

Introducing a Simultaneous Track+Shower Reconstruction Algorithm, dedicated for KM3NeT/ORCA

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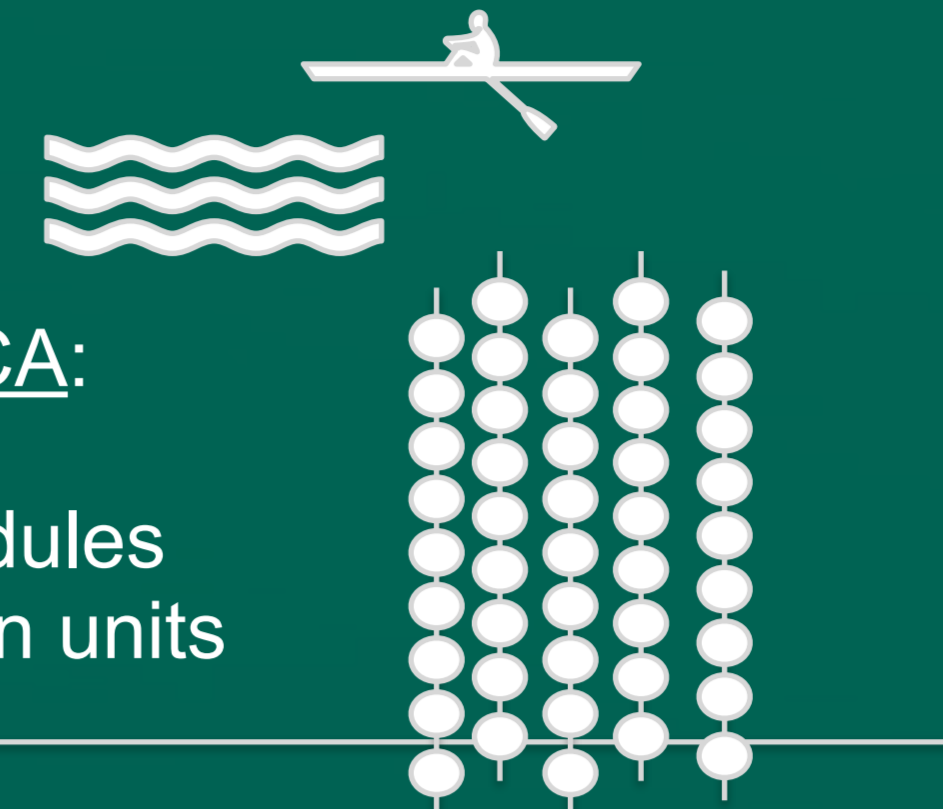
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The KM3Net Infrastructure

- **KM3Net** : research infrastructure in the Mediterranean Sea.
- 31 PMTs + electronics -> 1 optical module
18 optical modules -> detection unit
- **KM3Net/ORCA**: neutrino oscillation studies & Neutrino Mass Ordering, 1-100 GeV neutrinos

KM3Net/ORCA:

