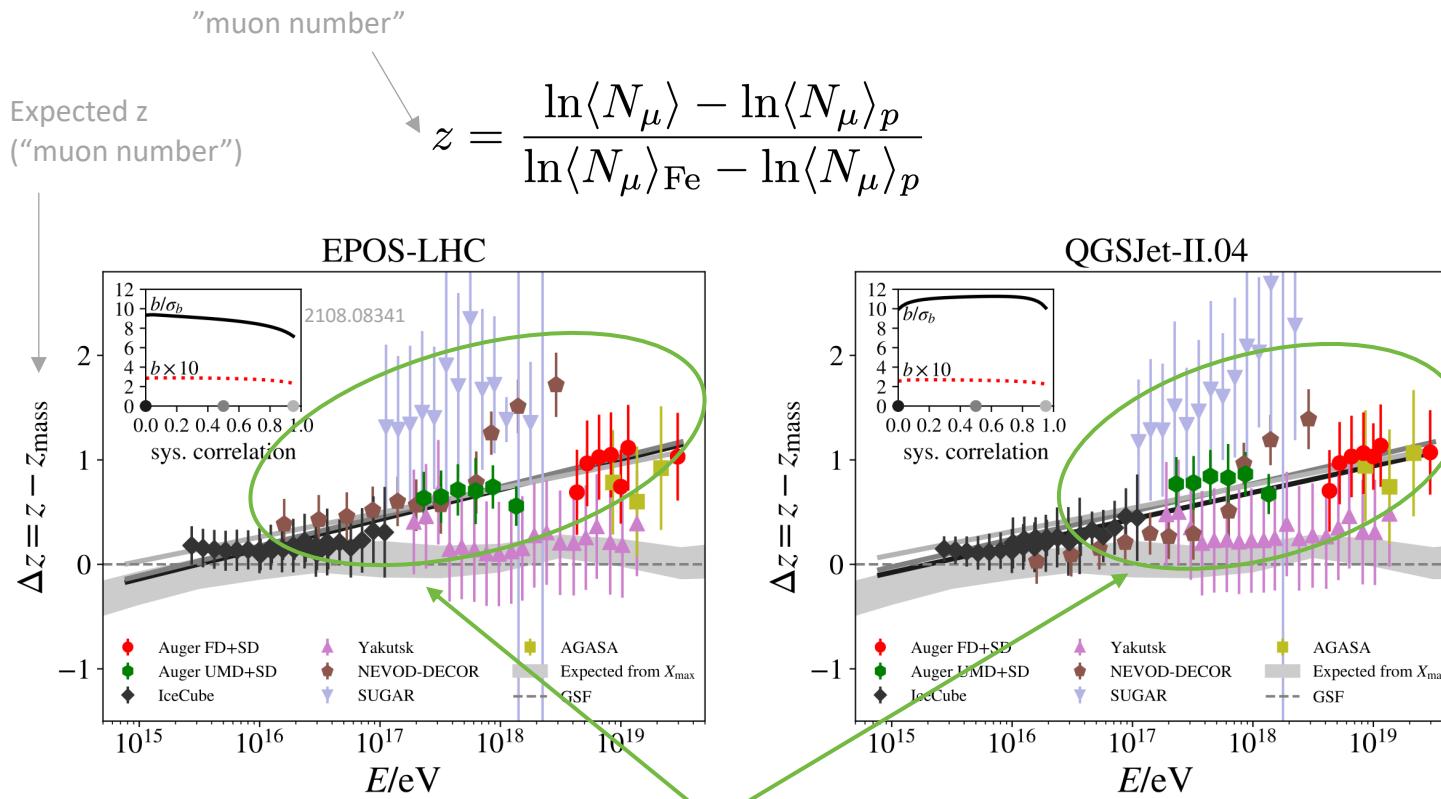


# Measuring the prompt component of the atmospheric muon flux

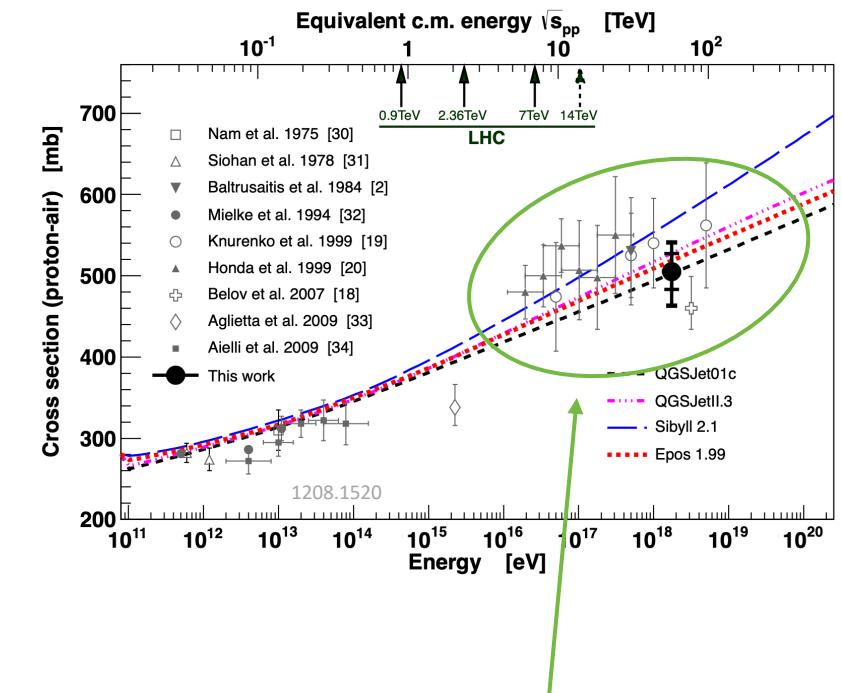
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March 18, 2024

