder - TTR

5 Cruises: TTR I, II, III and TTR IV + JTTR





Bioluminescent Studies

TTR

TTR I [O'Connor DIR-15-83]

TTR III [Bradner et al., Deep-Sea Research, **34**, No. 11, 1831 (1987).]

Result:

- 1.) First abyssopelagic measurement of biolight
 - 1.) at 4300 meters depth median light level = $20 \times K^{40}$, still ship coupled.
 - 2.) Descent levels < Ascent levels... data very different = stimulated?



Bioluminescent Studies

TTR

TTR IV – Untethered to Surface – need to monitor ambient, unstimulated conditions

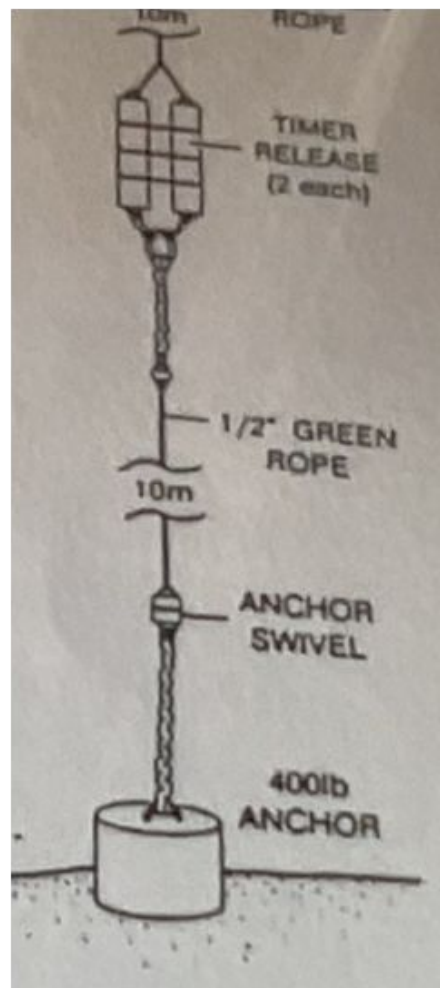
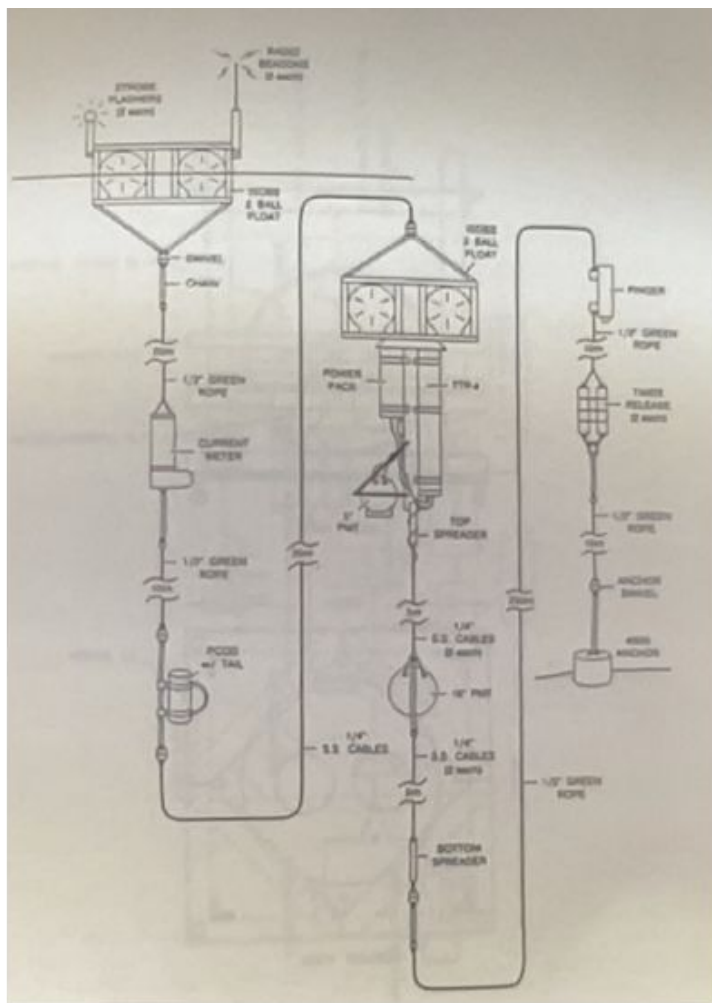
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Recall mean
ocean depth
4000 m