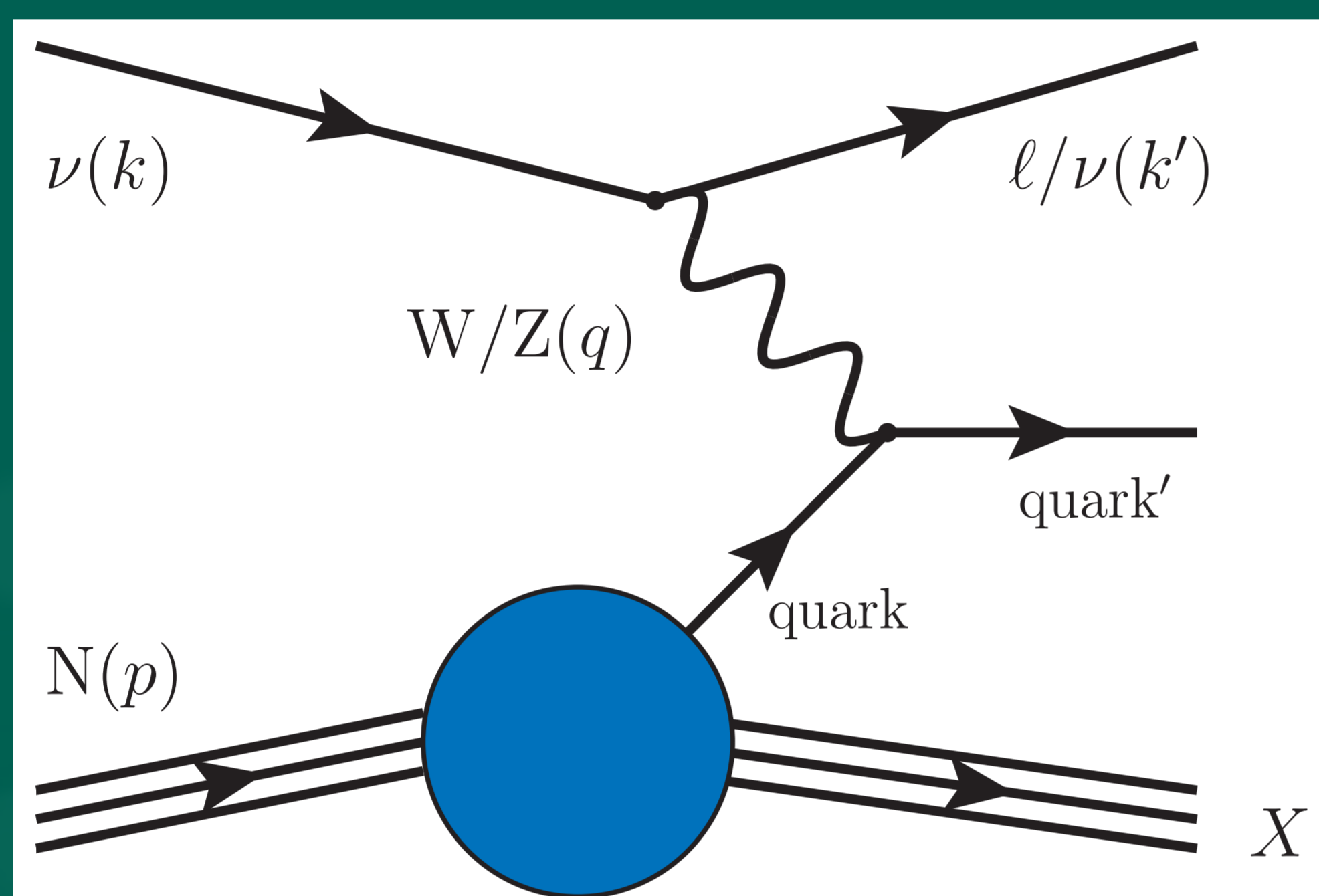
18 optical modules
x 115 detection units



Motivation

- **Cherenkov neutrino detectors**: usually reconstruct the track-like and shower-like component of neutrino events separately.
- **More complete approach**: reconstruct the interactions as simultaneous track+shower events.

Deep inelastic scattering \Rightarrow there will always be a hadronic shower created alongside a track-like event, e.g. an out-going muon. Relevant for KM3Net/ORCA.



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Track+Shower Reconstruction

- **Fit parameters**: vertex position, time, two directions and two energies.



- **Likelihood function**: to be minimised

$$-\log \mathcal{L} = - \sum_i^{N_{PMTs}} \log p^{firsthit} - \sum_i^{N_{PMTs}} \log p^{hitPMT} - \sum_i^{N_{PMTs}} \log p^{non-hitPMT}$$

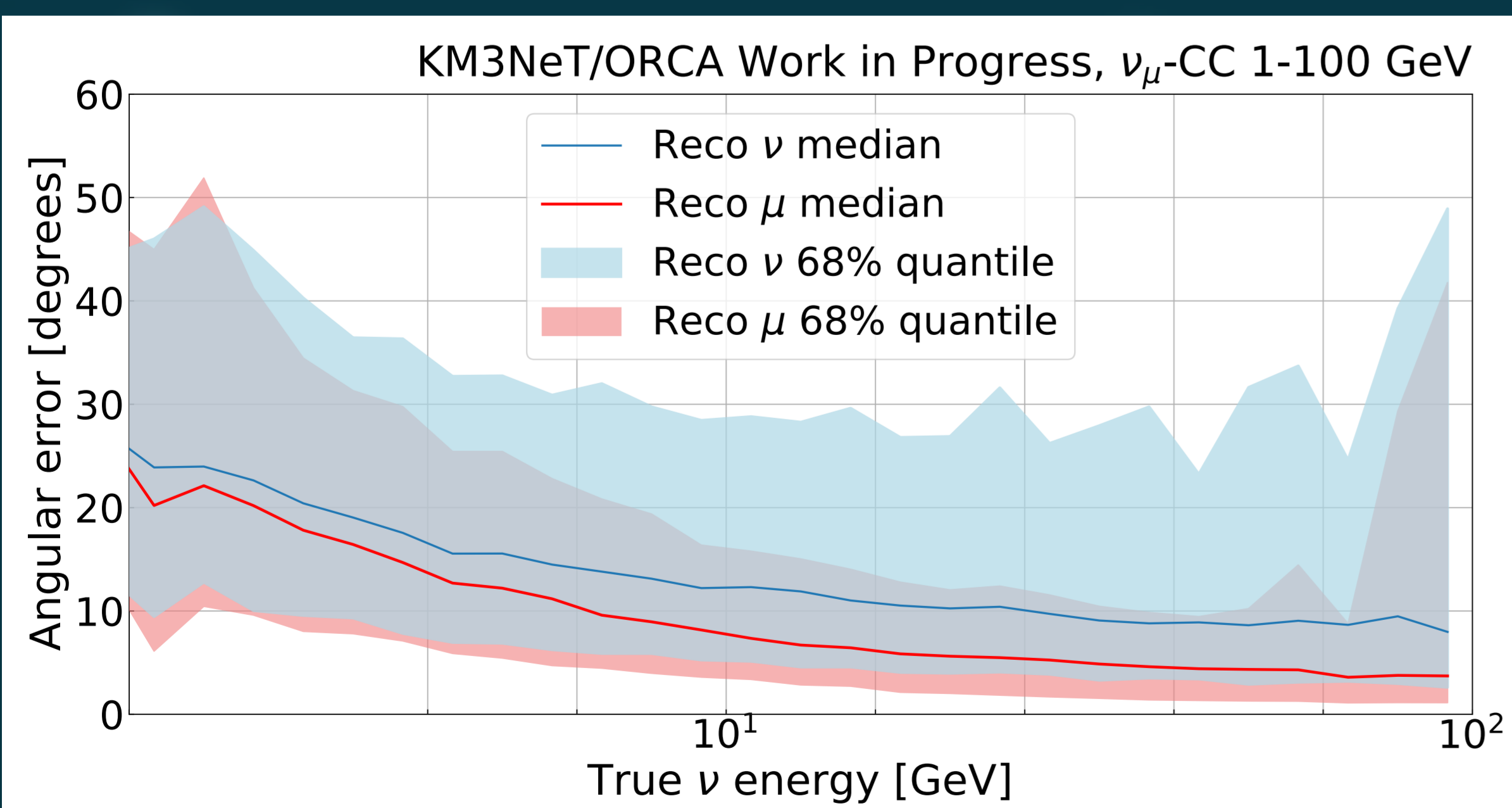
- **Expression for reconstructed direction & energy**:

