



# Exploring our planet through **SMART** cables

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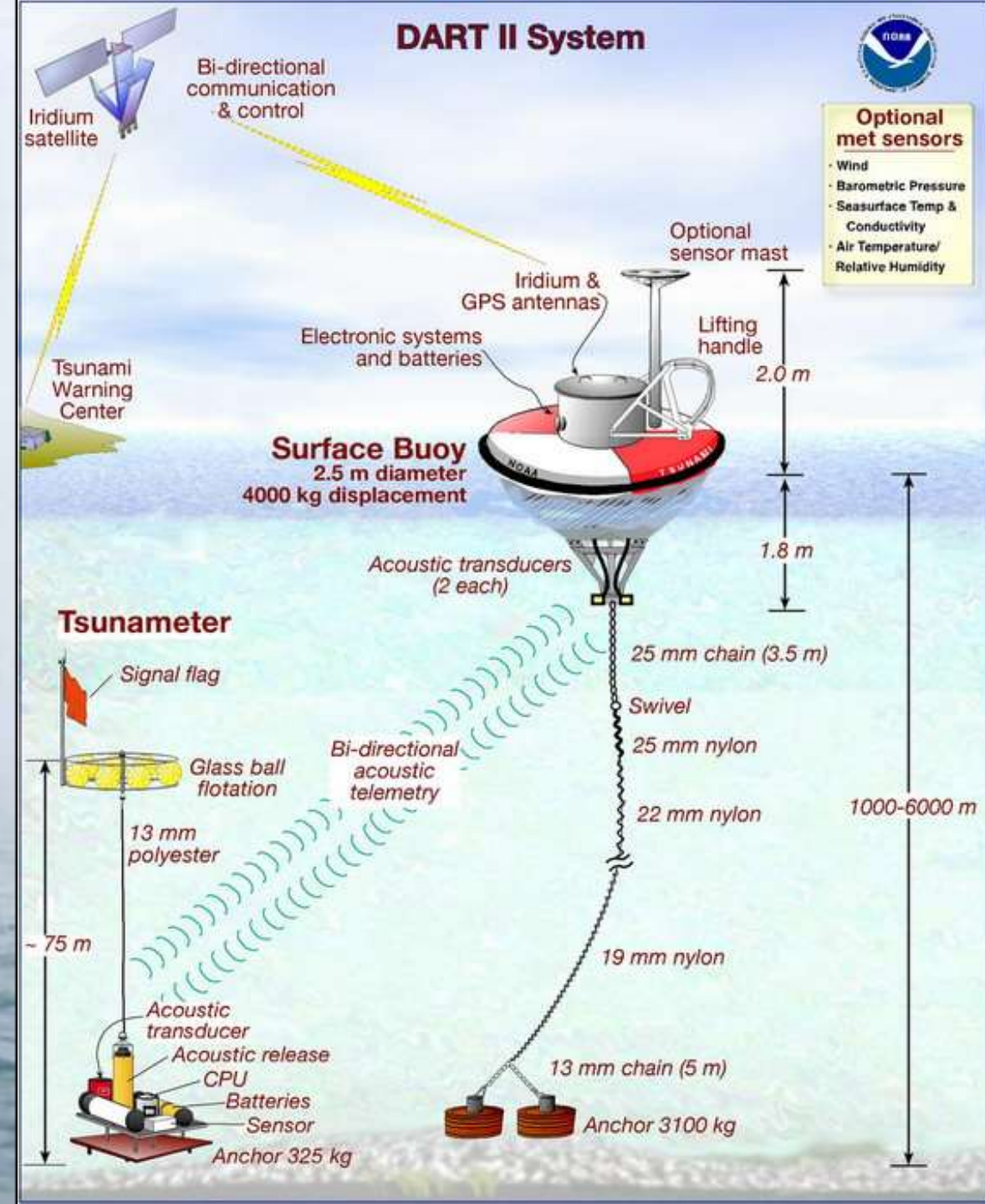




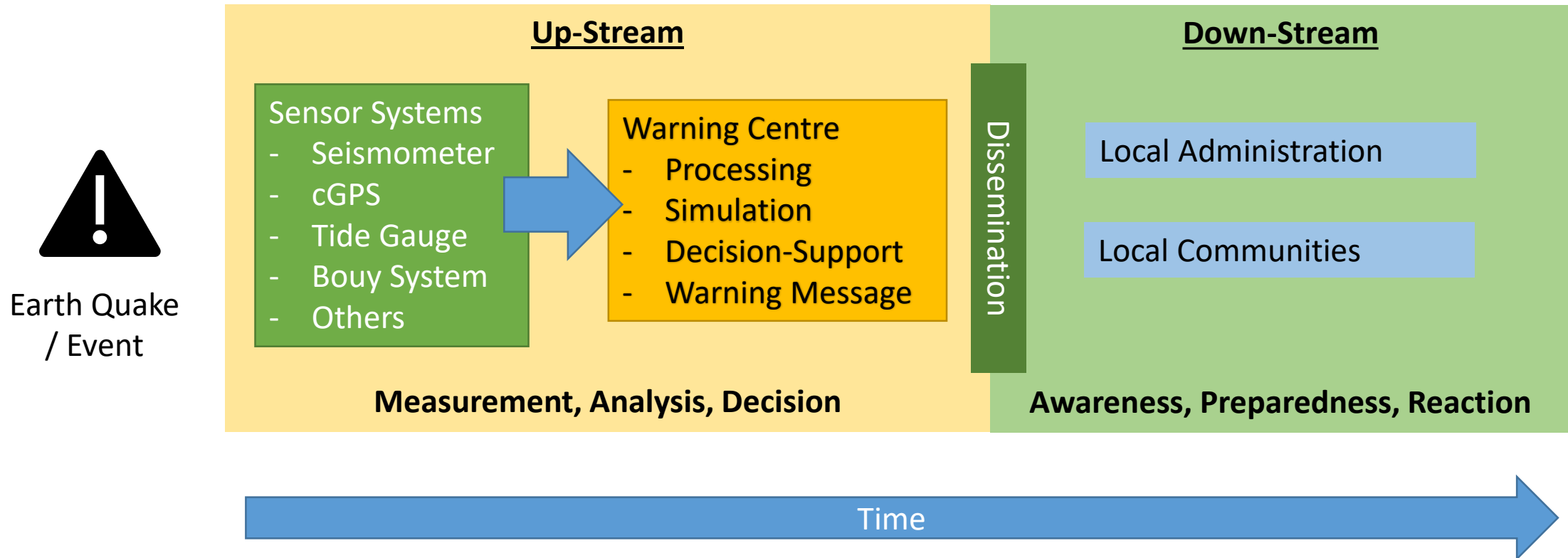


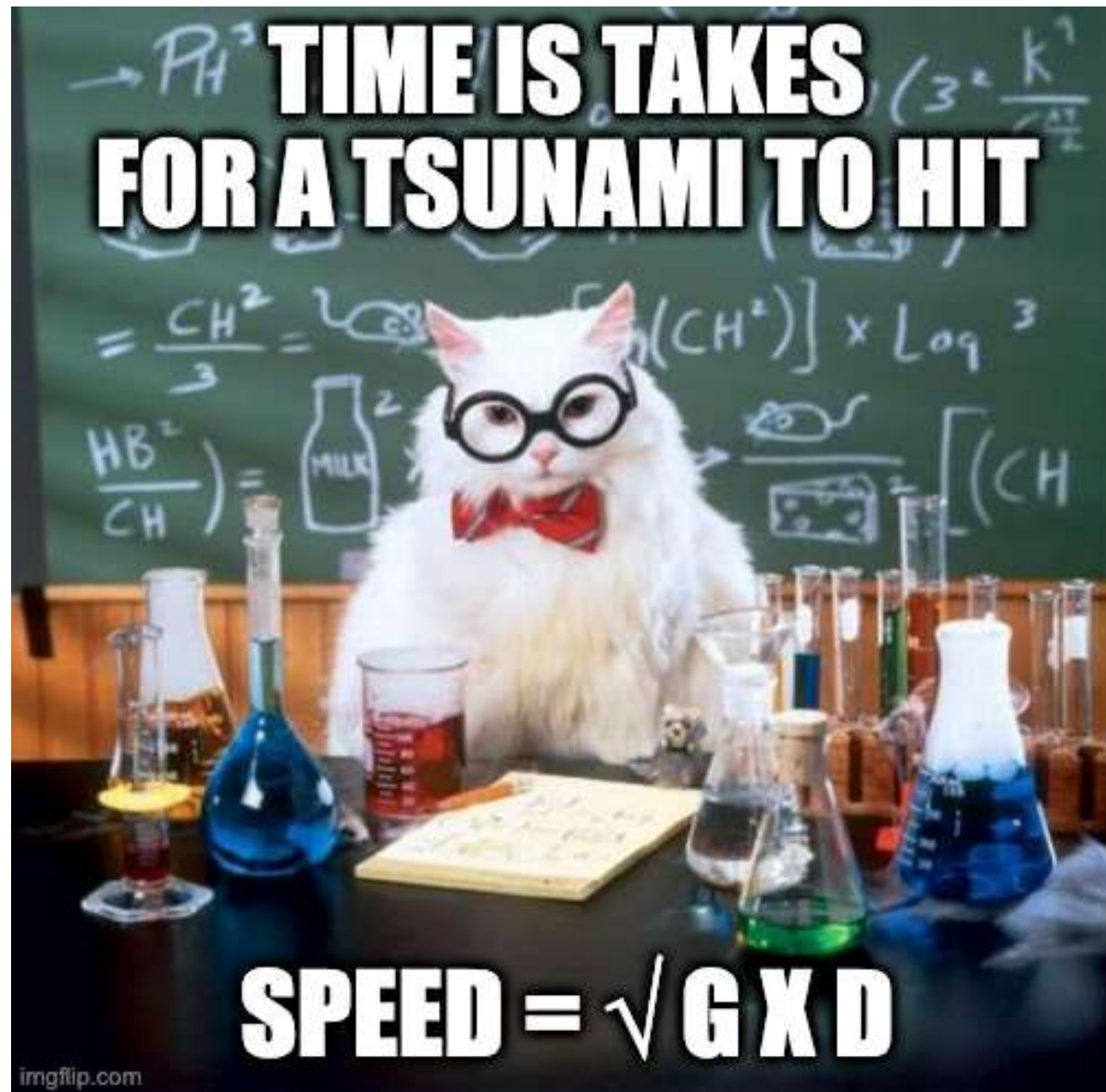
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# How Tsunamis are monitored and reported