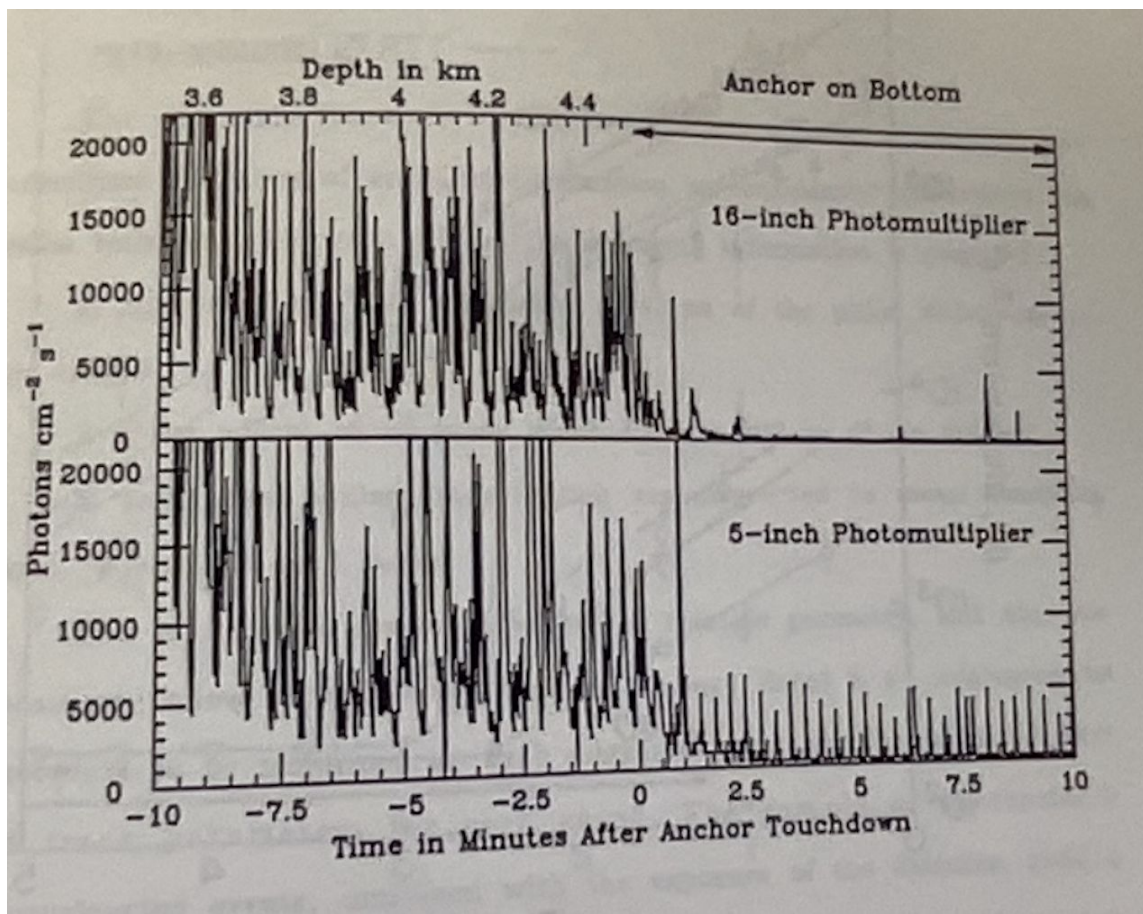
DUMAND
site – 4800 m

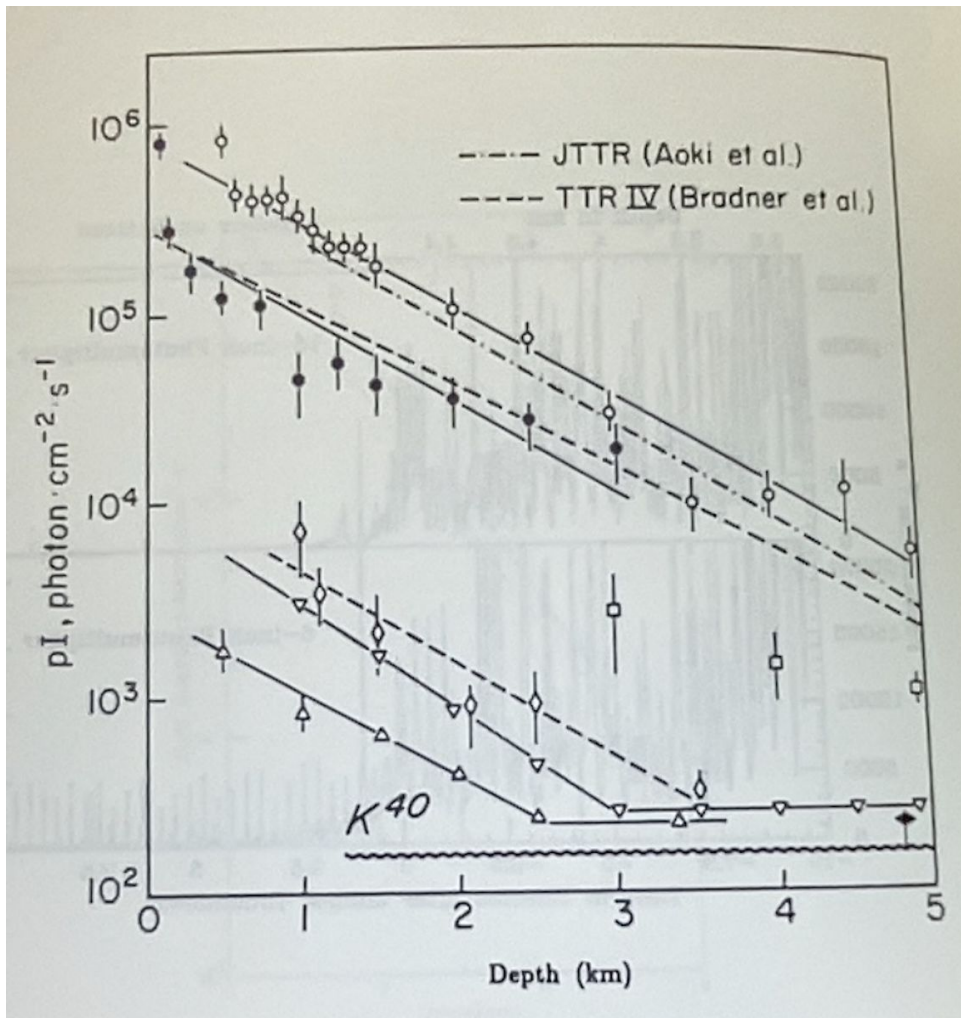
Double Hang-
Fire ...
Instrument
NOT
recovered

