

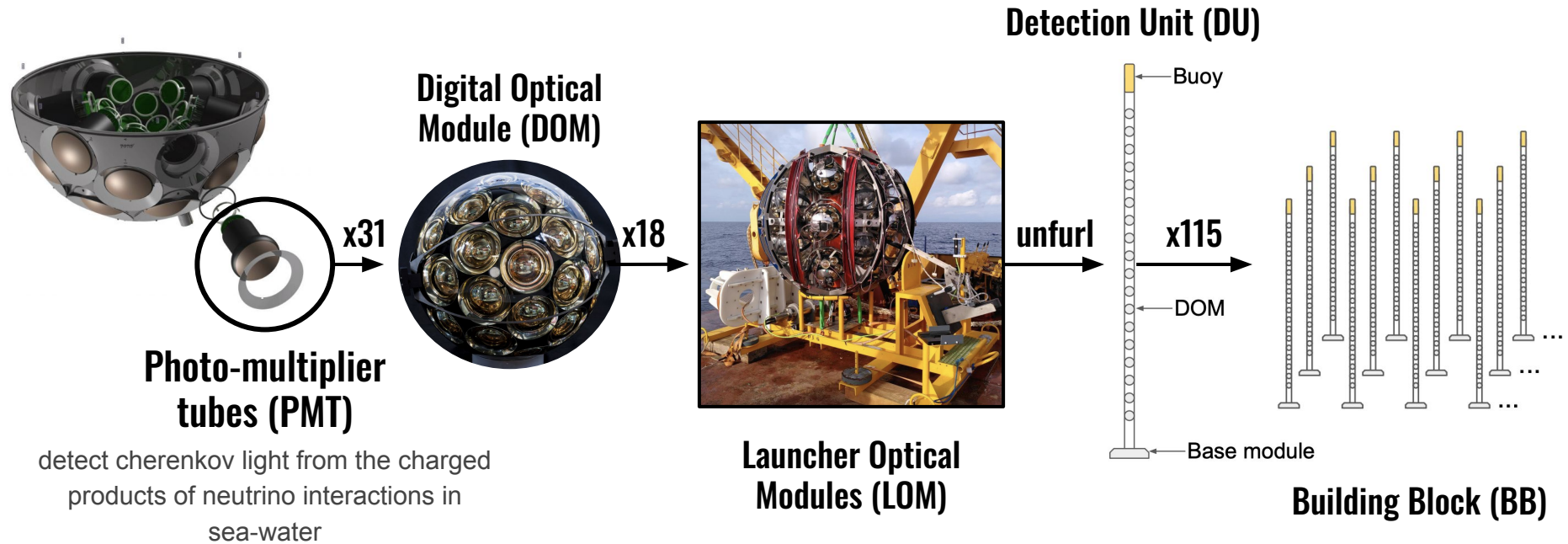
# Observation of tau neutrinos and absolute orientation measurement in KM3NeT

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# KM3NeT



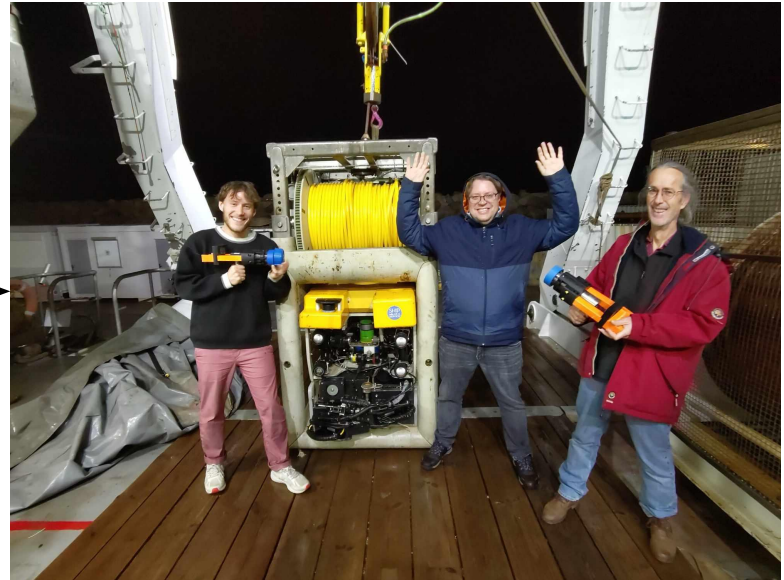
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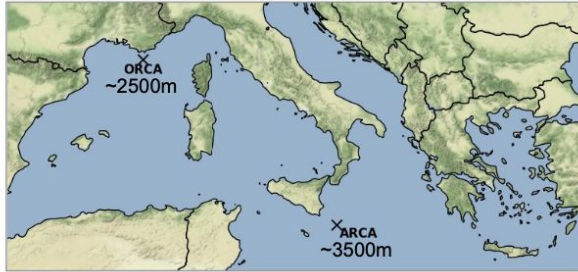
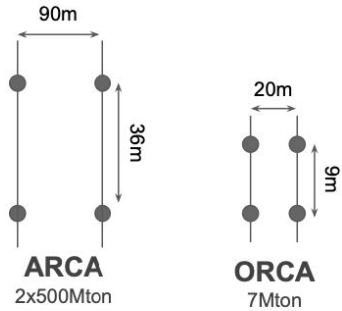


# Building KM3NeT

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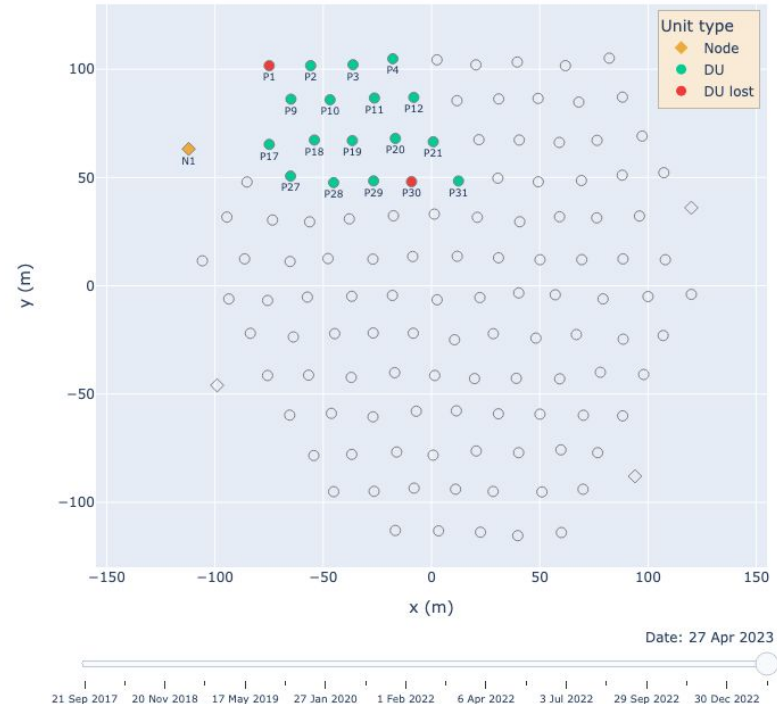