1000 meters  
water depth  
= 713 Km/s

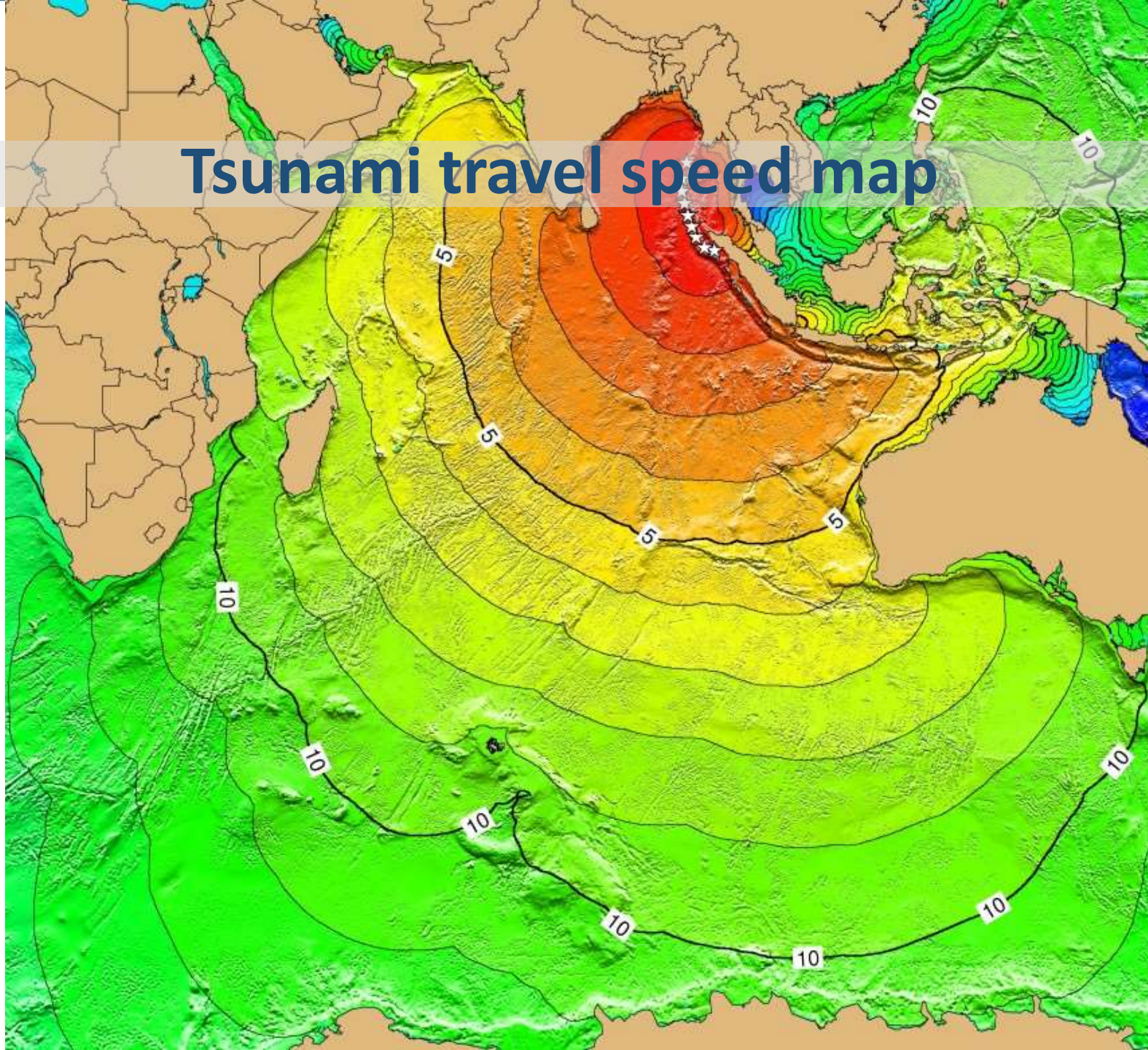
4000 meters  
water depth  
= 198 m/s

$$g = 9.81$$

d = Depth of water



# Tsunami travel speed map



Map contours: 1-hour  
intervals:  
Red: 1-4 hour arrival  
times

Yellow: 5-6 hour arrival  
times

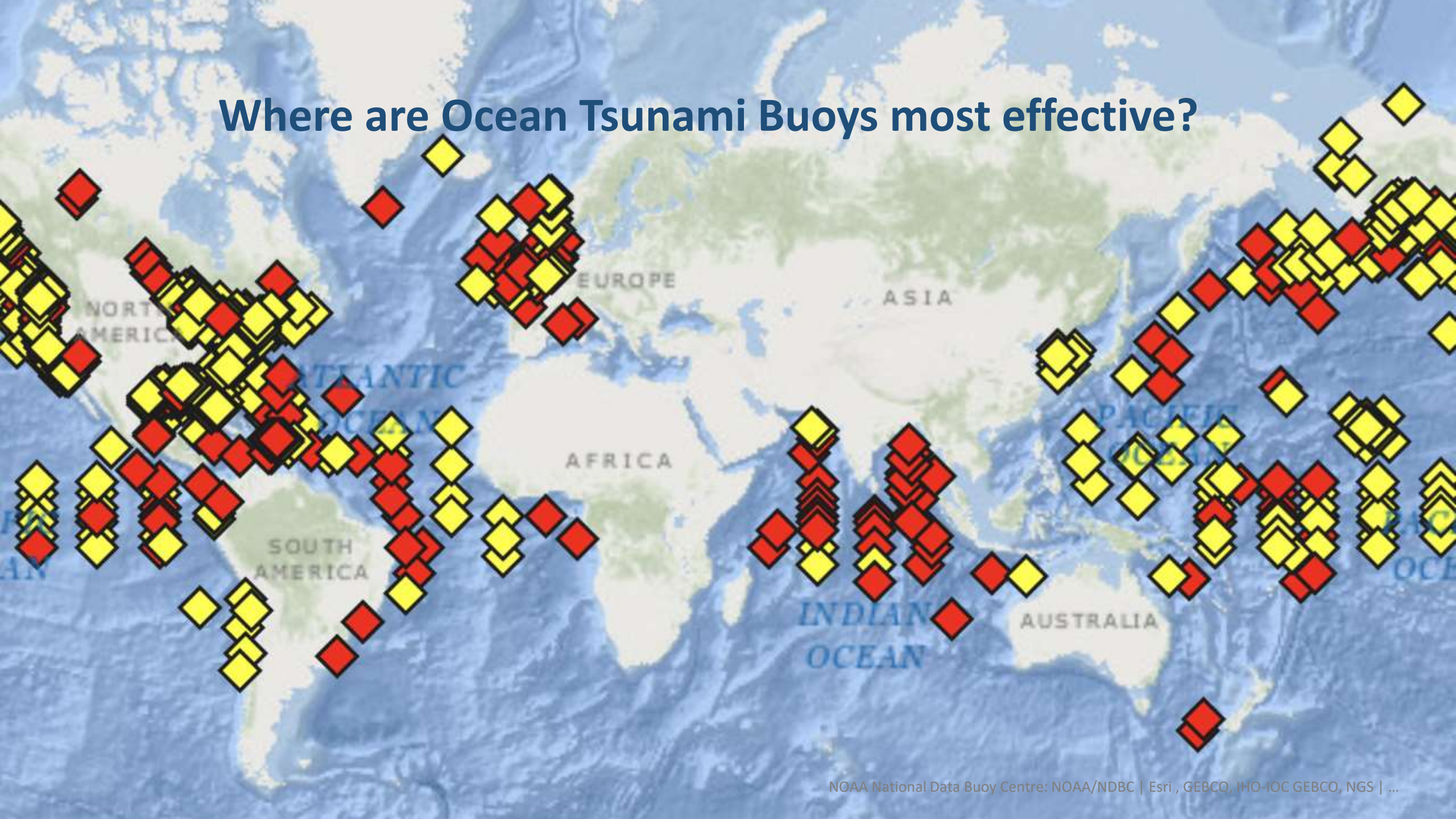
Green: 7-14 hour  
arrival times

Blue: 15-21 hour  
arrival times

[https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/hazard/tsu\\_travel\\_time\\_event\\_shtml](https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/hazard/tsu_travel_time_event_shtml)