11 Jan. '84



However: TTR IV Recovered 17 July '85 by Scripps Institute of Oceanography

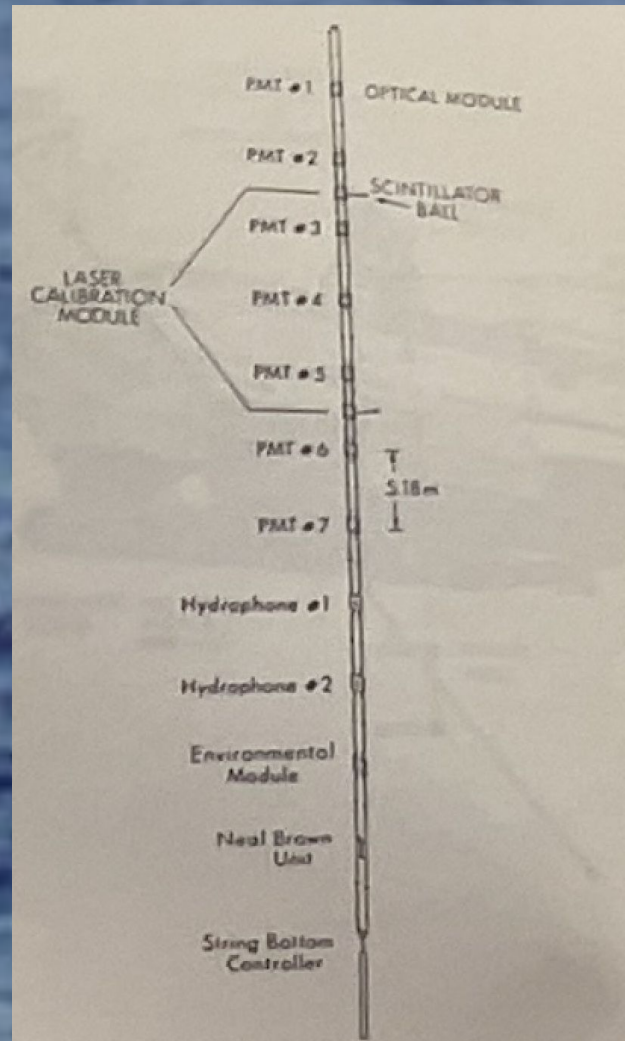