# Motivation: muon Puzzle and model uncertainties



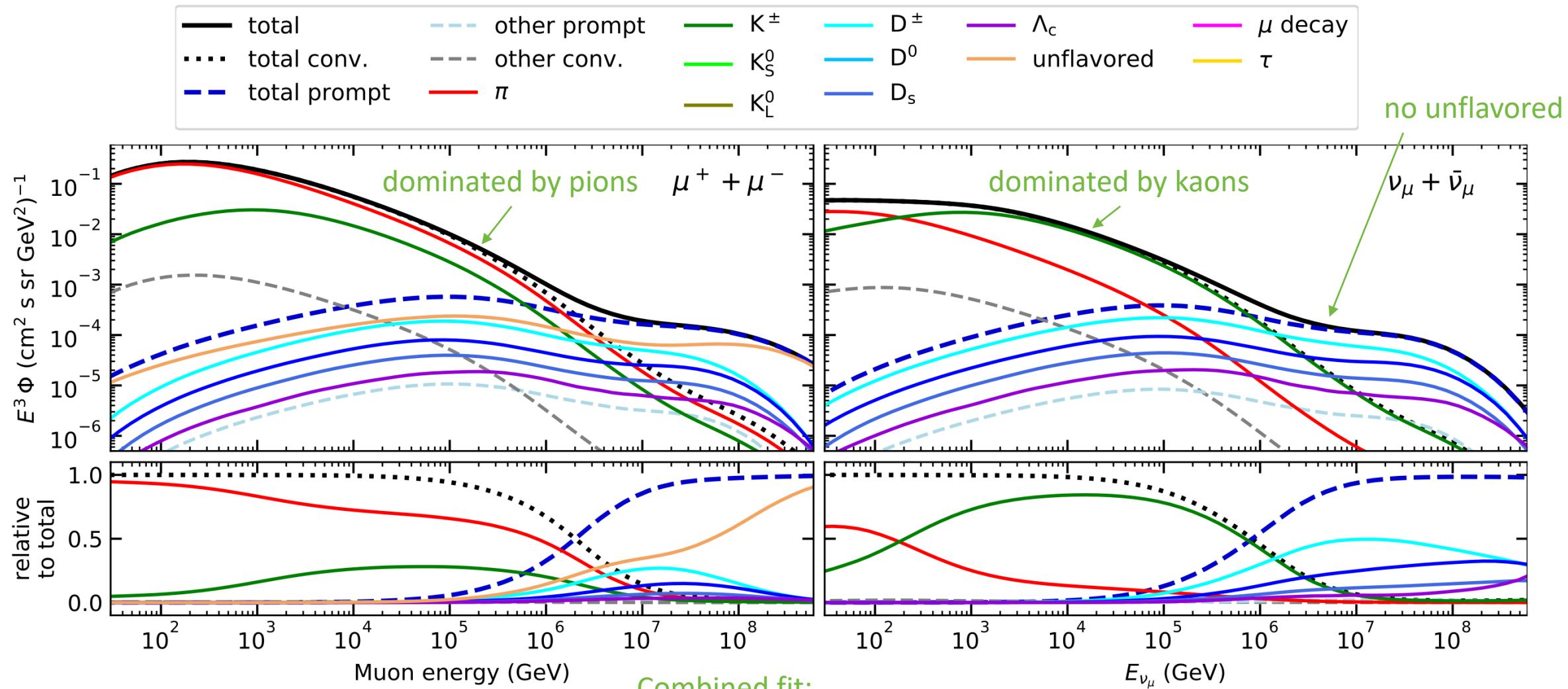
- More muons measured than simulated for  $E > 40 \text{ PeV} \sim \text{cms } 8 \text{ TeV}$
- Precise pion/kaon ratio measurement needed