# Where are Ocean Tsunami Buoys most effective?

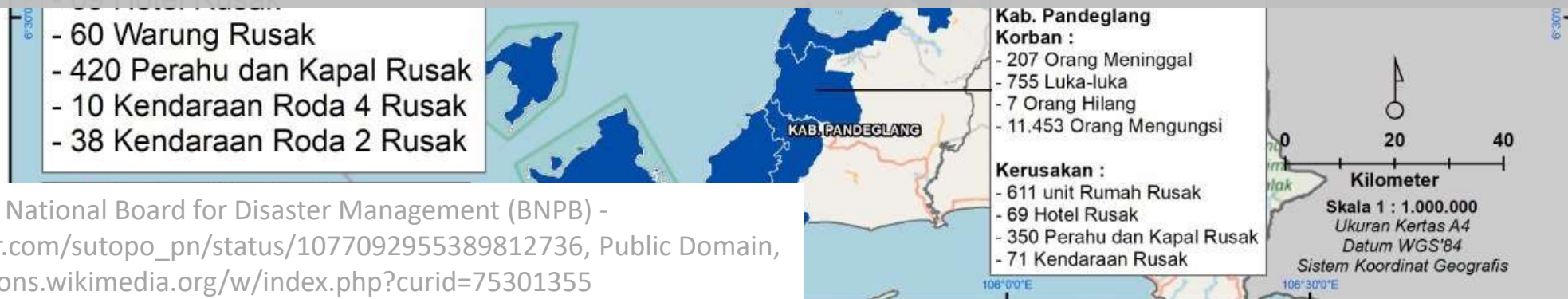




## 2 x tsunami strikes in 2018



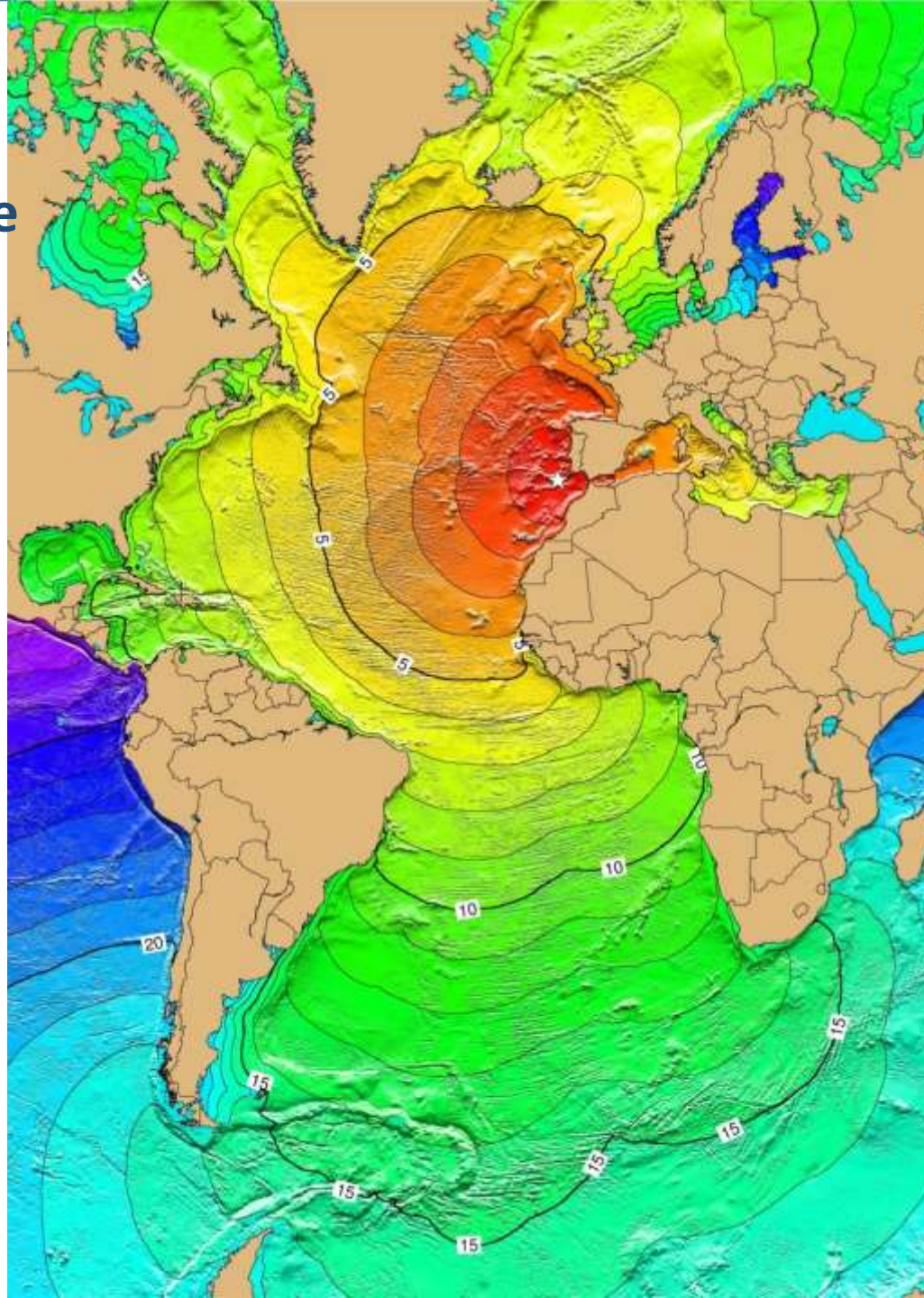
Warning sent but it wasn't accurate as the tsunami was triggered by a volcano landslide. The installed tidal gauges weren't able to distinguish the tsunami from the high tide and the deep water buoys weren't monitoring.



By Indonesian National Board for Disaster Management (BNPB) -  
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## Tsunami's in Europe



Map contours: 1-hour  
intervals:  
Red: 1-4 hour arrival times  
Yellow: 5-6 hour arrival times  
Green: 7-14 hour arrival  
times  
Blue: 15-21 hour arrival times



A high-angle, black and white photograph of a massive, dense crowd of people. The individuals are packed closely together, filling the entire frame. Most people are seen from the back or in profile, looking in various directions. The crowd appears to be at an outdoor event or gathering. A semi-transparent grey banner is overlaid across the upper portion of the image, containing white text.

# Another societal challenge from lack of deep ocean observations

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# Global Deep Ocean Temperature

A world map showing deep ocean temperature. The landmasses are in black, and the oceans are colored in a gradient from dark blue to light blue, representing temperature variations. The title "Global Deep Ocean Temperature" is overlaid in white text at the top left.

Credit: Imagery processed by the NASA Earth Observations (NEO) team in collaboration with Gene Feldman and Norman Kuring, NASA OceanColor Group.



# We need more data!



Long term data sets  
for:

- Climate modelling
- Weather forecasting
- AI and all that

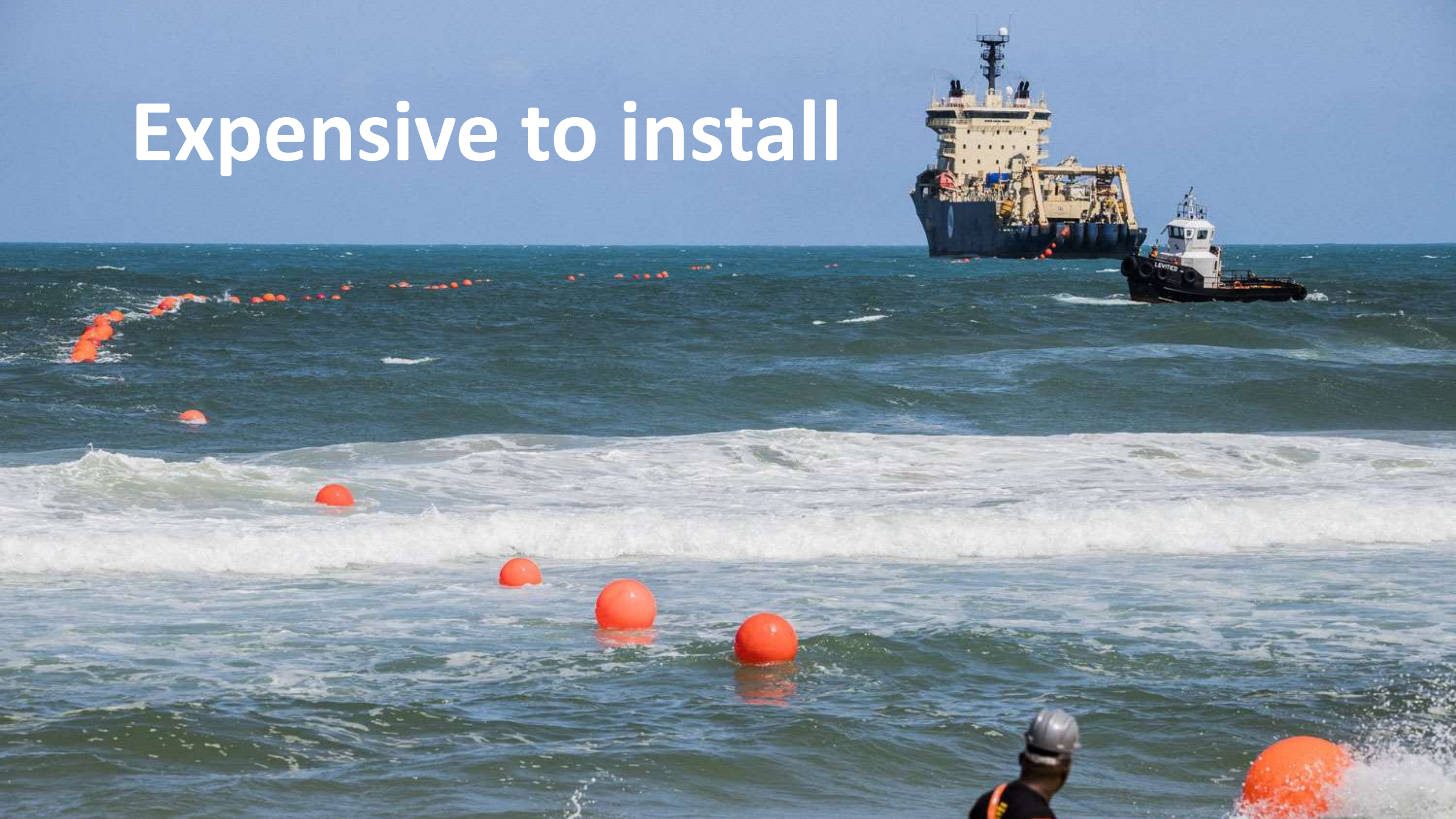


# What about dedicated infrastructure?





# Expensive to install





# Expensive to maintain





# Who pays?





# Who is responsible?







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# What about Space?

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# This isn't just a theoretical problem

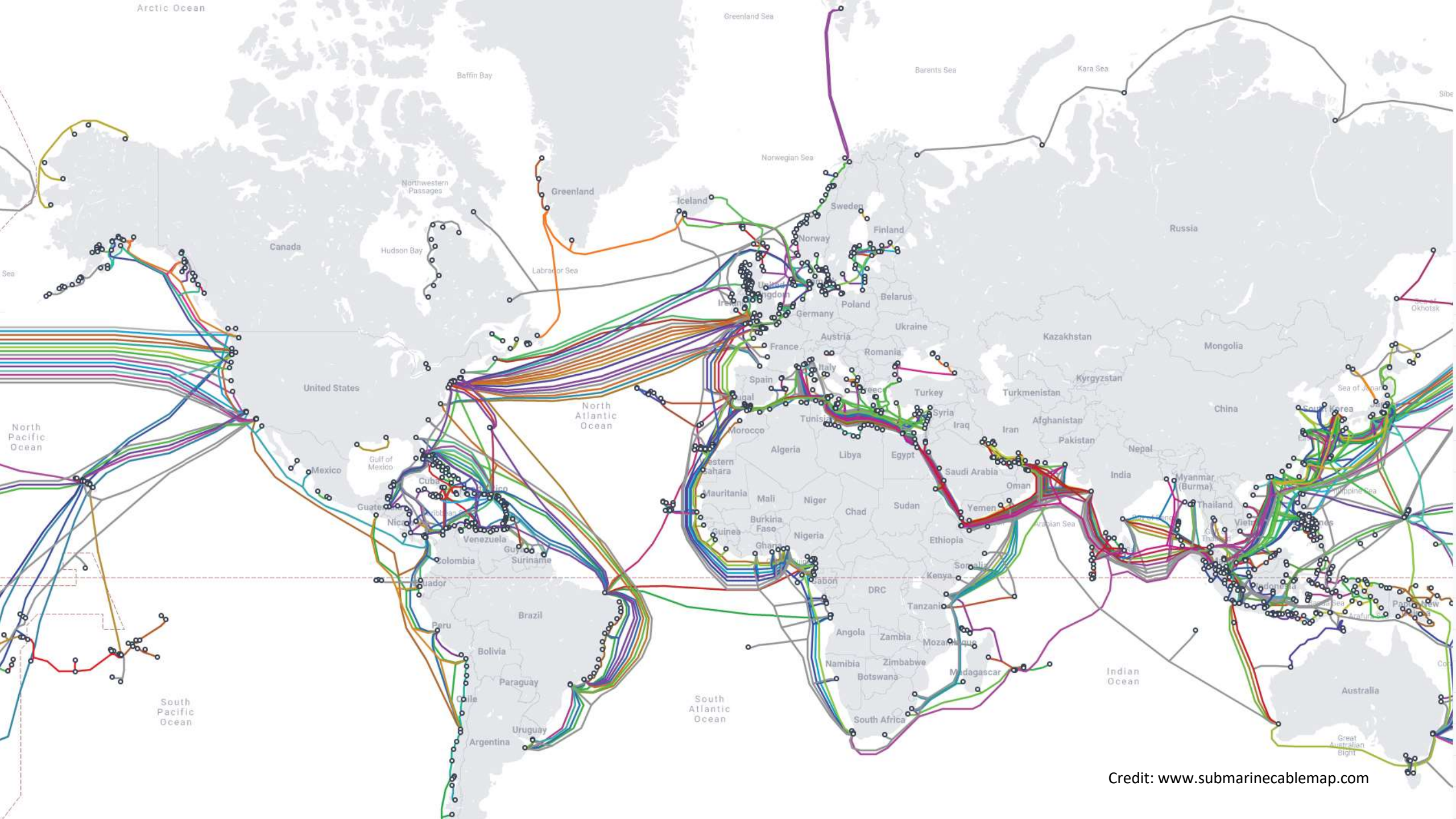


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# Science Monitoring And Reliable Telecommunications