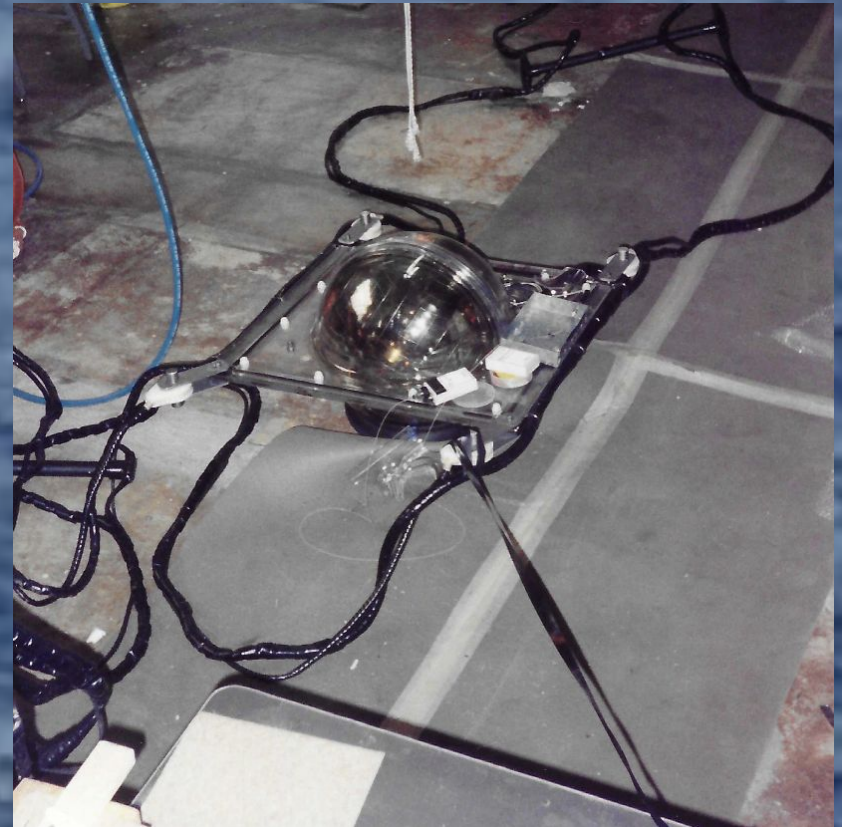
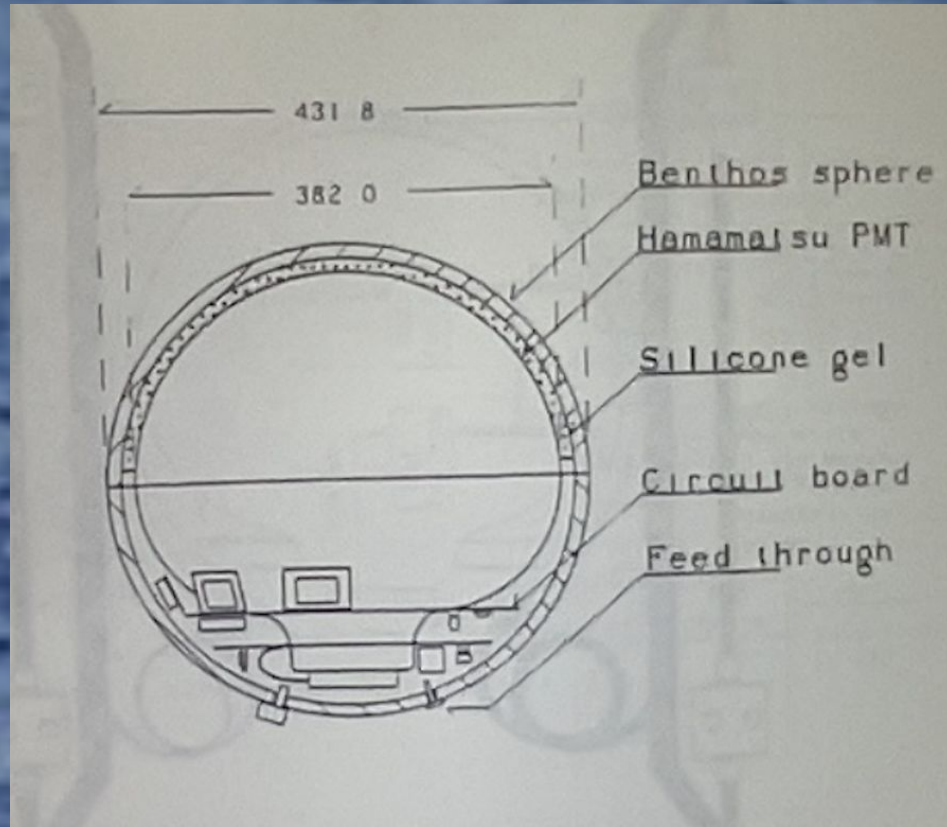
Result: Background $2 \times K^{40}$