# KM3NeT/ORCA

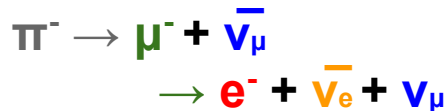
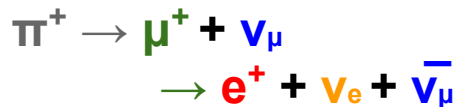
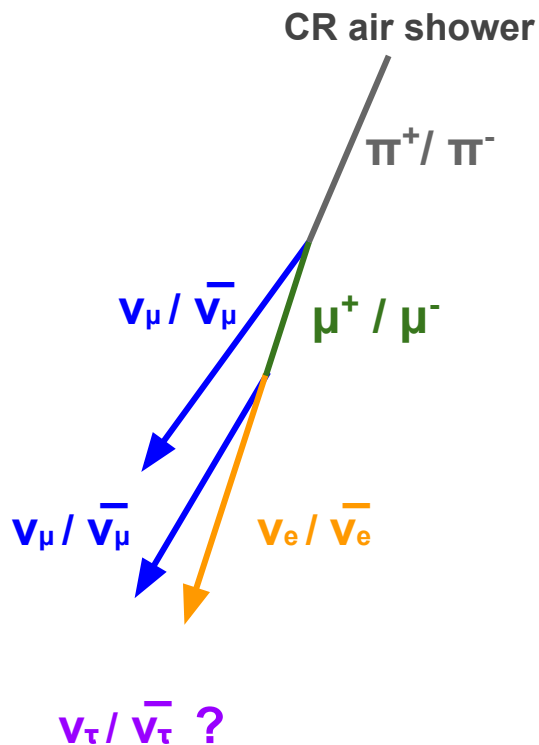


- Dense array (1BB) optimized for **1GeV→500GeV** neutrinos
- Measure atmospheric neutrino oscillation
- GeV/MeV neutrino astronomy
- $< 0.5^\circ$  angular resolution

ORCA detector after SeaOp13  
(detector name D0ORCA018)

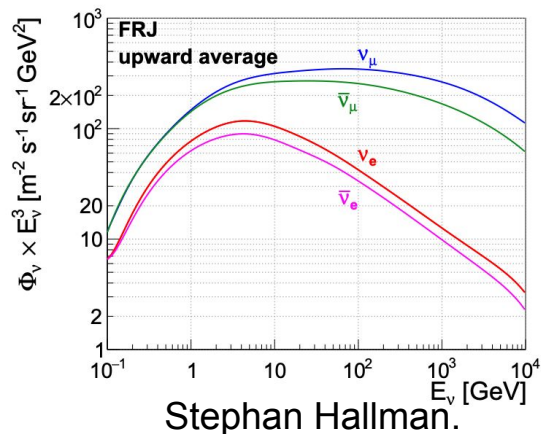


# atmospheric neutrinos



→ **2 : 1 : 0** ratio

- cosmic ray air shower
- neutrinos mostly from pion decay
- no tau neutrinos produced in atm.
- more positive pions → slightly more neutrinos than anti-neutrinos

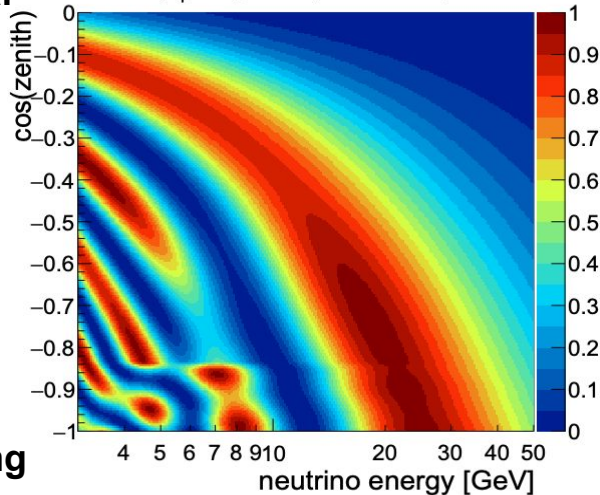


# tau neutrino

- 25 GeV oscillation maximum  $\rightarrow$  tau appearance
- GeV tau neutrinos appear only through oscillations
- effective mass drop below few GeVs

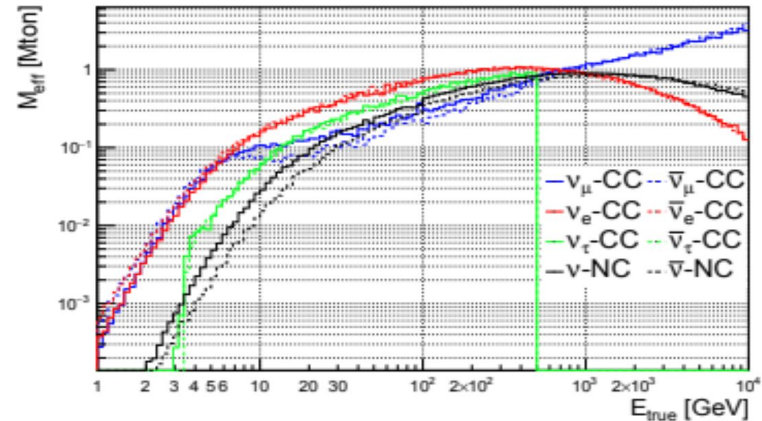
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$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau)$ , NO (PDG 2018)



up-going

shower class





# track shower

tau decay

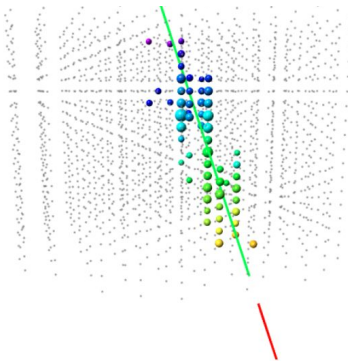
$\tau = 2.9\text{e-}13\text{ s}$

$d = \sim 1\text{mm}$

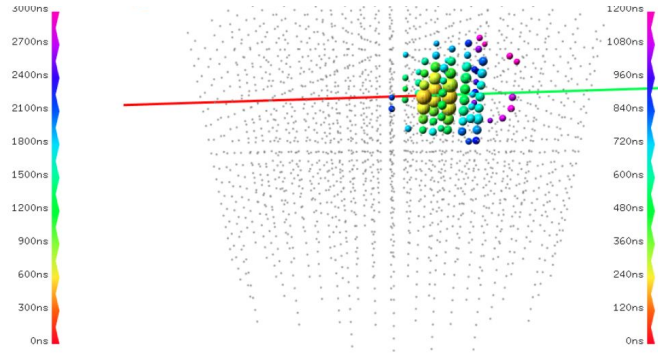
$m_{\text{tau}} = 1.77\text{ GeV}$

$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau$	(17.8%)	} leptonic (35.2%)
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$	(17.4%)	
$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	(25.5%)	} hadronic (64.8%)
$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau$	(10.8%)	
$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	(9.3%)	
$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ \nu_\tau$	(9.0%)	
$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- (> 2\pi) \nu_\tau$	(9.0%)	

