Apollon energy?

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Note: all numbers are preliminary!

- How do we determine an energy?
- Know $\log 10(dE/dx) = 1.37$ for Apollon
- Look at a scatter plot of dE/dx vs true muon or neutrino energy
- Draw a vertical line at log10(dE/dx) = 1.37
- Integrate from bottom and top along curve to 16% to get a one-sigma central energy range
- However: this depends on how we weight the true energies... atmospheric, or E⁻² ????

signal muon_allsky



atmospheric muon_allsky



atmospheric neutrino_allsky



signal neutrino_allsky



- The choice of flux makes a difference:
- For Apollon:
- 420 vs 580 TeV muon energy (median)
- 600 TeV vs 2 PeV neutrino energy (median)
- How do we choose?
- We don't have to choose:
- We know more: we fitted for both fluxes, so use the final best fit mixture as the weighting
- Weight to the best fit mixture from IC59 analysis

best_fit muon_allsky



best_fit muon_horizon



Muon energy

best_fit_muon_bounds



best_fit_muon_posterior for Apollon



best_fit neutrino_allsky



best_fit neutrino_horizon



¹³ **13**

best_fit_neutrino_bounds



See slightly higher neutrino energies for horizontal vs all directions – earth absorption

best_fit_neutrino_posterior



However...

- Apollon is either an atmospheric neutrino, or it is a signal neutrino
- The fit tells us the odds of each, for the observed dE/dx, and knowing it is horizontal

Look at the posteriors for each case

Areas are in the ratio 2:1 favouring a signal origin



If it's signal (2/3), it's likely more than 1 PeV.

If it's atmospheric (1/3), it's likely less than 1 PeV.

Conclusions

- Apollon is likely higher energy than we have previously thought... sometimes quoting 100-300 TeV neutrino energy...
- 500 TeV muon energy
- 1 PeV neutrino energy
- All numbers are preliminary





APPENDIX Details of Observed Events

Table A.1 lists the 20 events which were found in the final data sample, which are those with energy proxy values greater than 50 TeV. The grid shown in the top view of the events has a spacing of 100 meters.



Table A.1: Images of observed events with highest estimated energies

Captain Nemo		147.4 TeV 93.1°
Dr. Richard Seaton		141.9 TeV 101.1°
Dr. Henry Jekyll		133.2 TeV 114.1°
Dr. Emmet Brown		132.1 TeV 103.8°
Dr. Henry Walton Jones, Jr.		131.8 TeV 108.9°







Table A.2 lists the same 20 events with their true muon and neutrino energy PDFs computed assuming the spectrum fitted in Section 6.3. Each PDF is constructed from the true properties of all simulated events which have energy proxies within 5% of the observed event's value, and reconstructed zenith angles within 5° for events with energy proxies less than 100 TeV and 10° for those with larger energy proxies. Unfortunately, due to limited simulation statistics, many of these distributions still contain large fluctuations, particularly those with the highest energies. As a result, the estimated energies are rather imprecise and should be treated as 'ballpark' numbers only.

 Table A.2: Inferred event energies













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