Short Prototype String SPS

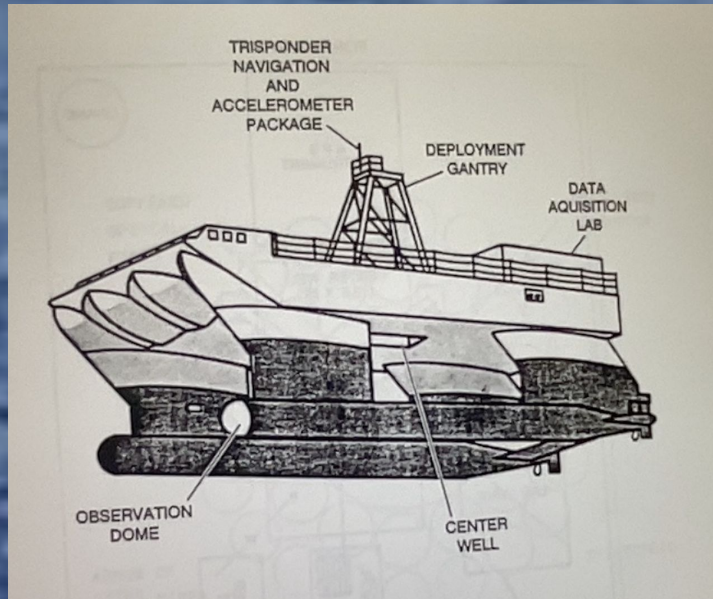
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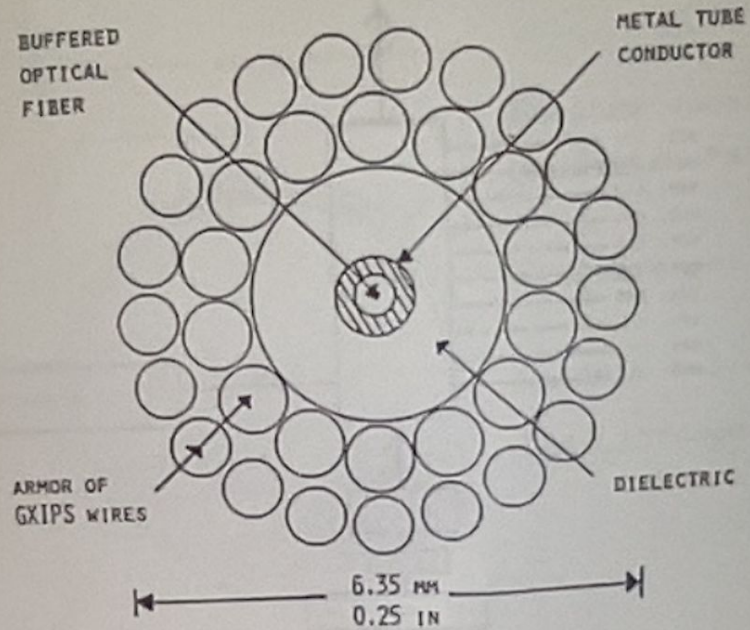
Kaimalino SWATH Vessel