- Large uncertainties at  $E > 10 \text{ PeV}$

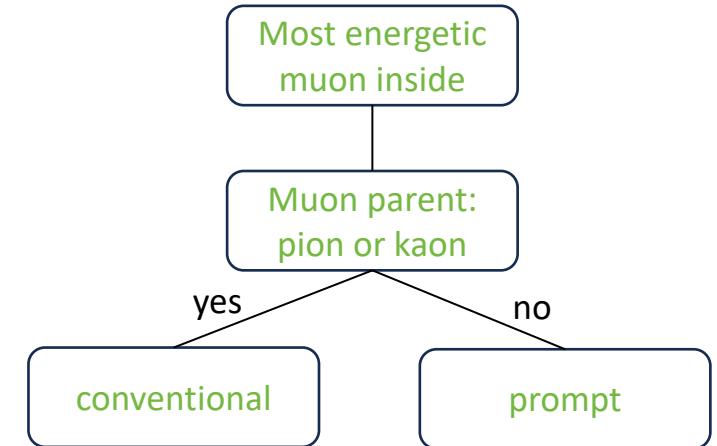
# The origin of atmospheric muons and neutrinos

10.1103/PhysRevD.100.103018



# Analysis goals

1. Unfolding of an atmospheric muon spectrum
  - No prior / model independent
  
2. Measuring the normalization of the prompt component of the atmospheric muon flux