tracks



showers

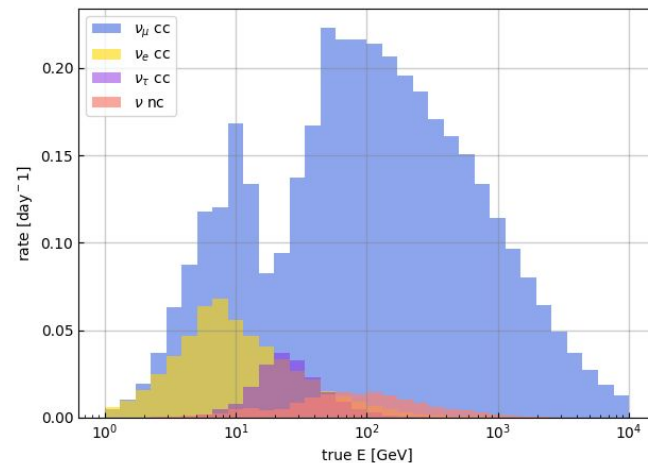


$\nu_\mu \rightarrow$  tracks

$\nu_e \rightarrow$  showers

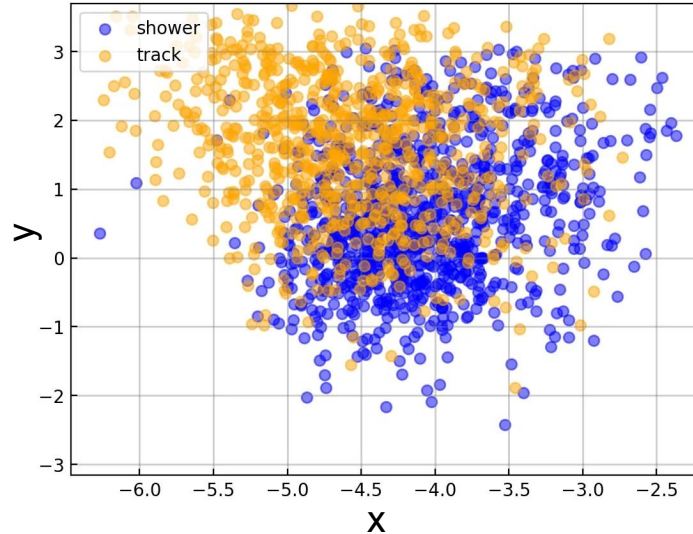
$\nu_\tau \rightarrow$  showers (mostly)

$\nu_{nc} \rightarrow$  showers



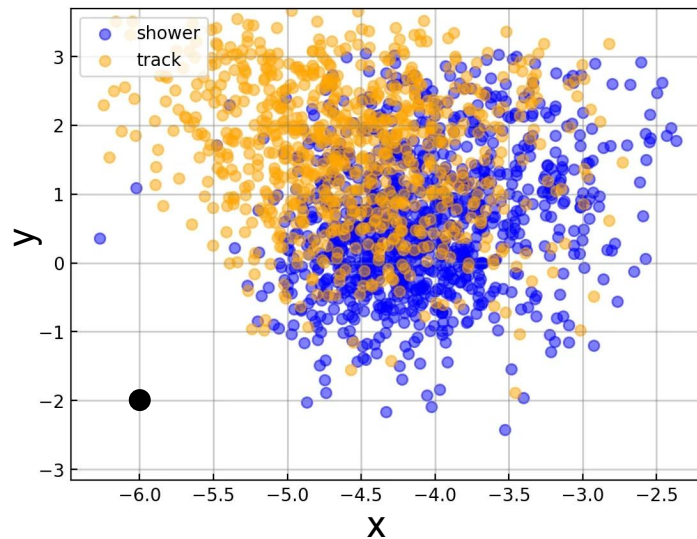
# Random Grid Search principle

separate two  
populations using a set  
of features x, y, z ...

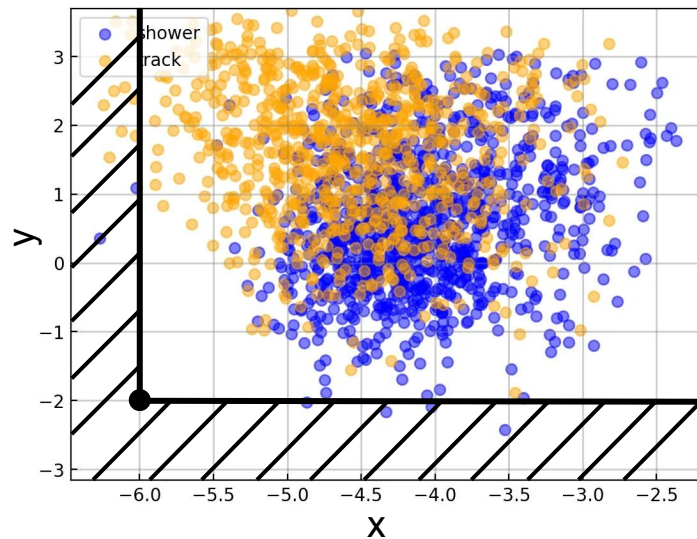




first approach  
→ grid scan



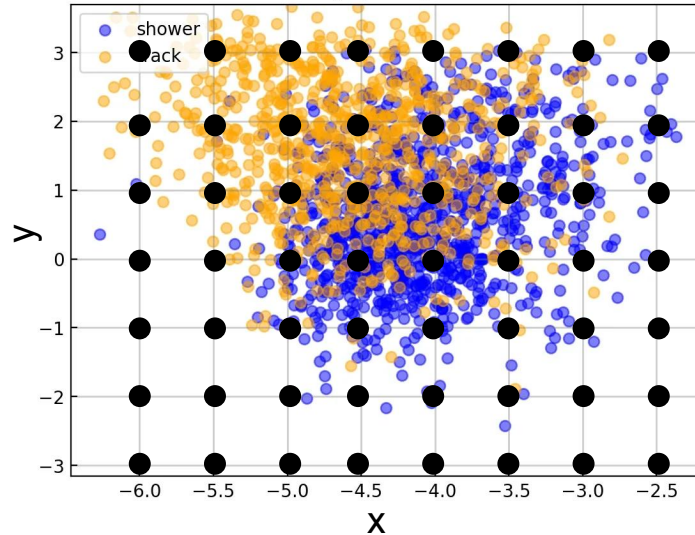
use this selected point  
on the grid to cut on