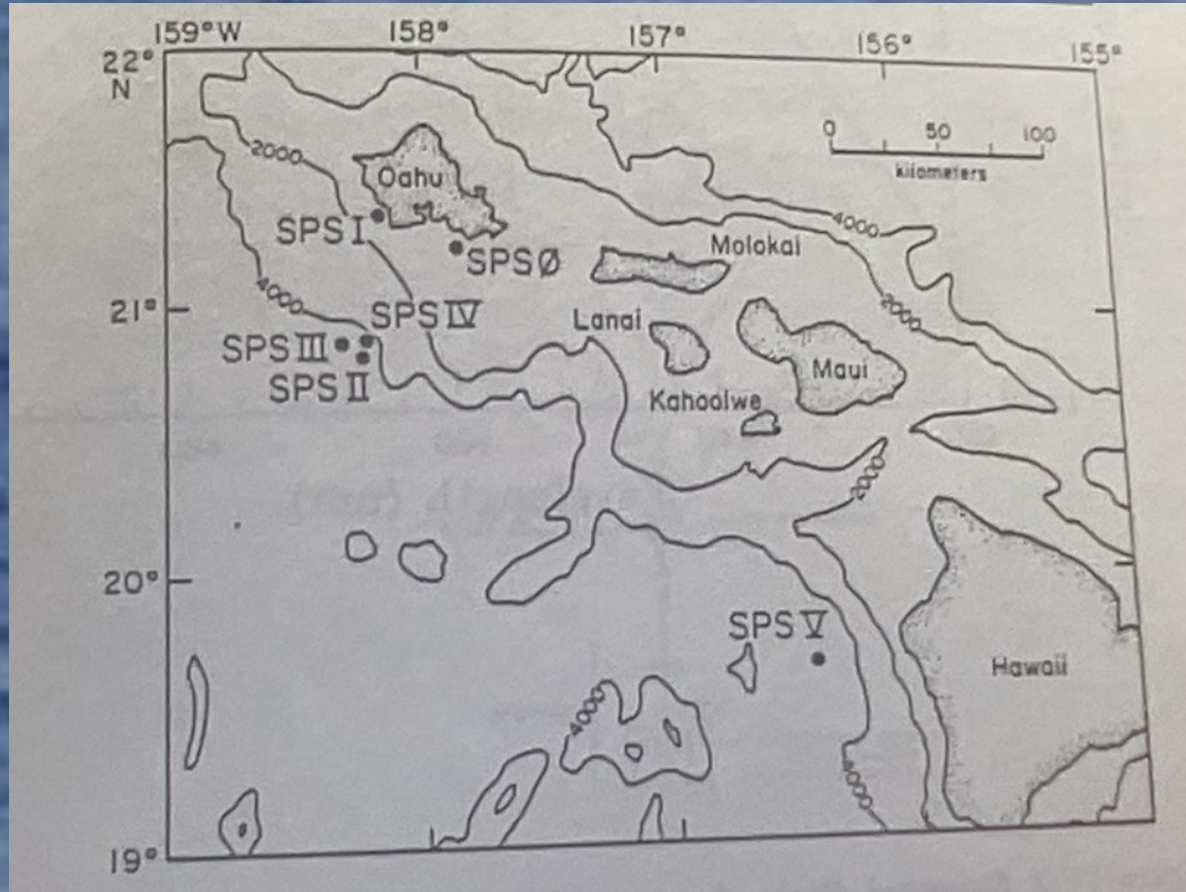
Kaimalino Stability and Center Well



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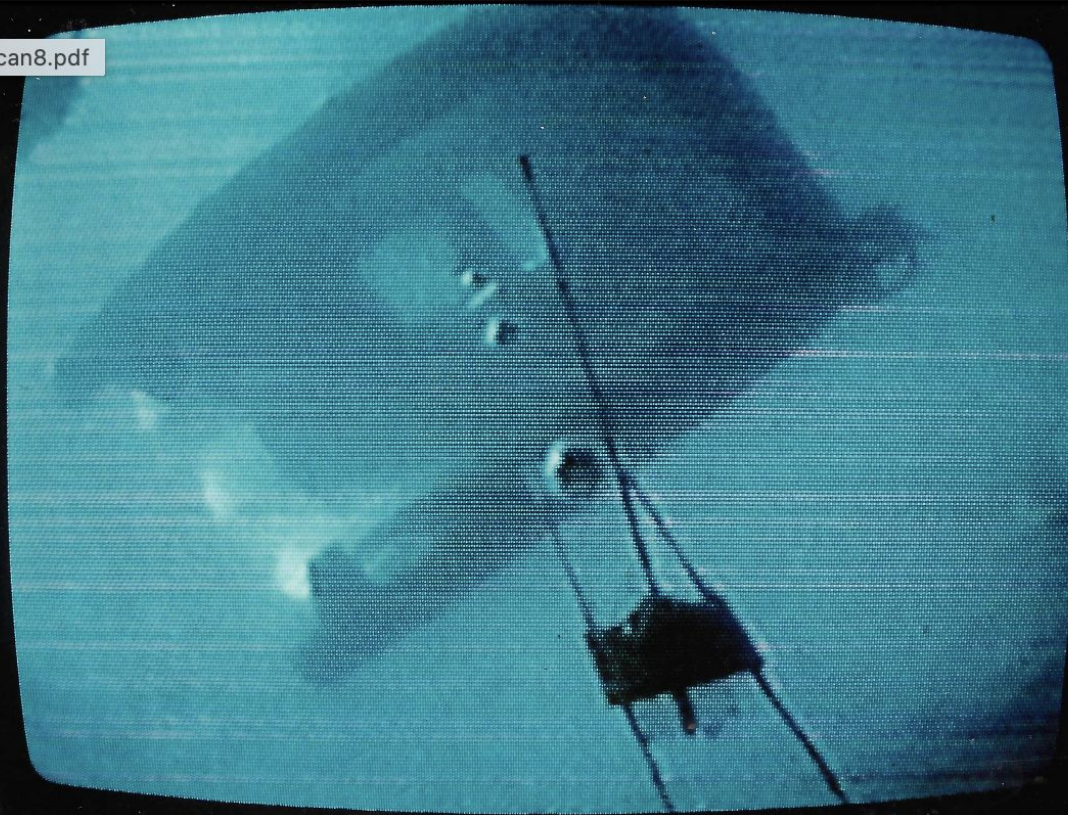