$$E_{\nu}^{reco} = E_{\mu}^{reco} + E_{shower}^{reco}$$

$$\vec{\theta}_{\nu}^{reco} = w_{\mu} \frac{E_{\mu}^{reco}}{E_{\nu}^{reco}} \vec{\theta}_{\mu}^{reco} + w_h \frac{E_h^{reco}}{E_{\nu}^{reco}} \vec{\theta}_h^{reco}$$

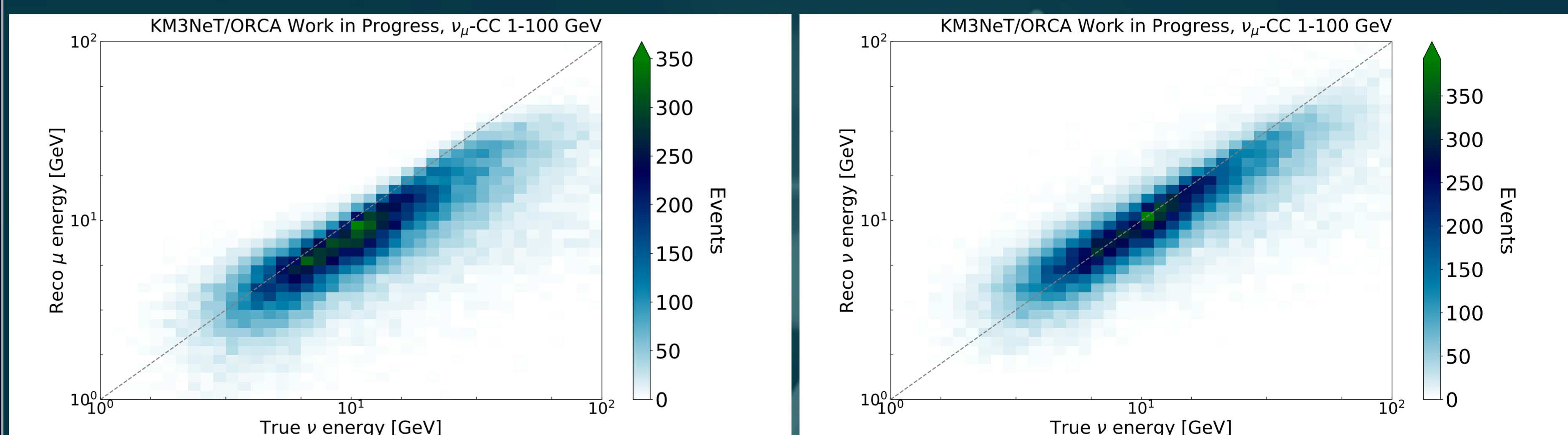
Neutrino Direction Resolution

- Reco muon direction gives a better estimate of the true neutrino direction, compared to using reco neutrino direction



Neutrino Energy Resolution

- track+shower reconstruction results in a better estimate of true neutrino energy compared to track reconstruction



- track+shower reco neutrino energy gives a better estimate of true neutrino energy across the full range, compared to using track energy only