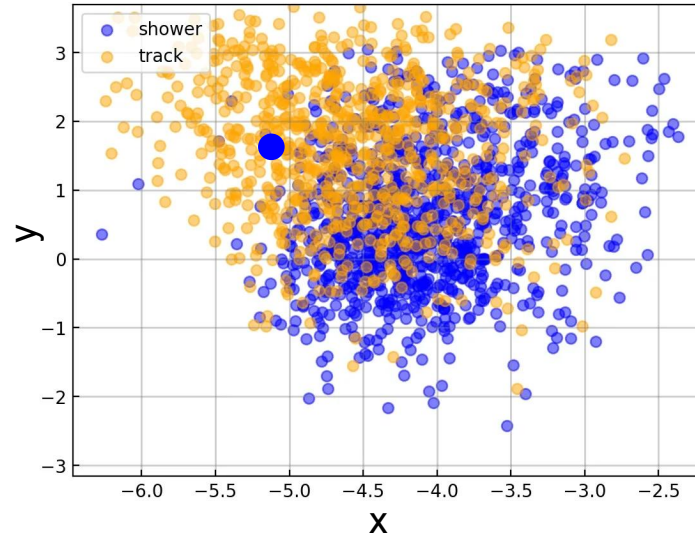
do it for every nodes of  
the grid

→ inefficient search

→ some cuts are  
unworthy to try

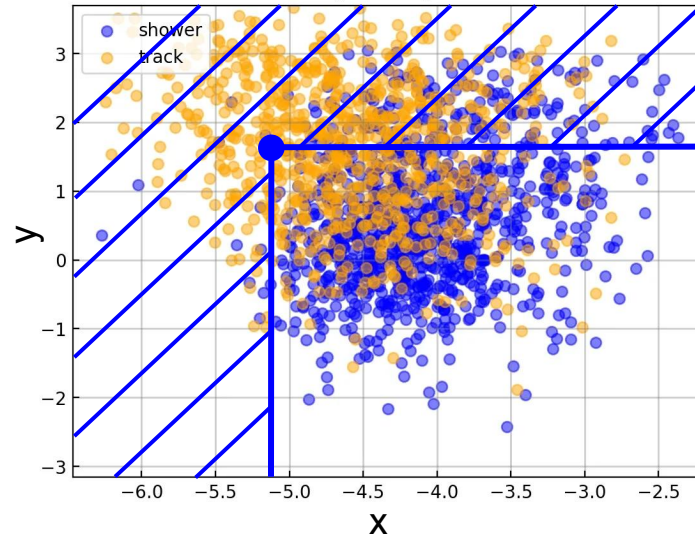


RGS algorithm uses  
the events  
coordinates to cut on



then counts the number  
of blues & orange points  
before & after the cut

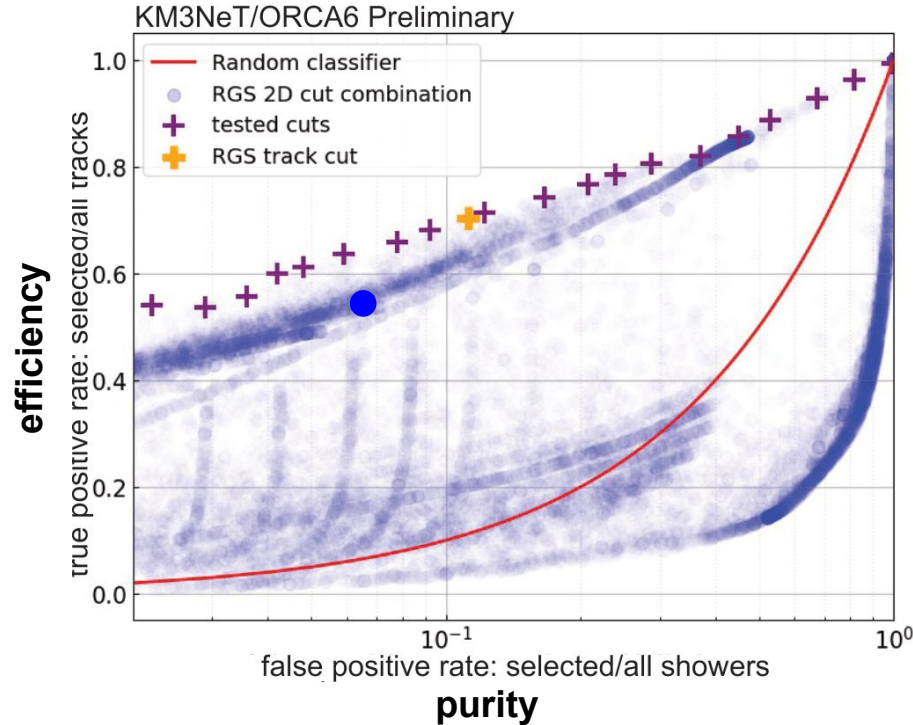
repeat it for every event



# RGS performance

each point is a set of cuts  
applied consecutively

the best points are used  
to test the sensitivity to the  
measurement

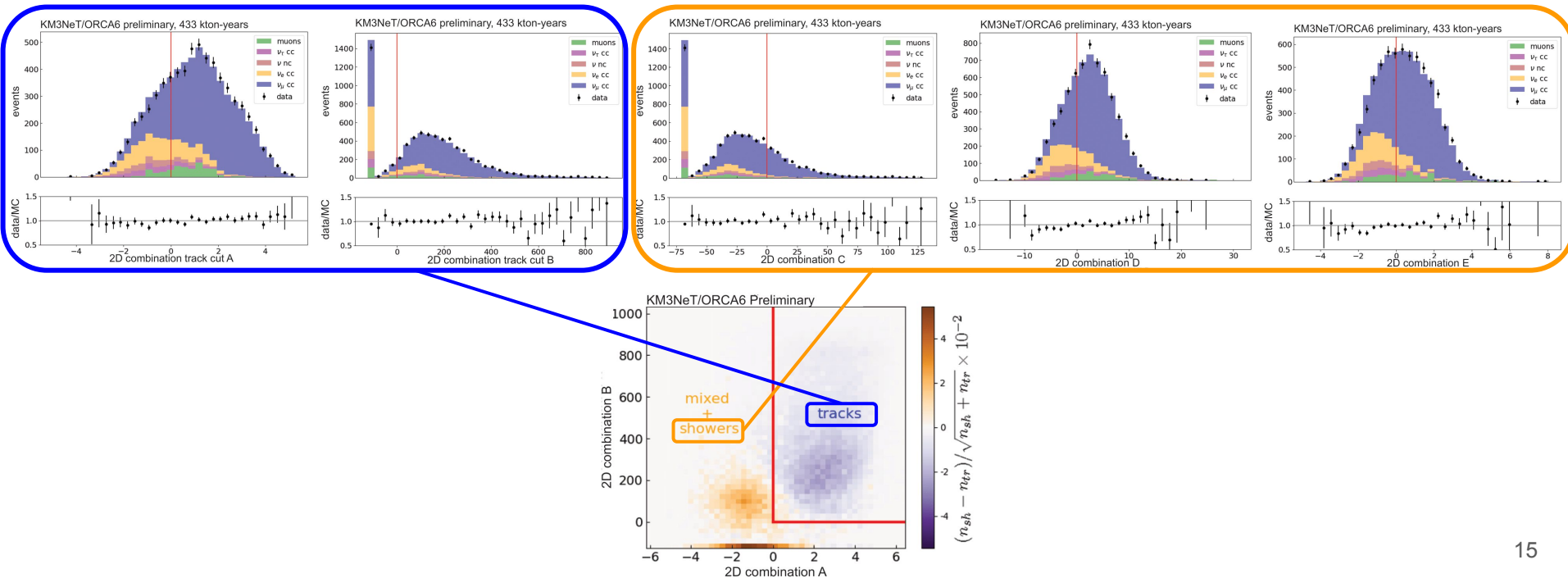




# RGS applied

RGS uses 5 features instead of 45 for the BDT to define classes

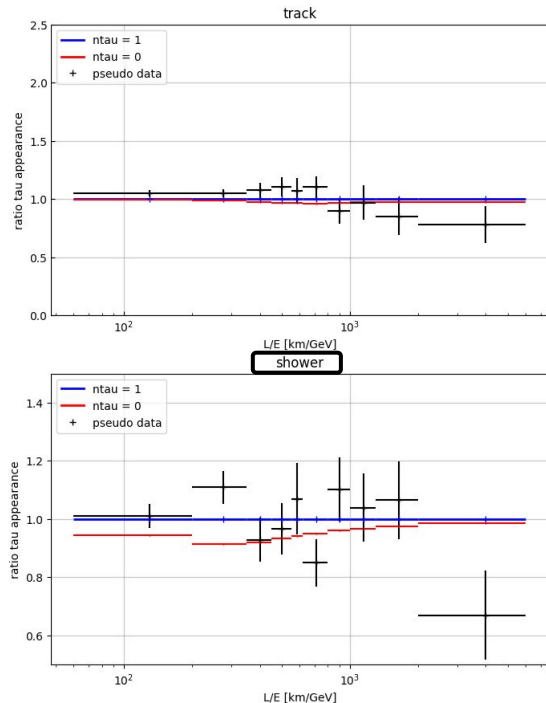
**tracks**   **mixed**   **showers**



# why studying tau neutrino ?

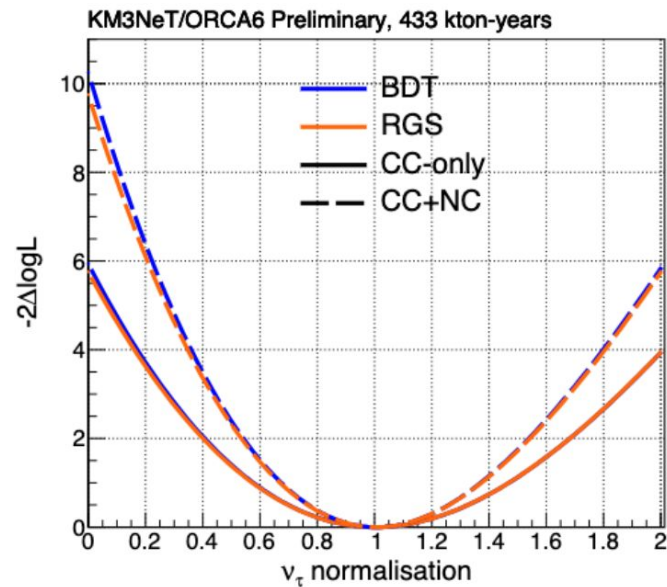
- unknown → only ~2100 detected so far  
full KM3NeT/ORCA will measure 3000/year
- test unitarity of the PMNS flavor mixing matrix