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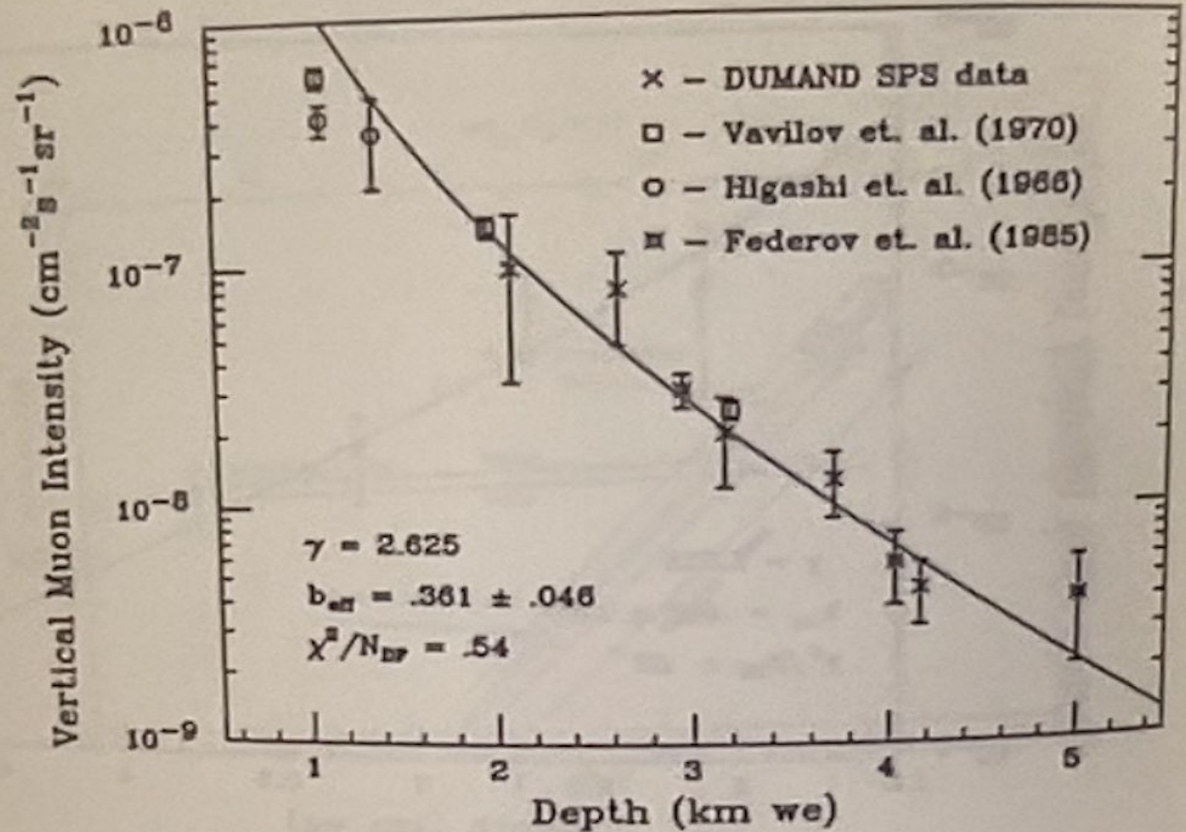
Scan8.pdf



