

Sparking DOMs in ORCA4 Data

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Sparking DOM problem

- Jannik Hofestadt and Dorothea Samtleben Report on problems with data from ORCA-DU2(KM3NeT DUANA 2019 001) March 12, 2019
 - - PMT/DOMs signals with max. ToT (255 nsec) and repetitive hit pattern
 - Large signal on neighbouring DOMs
 - Different pattern on different DOMs



How to identify "sparking DOMs" in the ORCA4 data? Start with events where DOM/PMT signals are maximum (255 nsec)

Introduction/Motivation

- Do sparking DOMs and "long time events" detected in ORCA4 data have the same origin?
- Are these events linked to a certain type of physics events, not described in the KM3NeT MC?
- We dont have MC description of these phenomena
- We have considered the events, where atmospheric-µ is crossing the ORCA DOM(s) as a possible source of sparking/long time signals in ORCA4 data
- Large ionization in the HV region of the PMT caused by atm-µ going trough the DOM could trigger large signals (and afterpulses)

ORCA4 Data/MC Comparison: Event Time



Long time events in the ORCA4 data

All processed/reconstructed events: 83 634 895 (8.4×10^7 events)

Events $\Delta t > 5600$ nsec: 1429 (1.7 x 10⁻⁵ off data)



Long time events in the ORCA4 data

Run ID: 6581 Event ID: 33629



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ORCA4 PMT Signals



Distance to DOM



Distance (d_i) bewteen atm- μ track and the center of DOM_i

atm- μ is crossing DOM_i if $d_i < R_{_{DOM}}$ (20 cm)

 d_i - was obtained from the ORCA4 MC sample (mupage \rightarrow sirene)

Distance to the DOM

ORCA4 MC: 3.6 x10⁶ events (MC: mupage-sirene)



4088 events with atm- μ inside the DOM (about 10⁻³)

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Distance to the DOM (MC vs Reconstruction)

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Atmosheric muon direction

- Relatively large number of events (about 10⁻³) atm-μ are hitting the ORCA4 DOMs.
- KM3NeT MC does not include the simulation of DOMs hit by atm-µ
- MC indicates that in the reconstructed tracks initial position is significantly shifted with respect to simulated one. This makes difficult interpretation of the data events
- Additional studies are needed to understand DOMs with the sparks and large signals
- Detailed simulation of DOM response to the atm-muon hitting the PMT in the DOM seems to be necessary
- KM3NeT DOM response to the muons hitting the PMT could be studied in the dedicated experiment with the atmospheric muons or in the μ test-beam.