- test sterile hypothesis (through  $\theta_{34}$ )
- constrain tau neutrino cross section

# tau norm sensitivity



- 2D binned log-likelihood fit of reco E &  $\cos(\text{zenith})$  distributions for the 3 classes
- **tau norm = measured/expected** number of tau neutrinos
- tau neutrinos are most visible in the **shower** class
- same sensitivity between the two approaches
- escale and shower norm largest systematic impact on tau norm

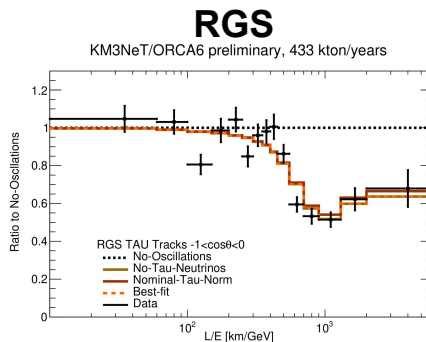
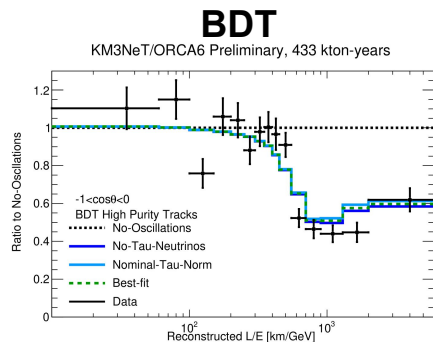
Systematics	Priors
Spectral Index	$\pm 0.3$
$\nu_{\text{hor}}/\nu_{\text{ver}}$	$\pm 2\%$
$\nu_{\mu}/\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$	$\pm 5\%$
$\nu_e/\bar{\nu}_e$	$\pm 7\%$
$\nu_{\mu}/\nu_e$	$\pm 2\%$
NC Normalisation	$\pm 20\%$
Energy scale	$\pm 9\%$
High-energy Light Simulation	$\pm 50\%$
Overall Normalisation	free
Track Normalisation	free
Shower Normalisation	free
Muon Normalisation	free