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Ocean Depth (m)	Overburden (m.w.e.)	Livetime after cuts (sec)	5-Fold Recon	Muon Event Rate (s^{-1})
2035	2090	179	13	$7.3 \pm 2.0 \times 10^{-2}$
2564	2633	7315	414	$5.6 \pm .34 \times 10^{-2}$
3077	3160	488	23	$4.7 \pm .97 \times 10^{-2}$
3610	3707	1704	99	$5.8 \pm .58 \times 10^{-2}$
4048	4157	5826	99	$1.7 \pm .18 \times 10^{-2}$

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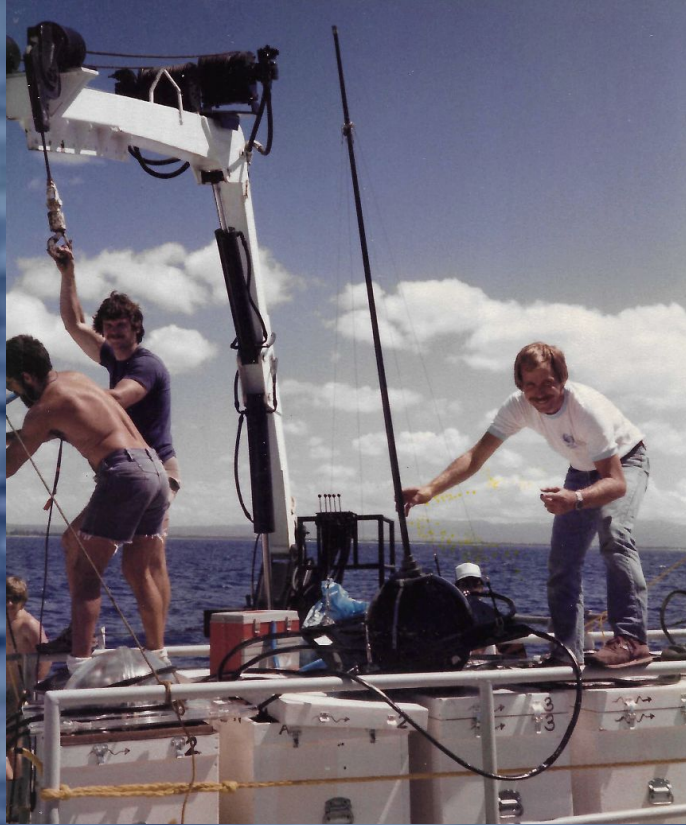
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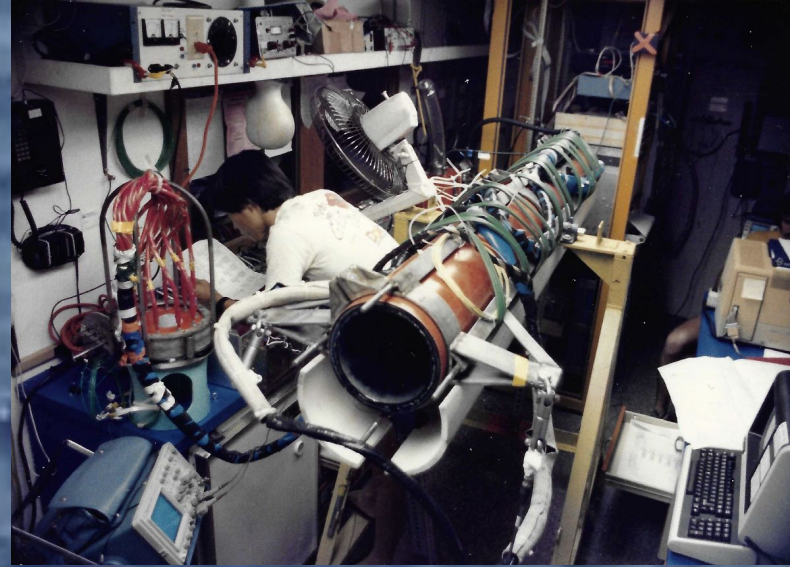
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A black and white photograph showing the side of a ship's hull with a large, stylized 'N' logo. The ship is on the water, and the ocean is visible in the background. The text 'Mahalo Nui to John for all his many huge contributions' is overlaid in blue.

***Mahalo Nui to John for all his
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