WP2 Meeting, Paris 10-11 December

Goals :

make a status on the on-going optimization work,

discuss on the priorities: we cannot explore all the phase space,

define more clearly the role of WP2 in the DS : which inputs can we really give to the other WPs,

complete the "Who does what" list





Medium properties



Scattering : same model for all

OM characteristics





Generation of atmospheric muons (5-10h) and of neutrinos

50 kHz of noise, try at 100 kHz to test some filtering

Reconstruction : Aart Strategy adapted for NEMO / χ^2 + KF from HOU

Cuts on : Λ and on the number of the intermediate tracks compatible in angle.

Tested configurations : Hexagonal layout with 110 m / 130 m between lines Bar length 8 m / 10 m

Antares depth



Which cuts to have a number of mis-reconstructed atmospheric muons (i.e. reconstructed as up-going) close to 10% of the up-going atmospheric neutrinos ?



10m length, NEMO water, 23 % QE, 10", 130 m between towers



8m length, NEMO water, 23 % QE, 10", 130 m between towers



8m length, ANTARES water, 35 % QE, 10", 130 m between towers



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Tight cuts are required to have a number of misreconstructed atmospheric muons (i.e. reconstructed as up-going) close to 10% of the upgoing atmospheric neutrinos



At least 2 compatible tracks

Effective area



At least 2 compatible tracks

Resolution (median)



Sensititvity estimates (point sources)

Rough : I assume that misreconstructed (up-going) atm muons are flat in $cos(\theta)$

Test flux : $E^2 \Phi = 2.25 \ 10^{-8} \ Gev/cm^{-2}/s$

The normalisation value is arbitrary : the sensitivity will be fixed by MRF : $<\mu_{_{90}}>/n_{_s}$.

Fixed cuts :

cone aperture : 3 x resol (median~0.2°) = 0.6° number of compatible tracks : 2

Running cut : Λ

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100 kHz , filtered



For each configuration, we obtain a sensitivity of about $E^2\Phi=1.5 \ 10^{-9} \ GeV/cm^2/s$ (one year) $\Lambda \ cut @ -5.5$ except for filtered hits: $\Lambda \ cut @ -5$

N compatible tracks @ 2 cone 0.6°

 Λ and compatible tracks cuts are used for the effective area and resolution estimates :

At least 2 compatible tracks

Effective area



At least 2 compatible tracks

Resolution (median)



First conclusions :

Distance between lines is important for atm. muon rejection

Distance between floors (? because not tested) : probably : to be tested

Number/orientation of PMTs in a storey : see presentations in this meeting

Filtering : essential to improve performances, but pdf has to be tuned according to the new set of hits.

Kalman filters + χ^2 : very efficient

Electronics (ex. Waveform to reject atm muons) : not yet tested

Conclusions :

Need to show effective areas together with the rate of mis-reconstructed muon events and/or with the sensitivities to point sources.

A possible (and common) reference is to tune the cuts to have misreconstructed (as up going) atm muon =10% of atmospheric neutrinos : **does not correspond to the best sensitivity**

Phase space long to explore and not very sensitive.

Moreover, the reconstruction and the associated cuts play a fundamental role.

WP2 can give trends and reasonable ranges, but must not give "the" detector.

We have to define these reasonable ranges and to align them with the technical constraints (WPX).