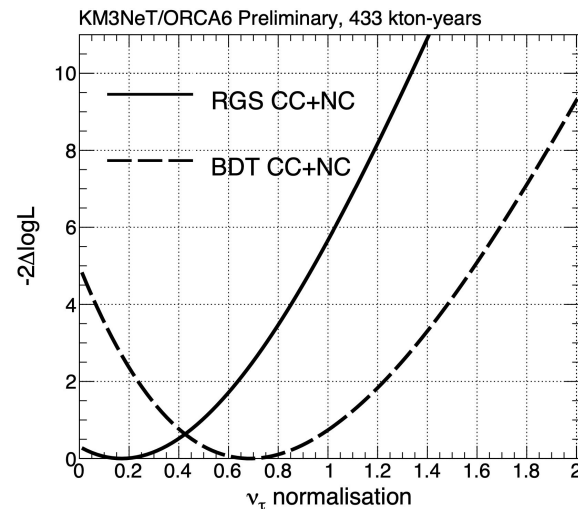
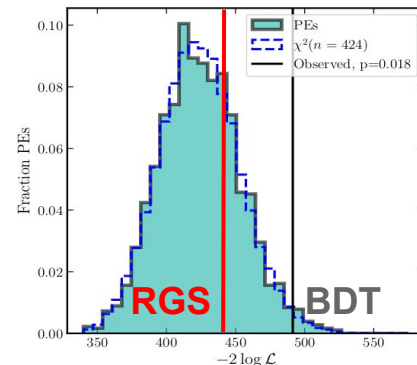
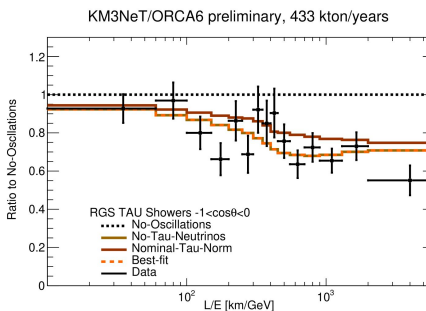
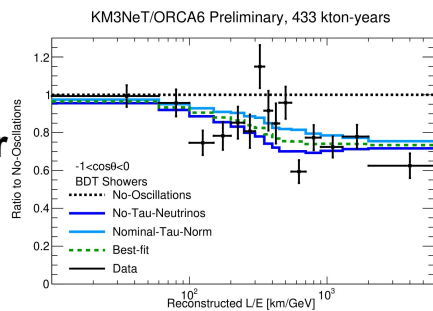
# tau norm measurement

- data  $\rightarrow$  better chi2 from the fit
- lower tau norm measured on data
- RGS vs BDT compatible within  $1.4\sigma$

track



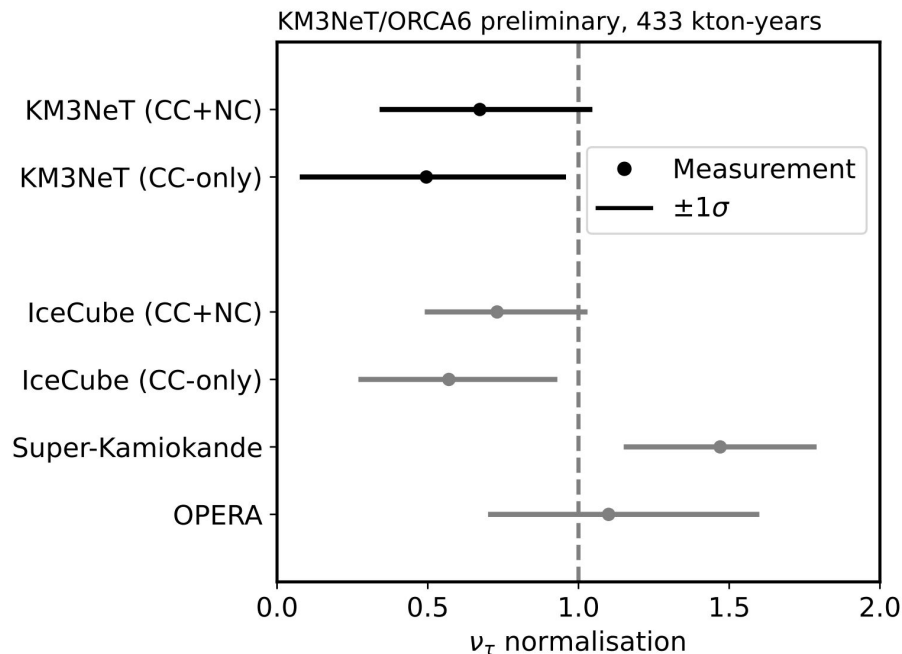
shower



# tau norm world measurement

	measured value	$1\sigma$ error
tau norm CC	<b>0.50</b>	[+0.46 -0.42]
tau norm CC+NC	<b>0.67</b>	[+0.37 -0.33]

- **neither 0 nor 1 excluded**
- competitive with world best measurement
- similar to IC results
- 6 lines 5% of fiducial volume
- 510 days

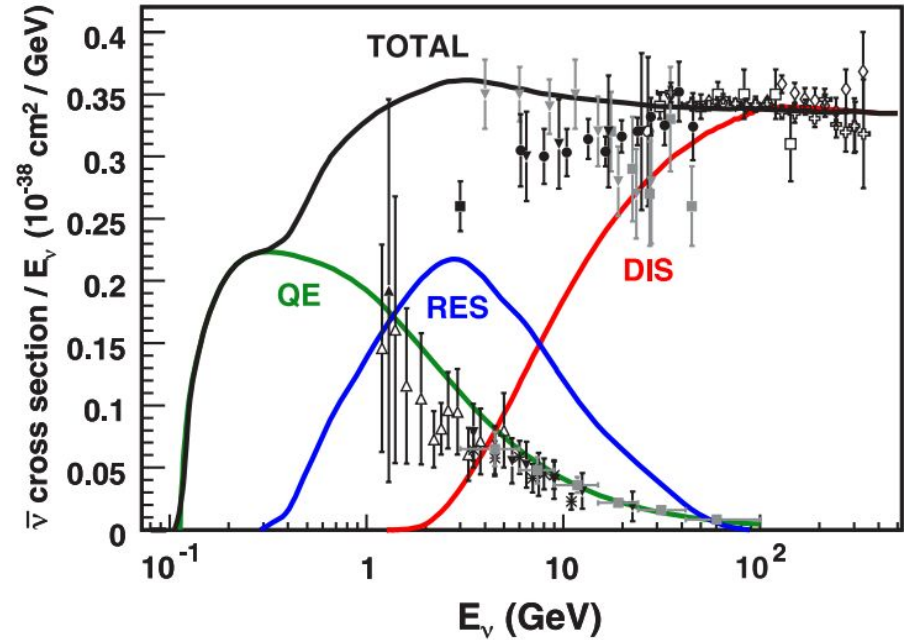
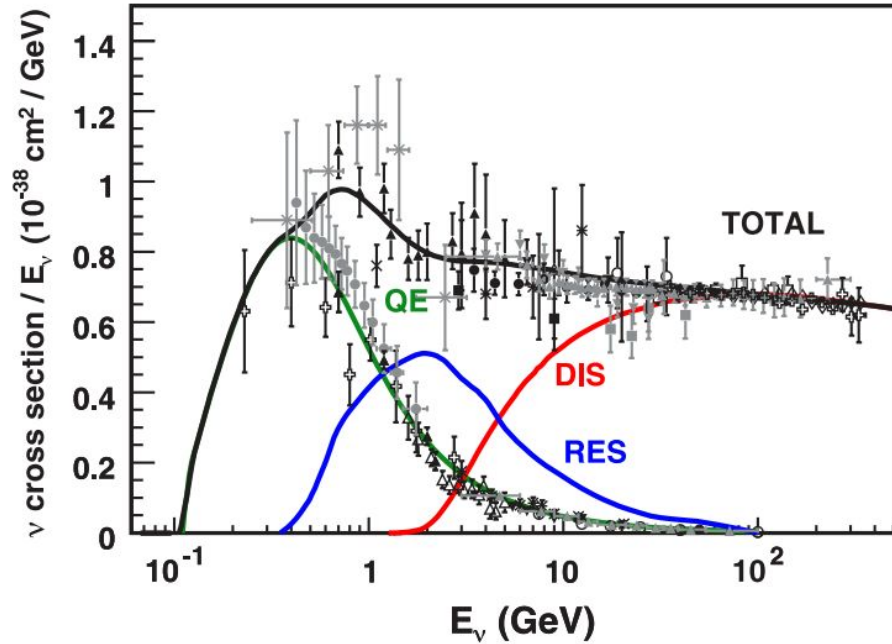