## SMART Cables Partner Organizations and Endorsements



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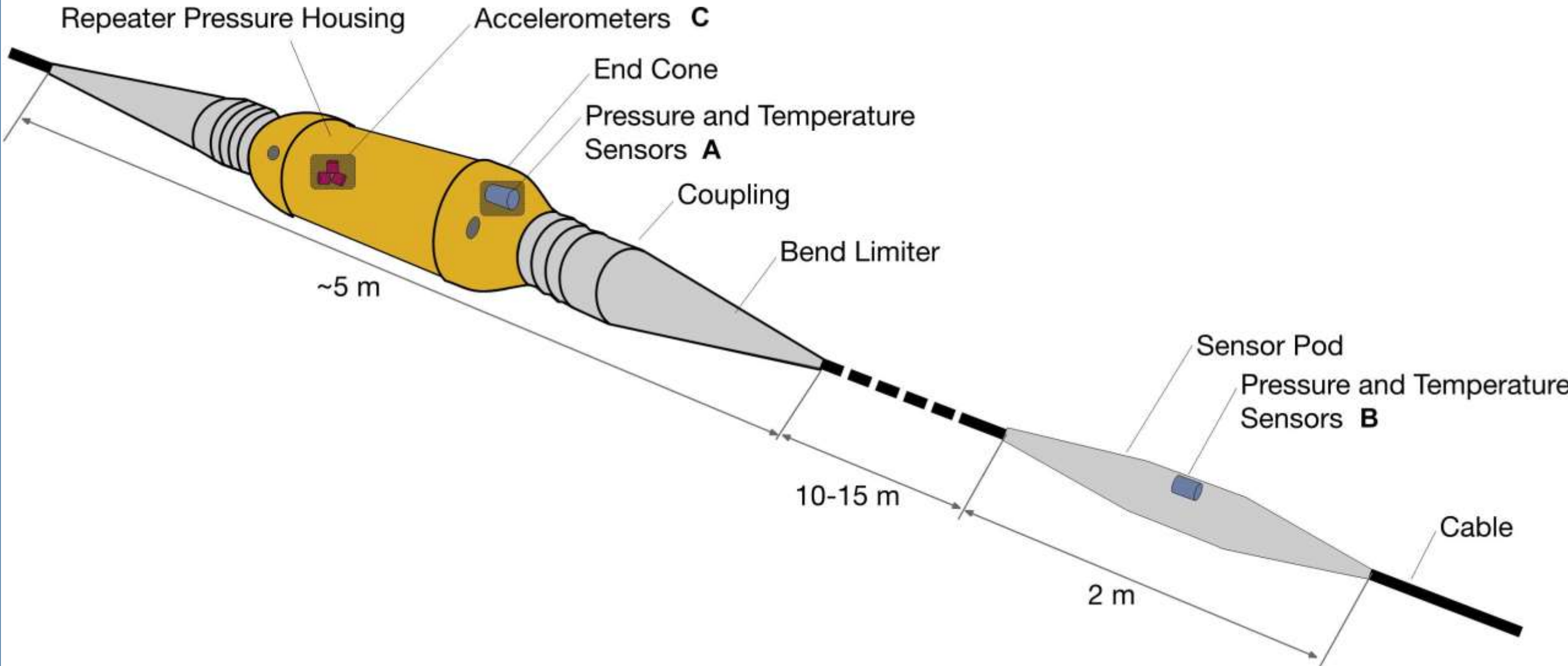


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# SMART Cable concept



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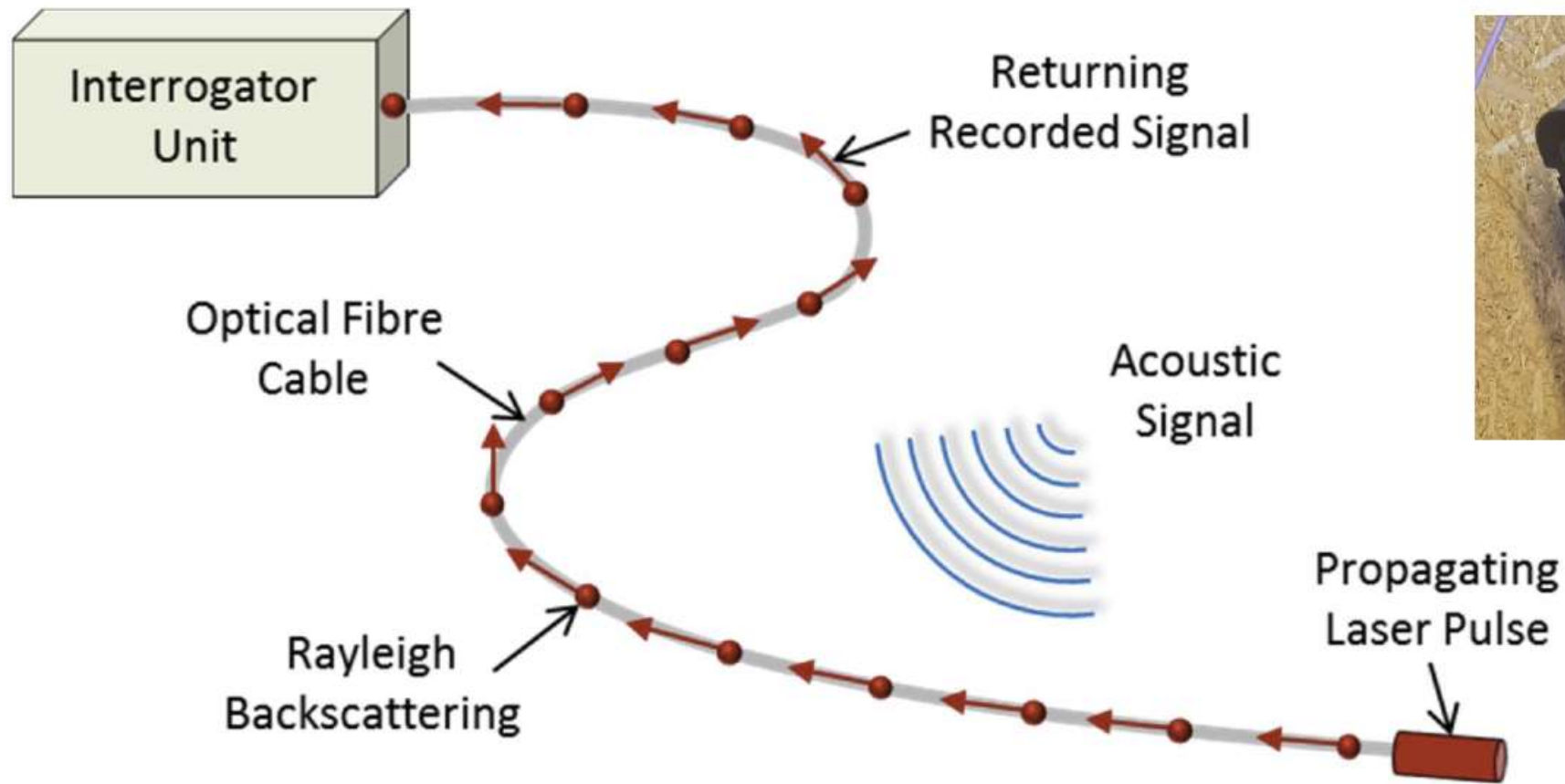


# Is there another way?

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# DAS: Distributed Acoustic Sensing

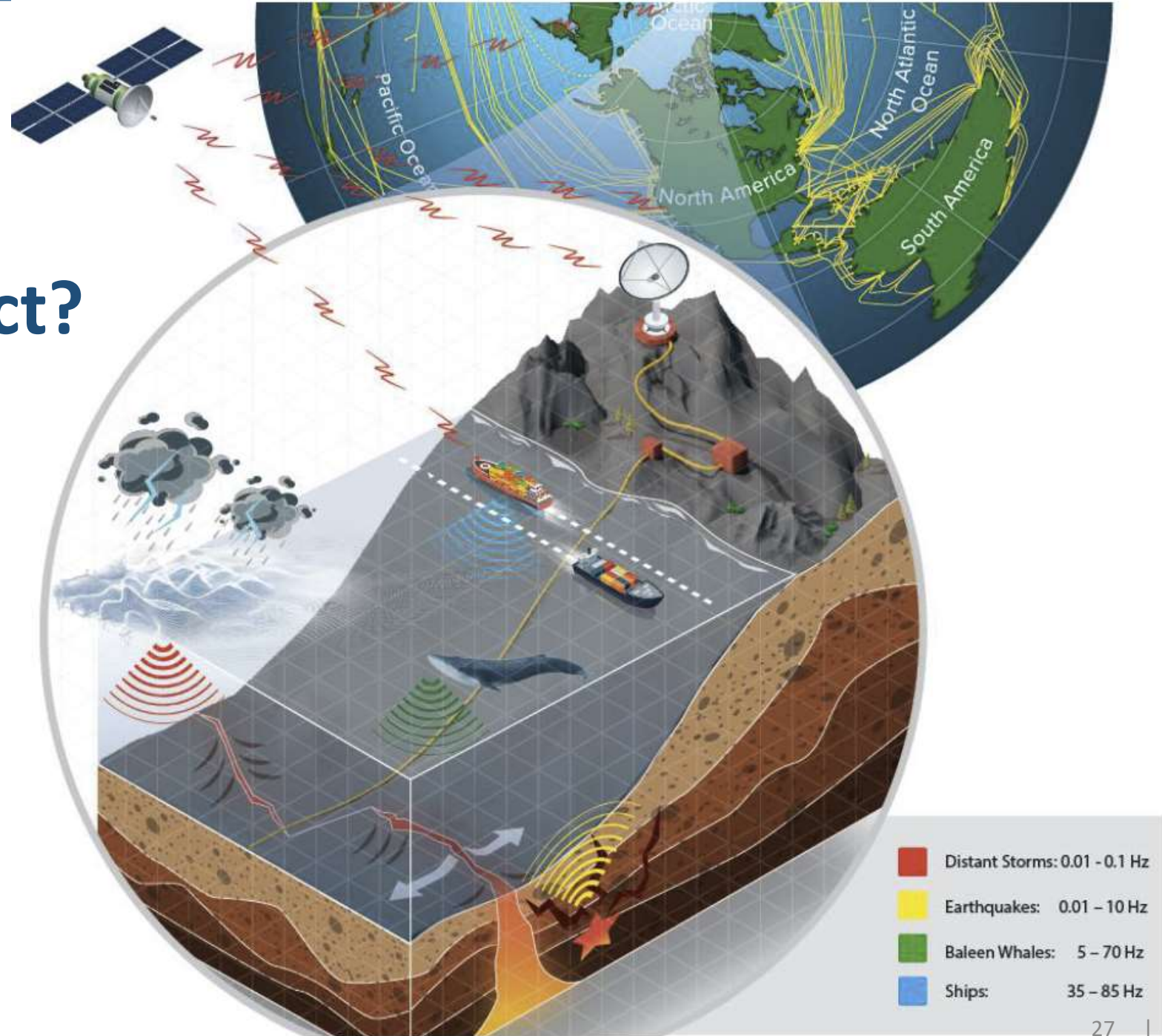


Can also measure transmitted signal or perform polarization analysis at the end of the fibre: SOP