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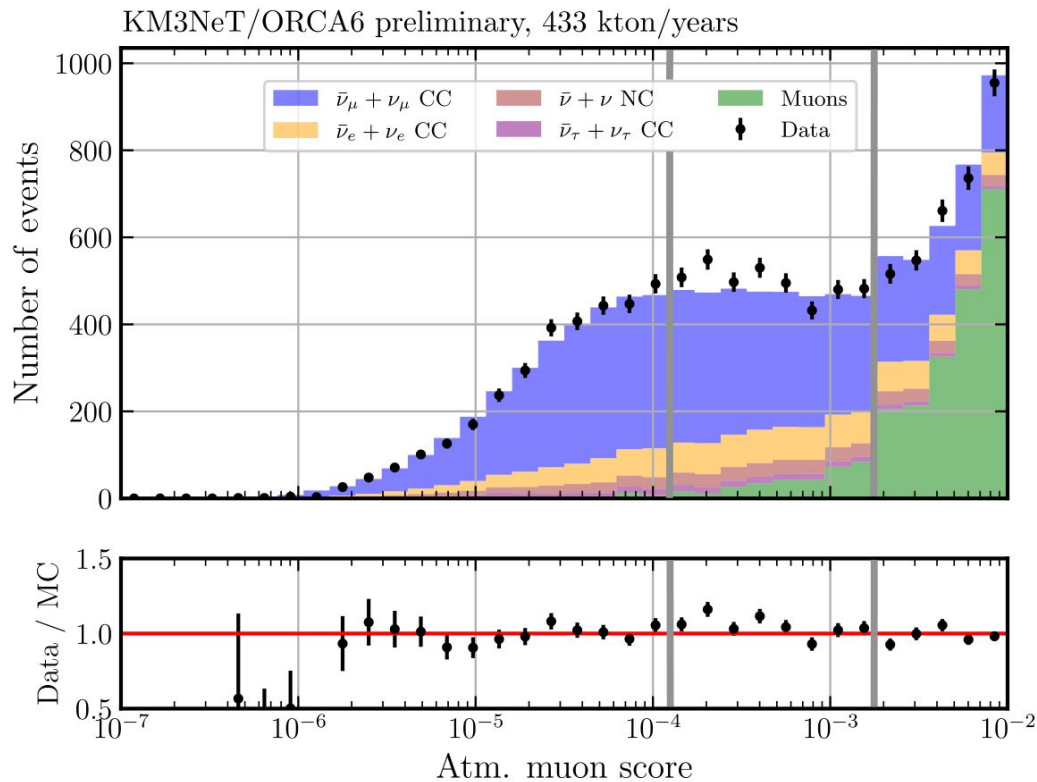
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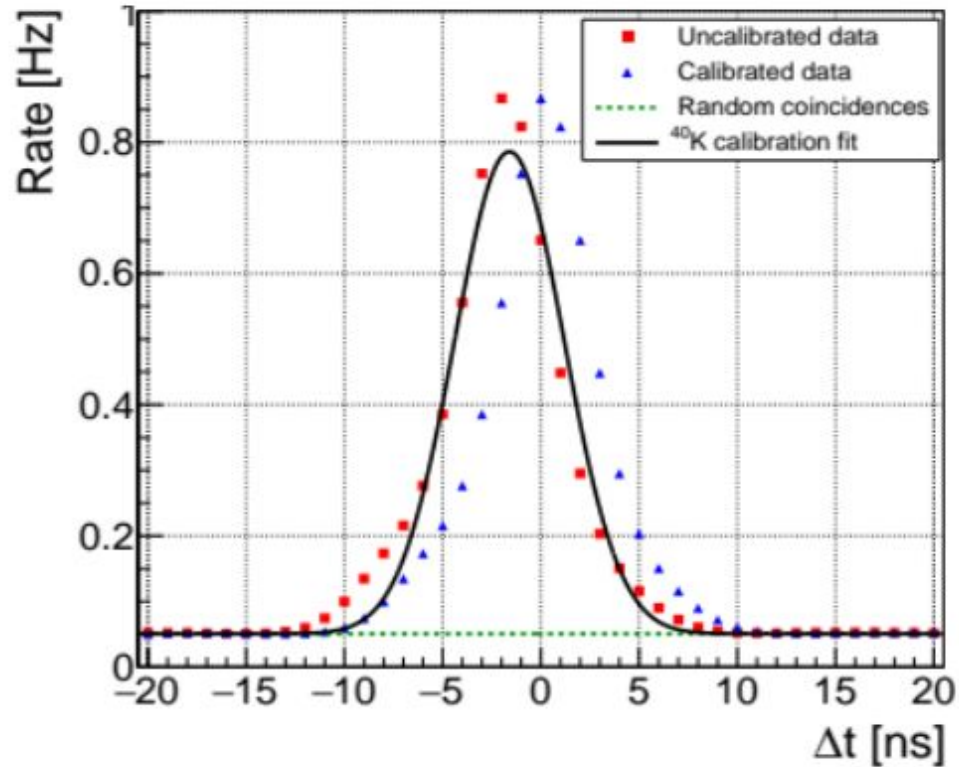
# cross section



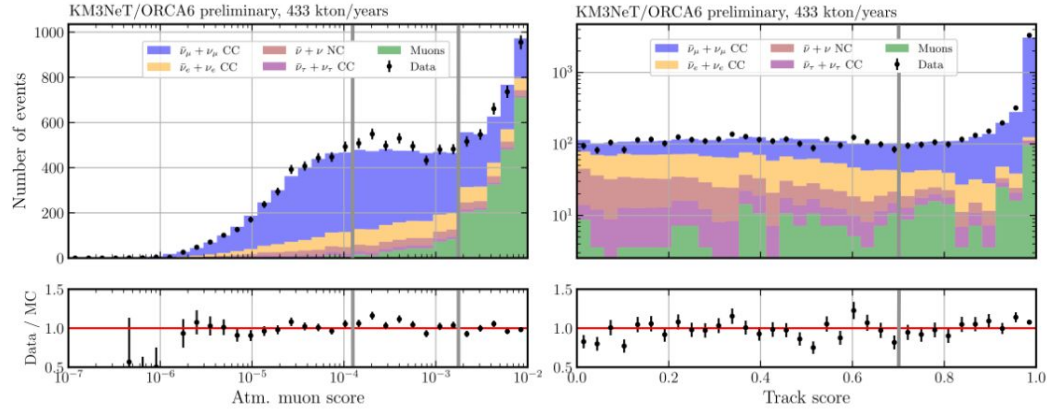
# atm. muon background



# PMT calibration

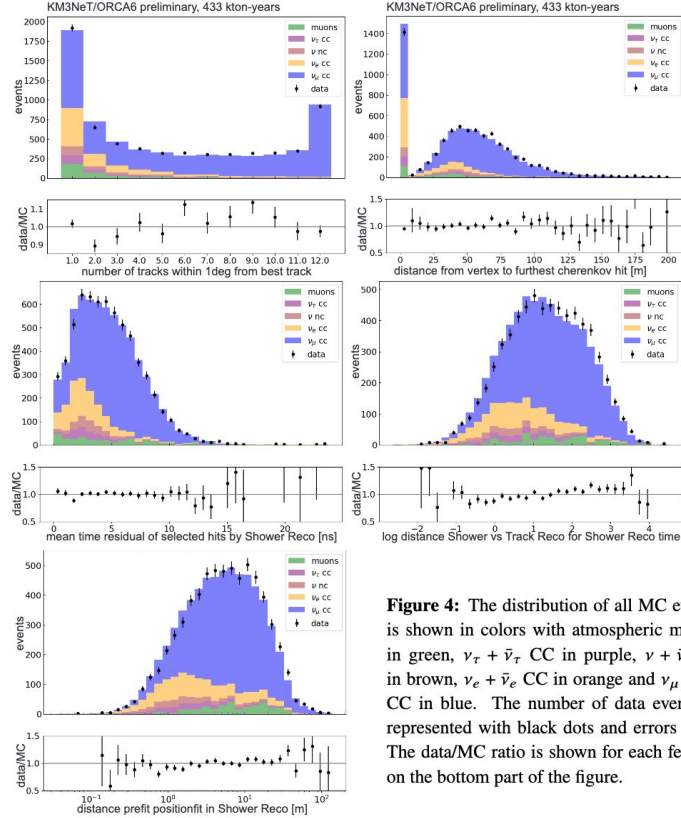


# events table



Selection	All events	Atm. muons	$\nu_\mu/\bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC	$\nu_\tau/\bar{\nu}_\tau$ CC
High Purity Tracks	1870	7	1779	20
Low Purity Tracks	2001	83	1792	18
Showers	1959	21	908	130
433 kton-years	5830	111	4480	169
296 kton-years	1250	38	900	65

# RGS table

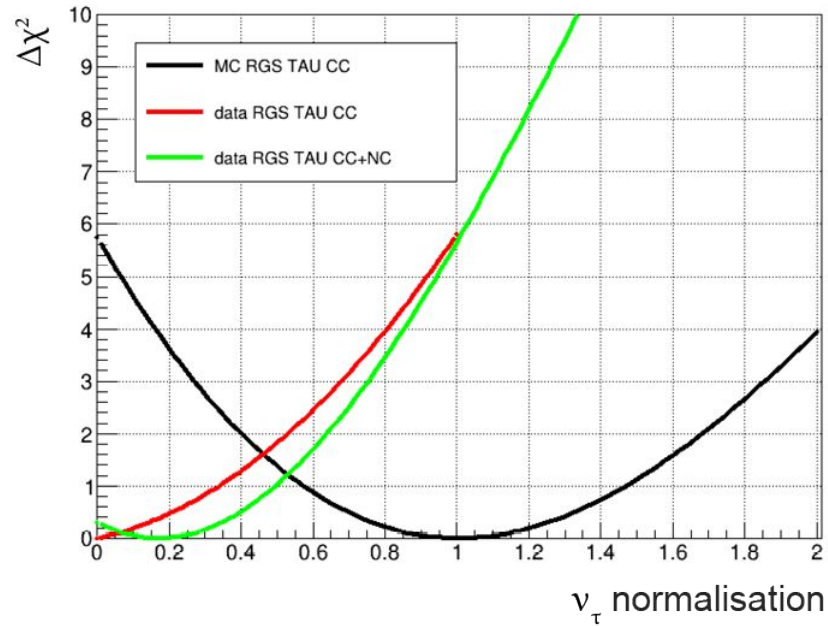


**Figure 4:** The distribution of all MC events is shown in colors with atmospheric muons in green,  $\nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau$  CC in purple,  $\nu + \bar{\nu}$  NC in brown,  $\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$  CC in orange and  $\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$  CC in blue. The number of data events is represented with black dots and errors bars. The data/MC ratio is shown for each feature on the bottom part of the figure.

2D combination $Z = y - (ax + b)$					
RGS track class definition: $A \& B$					
pars.	feature x	feature y	coeff a	coeff b	cut dir.
comb. A	n. tracks within $1^\circ$	log pre/pos fit dist. Shower Reco	-0.2356	+ 1.9124	$Z > 0$
comb. B	furthest Cherenkov hit	mean time residual of sel. hits	-5.0702	+125.6146	$Z > 0$
RGS shower class definition: $(\bar{A} \text{ or } \bar{B}) \& (C \& D \& F)$					
comb. C	log pre/pos fit dist. Shower Reco	furthest Cherenkov hit	-0.0101	+71.1553	$Z < 0$
comb. D	log pre/pos fit dist. Shower Reco	mean time residual of sel. hits	-3.0422	+7.4538	$Z < 0$
comb. E	mean time residual of sel. hits	log dist. Shower vs Track reco	-0.3291	+2.503	$Z < 0$

**Table 2:** Coefficients of RGS cut combination for Tracks and Showers classes definition.

# CC-only tau norm





# futur prospects