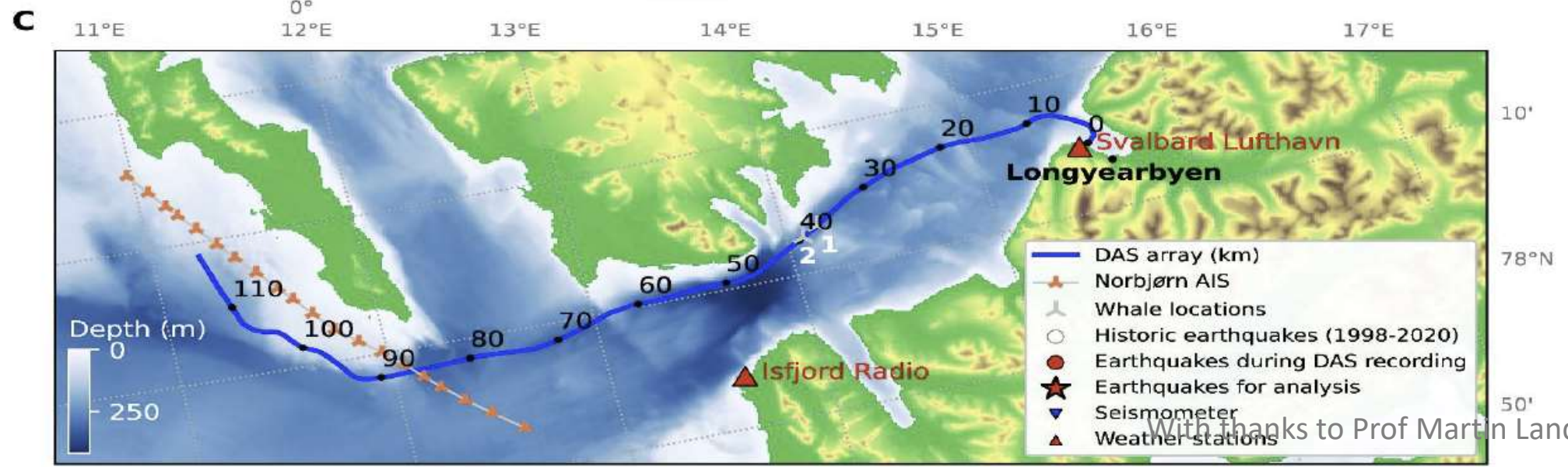
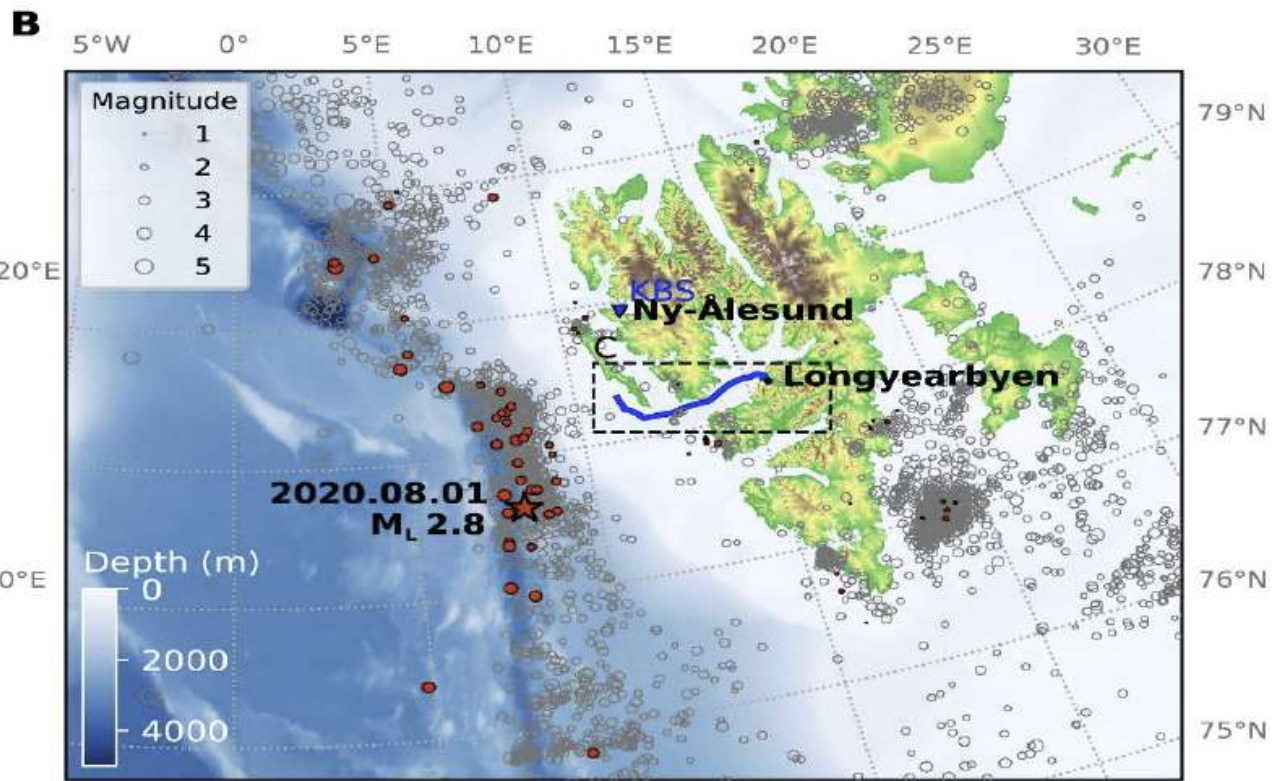
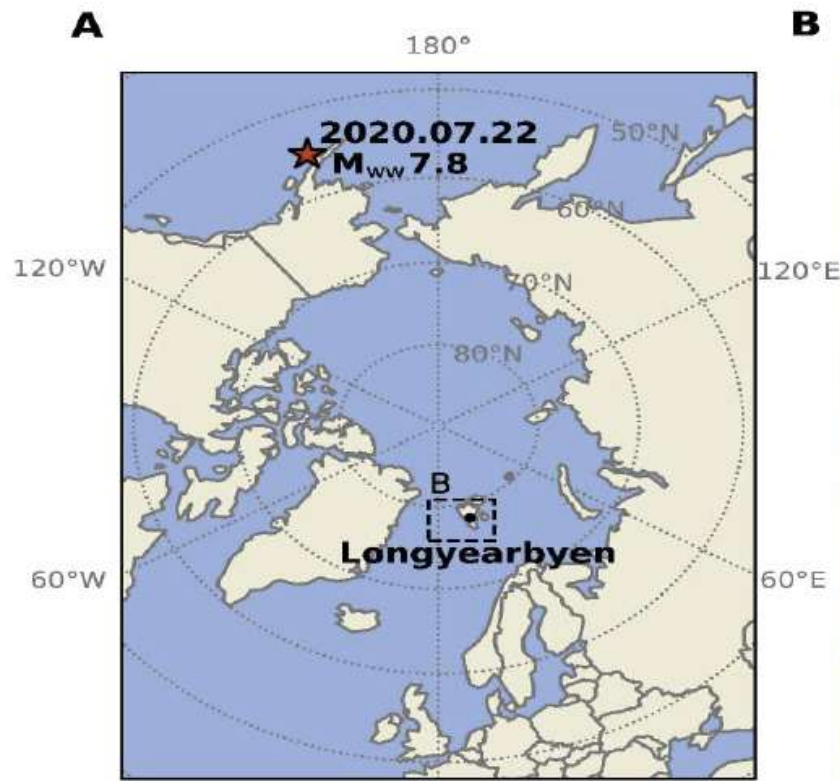


# What can DAS detect?

- Wales
- Storms
- Ships
- Earthquakes
- And more

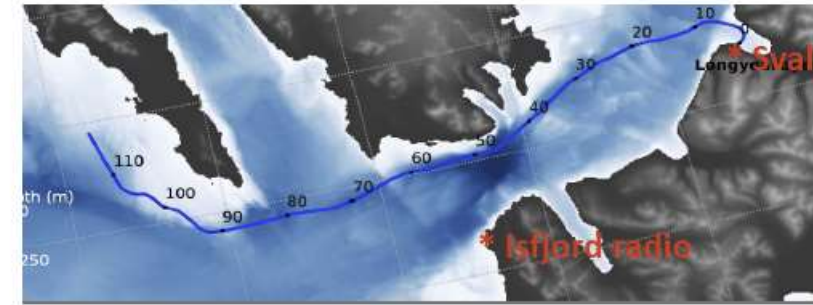
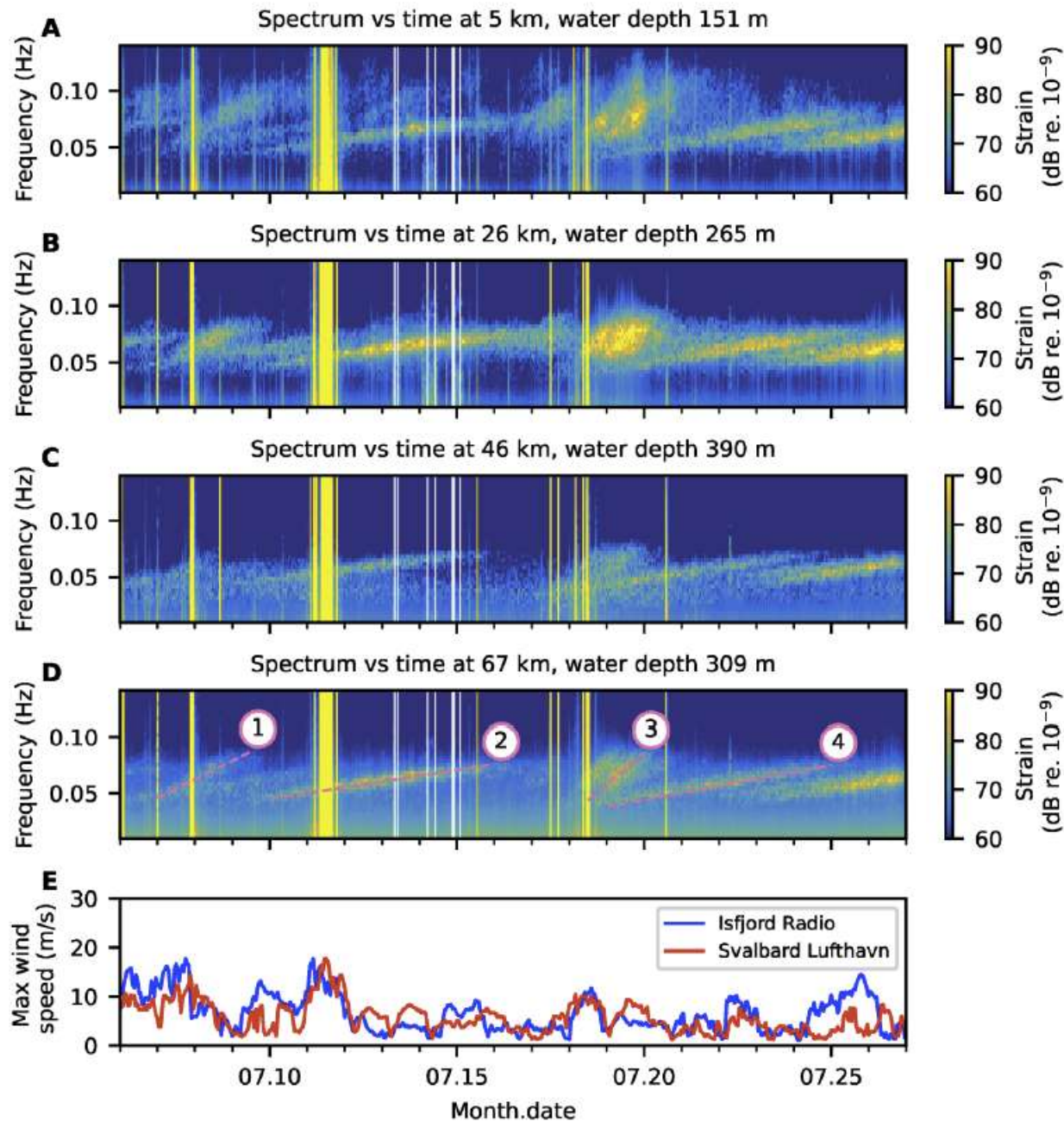






With thanks to Prof Martin Landrø, NTNU





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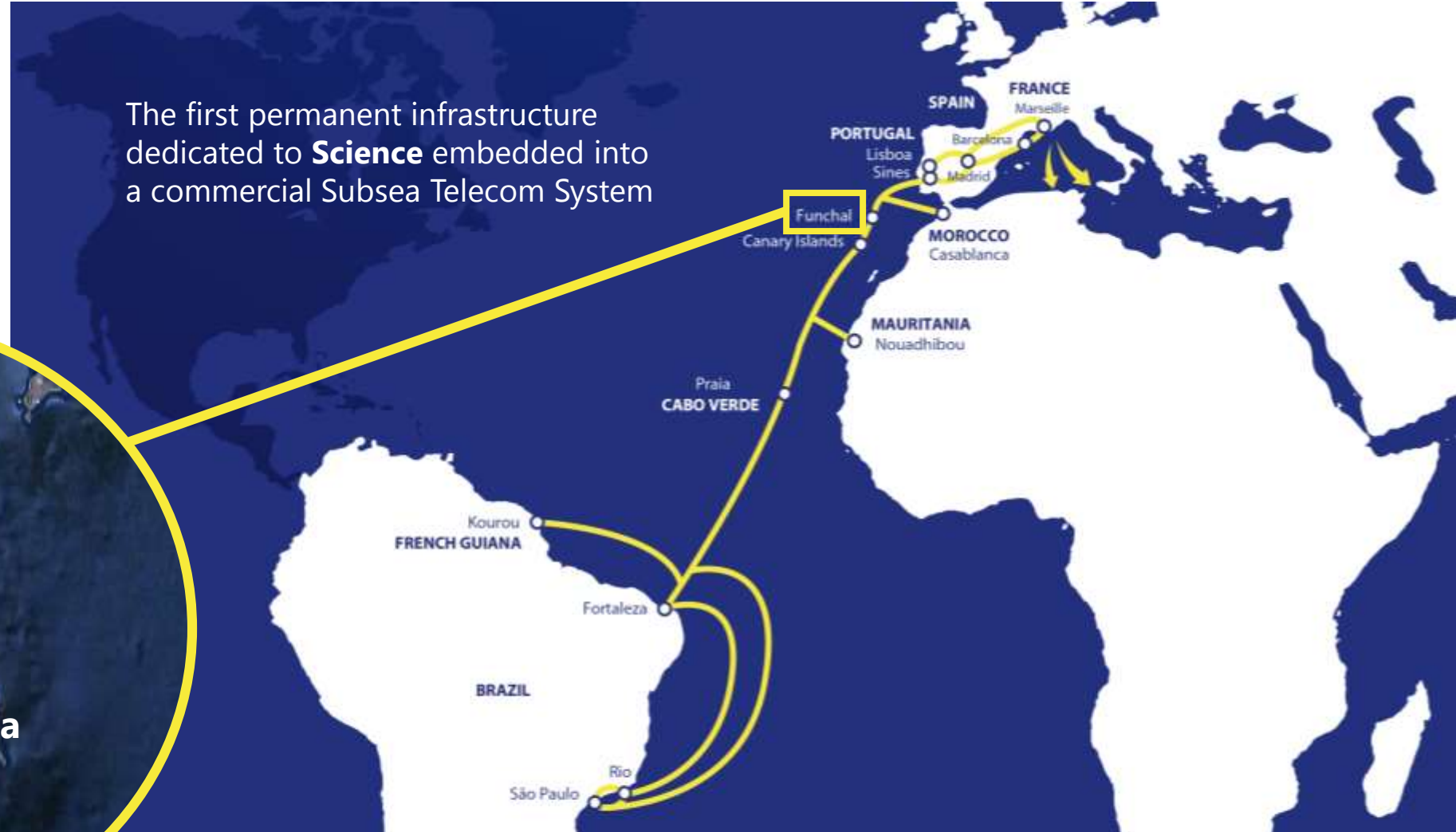
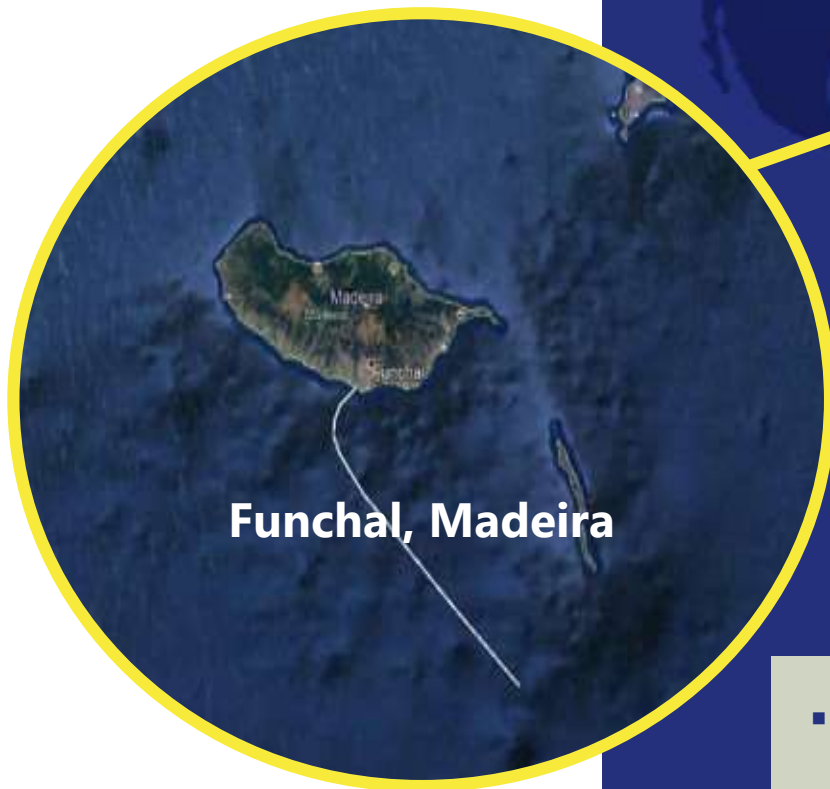
$$\chi = \frac{g}{4\pi \left( \frac{df}{dt} \right)}$$

- 1: Edouard 4100 km
- 2: Offshore Brazil, 13000 km
- 3: Storm between Iceland and Greenland 2400 km
- 4: Offshore Brazil, 11 000 km



# GeoLab

The first permanent infrastructure dedicated to **Science** embedded into a commercial Subsea Telecom System



- Seismology, volcanology, marine ecology, and oceanic conditions are key to understanding the future of our planet.
- **EllaLink GeoLab** initiative aims to provide the scientific community with real-time, accurate and relevant data on seabed conditions along the EllaLink cable route.
- EllaLink is the **first telecoms submarine cable to integrate SMART cable** concepts.

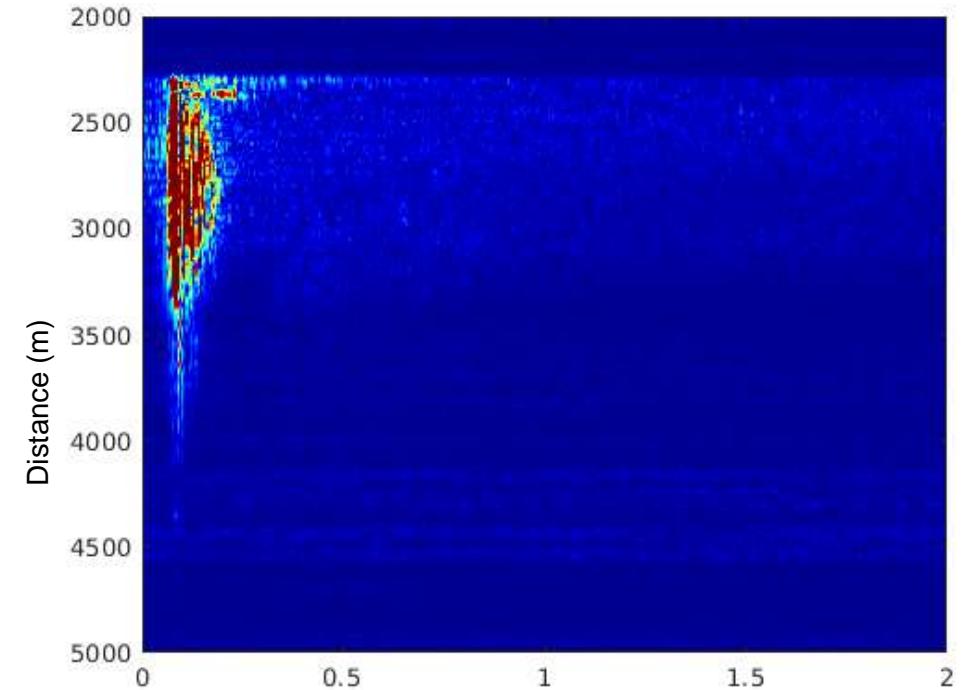
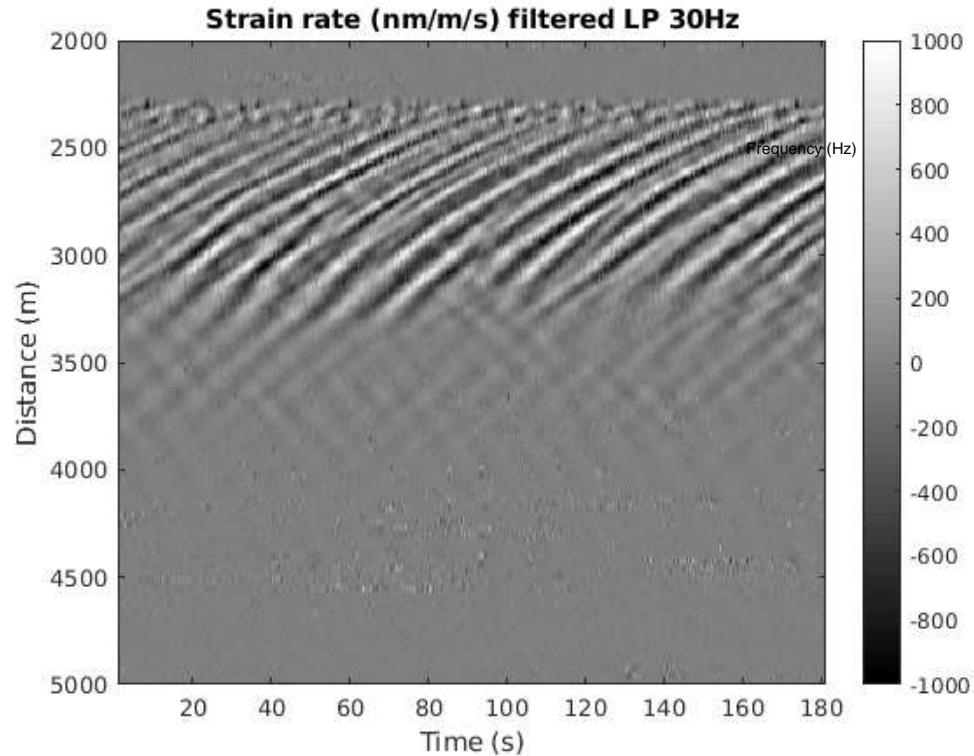




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## Some initial results with a DAS at GeoLab



Left: Strain rate recorded at the entrance of the fibre in the water (2.25km) filtered with a low-pass filter at 30Hz. The shallow water ends after around 4.5km of cable. Right: Frequency content of strain rate signal along the fibre.



A black dog, possibly a Labrador, is looking up at the camera with its large, expressive brown eyes. The dog is positioned in the center-right of the frame, sitting on a light-colored wooden floor. To the left, a portion of a white, curved object, likely a piece of furniture or a lamp, is visible. The background is slightly blurred, showing a white vent on the floor and a dark object in the distance.

**Dedicated cable required?**

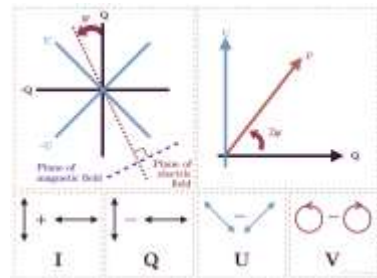
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## The other technique – State of Polarisation (SoP)



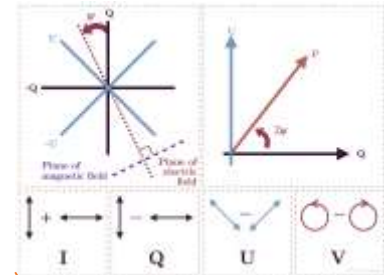
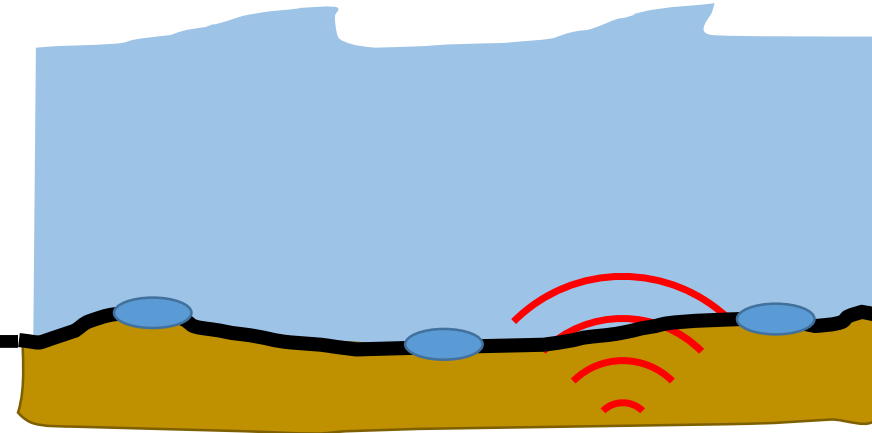
Normal telecoms traffic



Stokes Parameter

DWDM  
Optical  
Transponder

Fibre optic Submarine telecom cable



Stokes Parameter

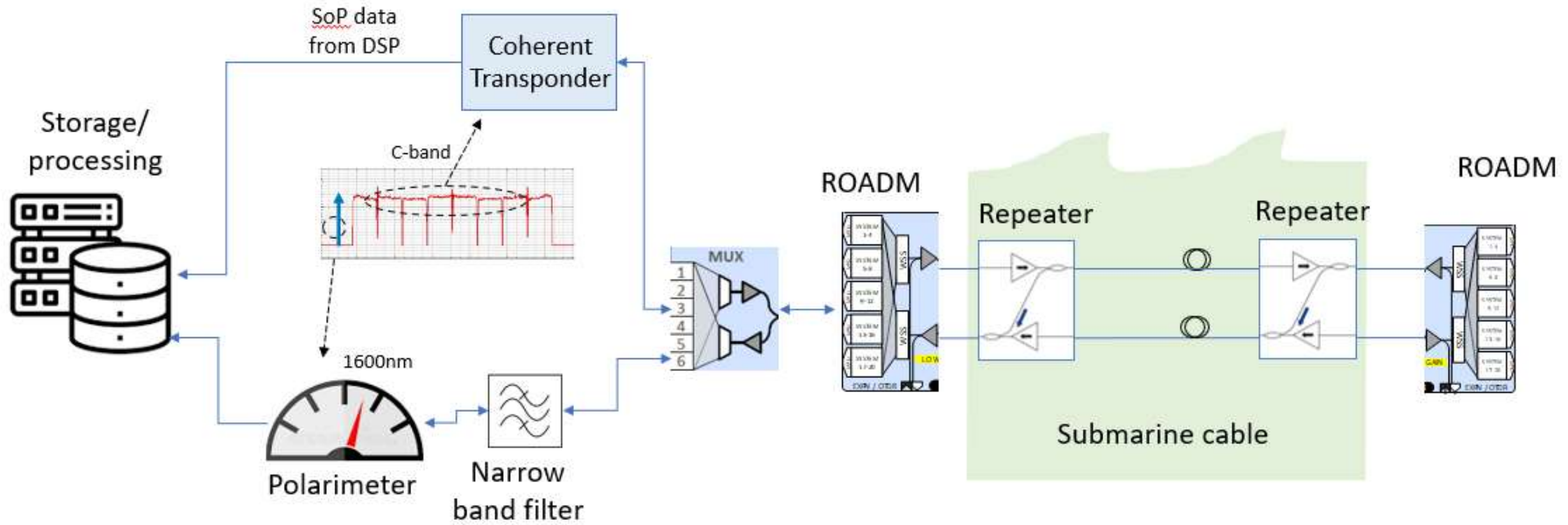
DWDM  
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Carrier phase and polarization can be recovered from the DSP outputs.



# SOP OTDR

## Sate of Polarization testing



## SOP OFDR

Optical phase and polarization changes can be recorded across individual cable spans (the cable spans between repeaters) based on the frequency difference between the laser source and repeater units.

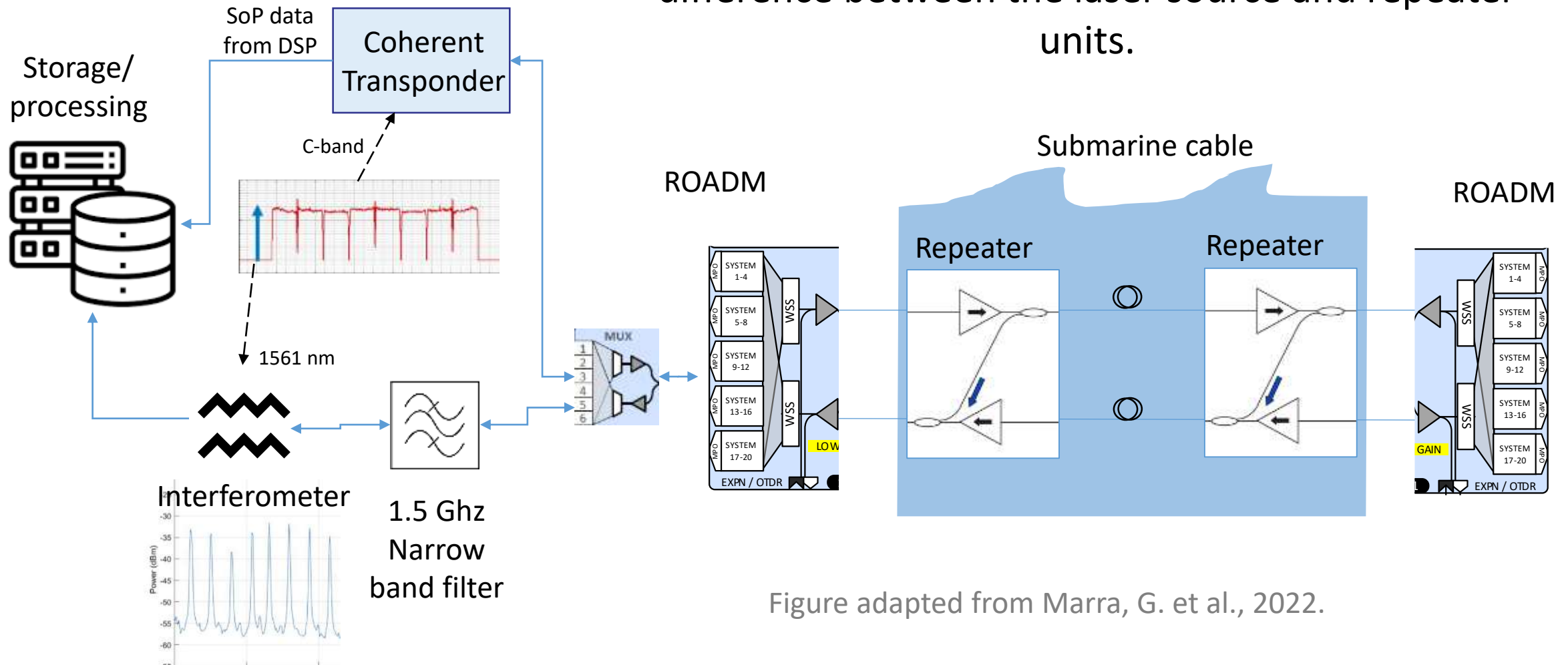
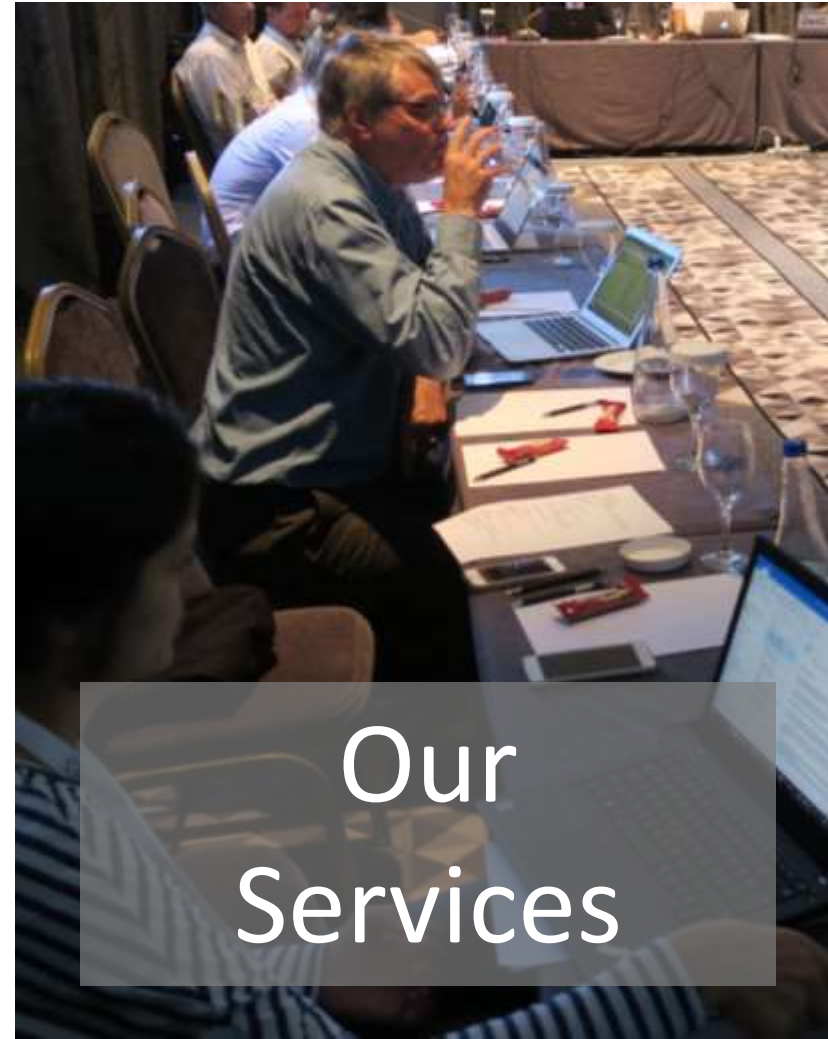


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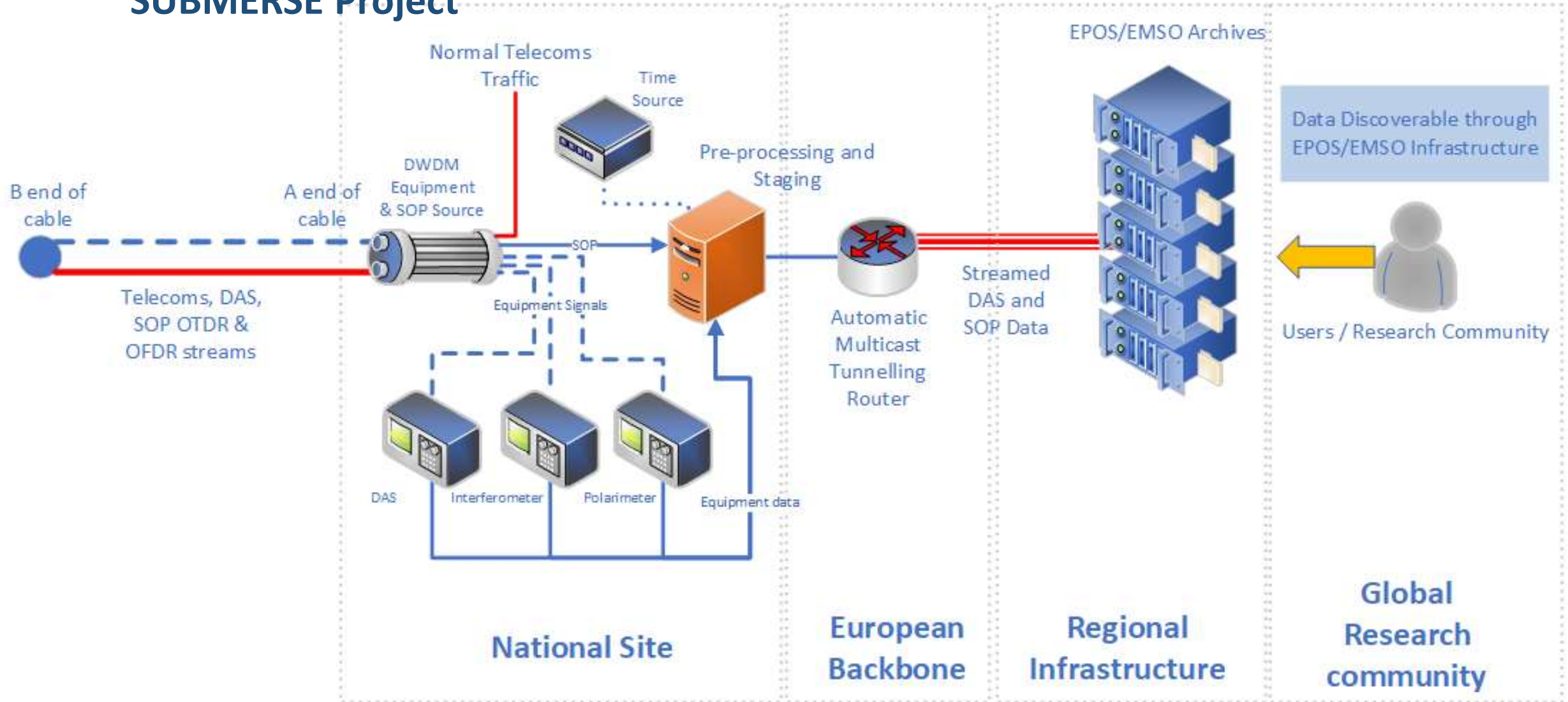




# SOP and DAS – New services we can offer to researchers?



# SUBMERSE Project

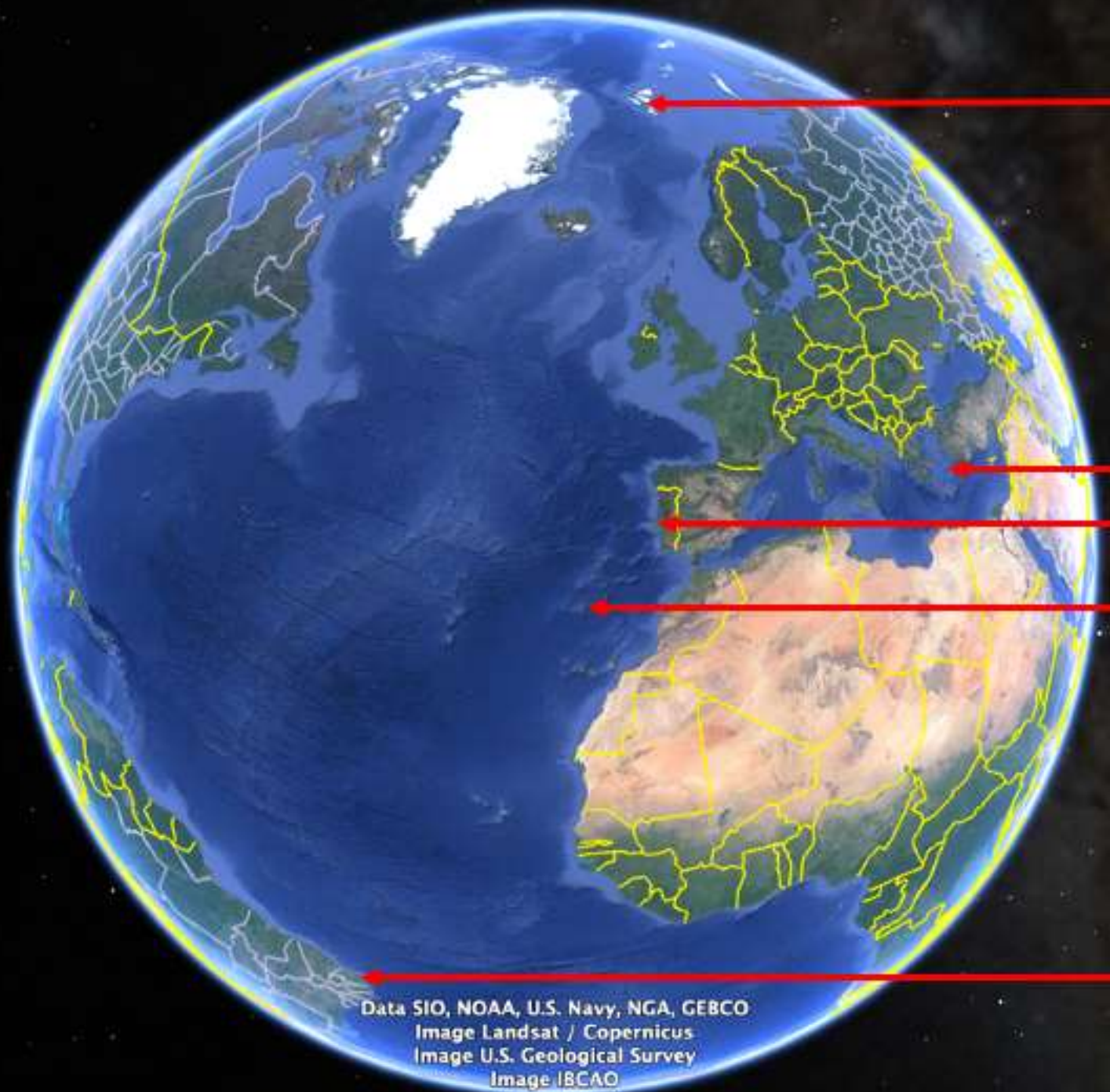




# Indicative Site Locations

Primary sites  
would have  
both DAS,  
SOP and SOP  
OTDR

Secondary  
sites would  
not have all  
experiments



Svalbard, Norway  
(DAS, SOP, SOP OTDR)

Rhodes, Greece  
(DAS, SOP, SOP OTDR)

Sines, Portugal  
(DAS, SOP, SOP OTDR)

Madeira, Portugal  
(DAS)

Fortaleza, Brazil  
(SOP, SOP OTDR)

Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO  
Image Landsat / Copernicus  
Image U.S. Geological Survey  
Image IBCAO



# My challenge to you



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# Thank You

Any questions?

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