  - Forward fit for a specific model

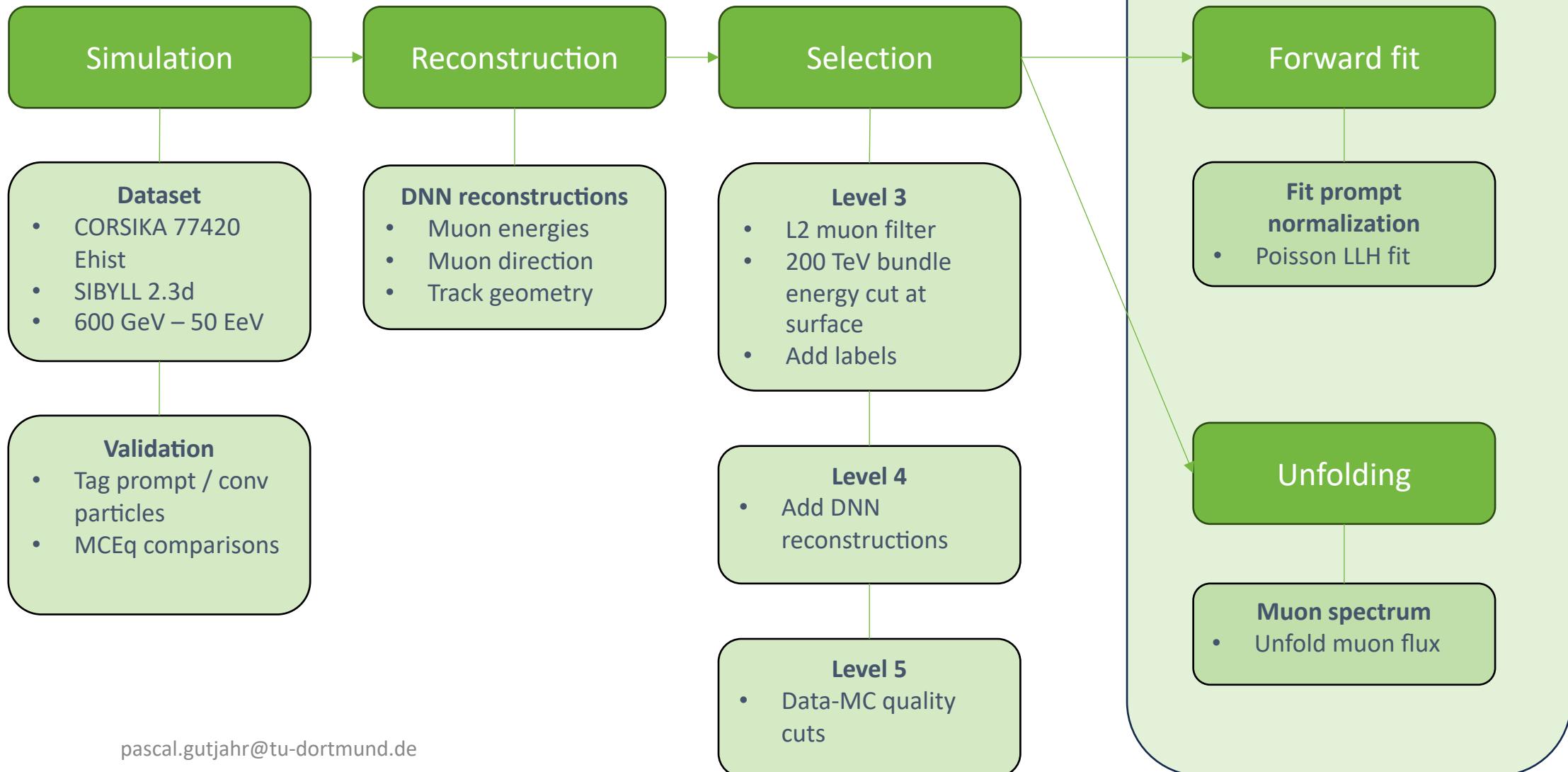


➤ requires new simulation

## Future goals

1. Measure normalization of atmospheric prompt neutrino flux
2. Combined muon + neutrino fit

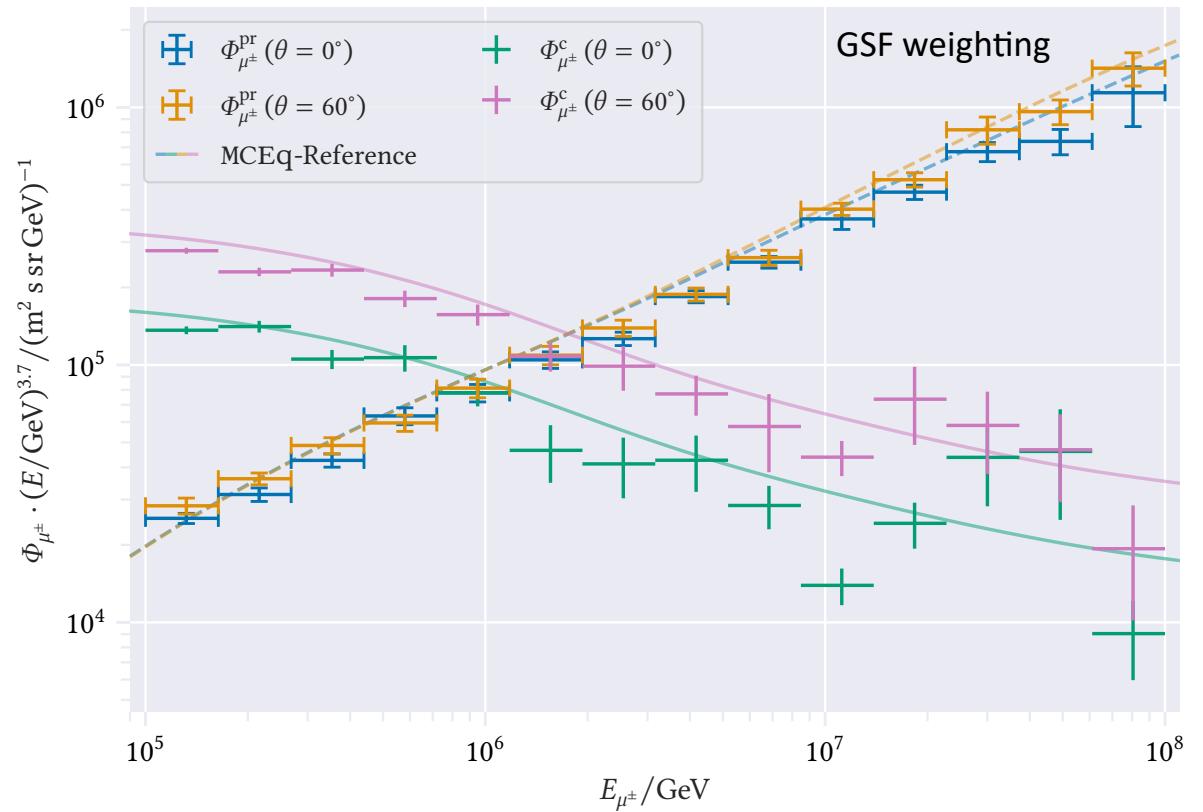
# Overview



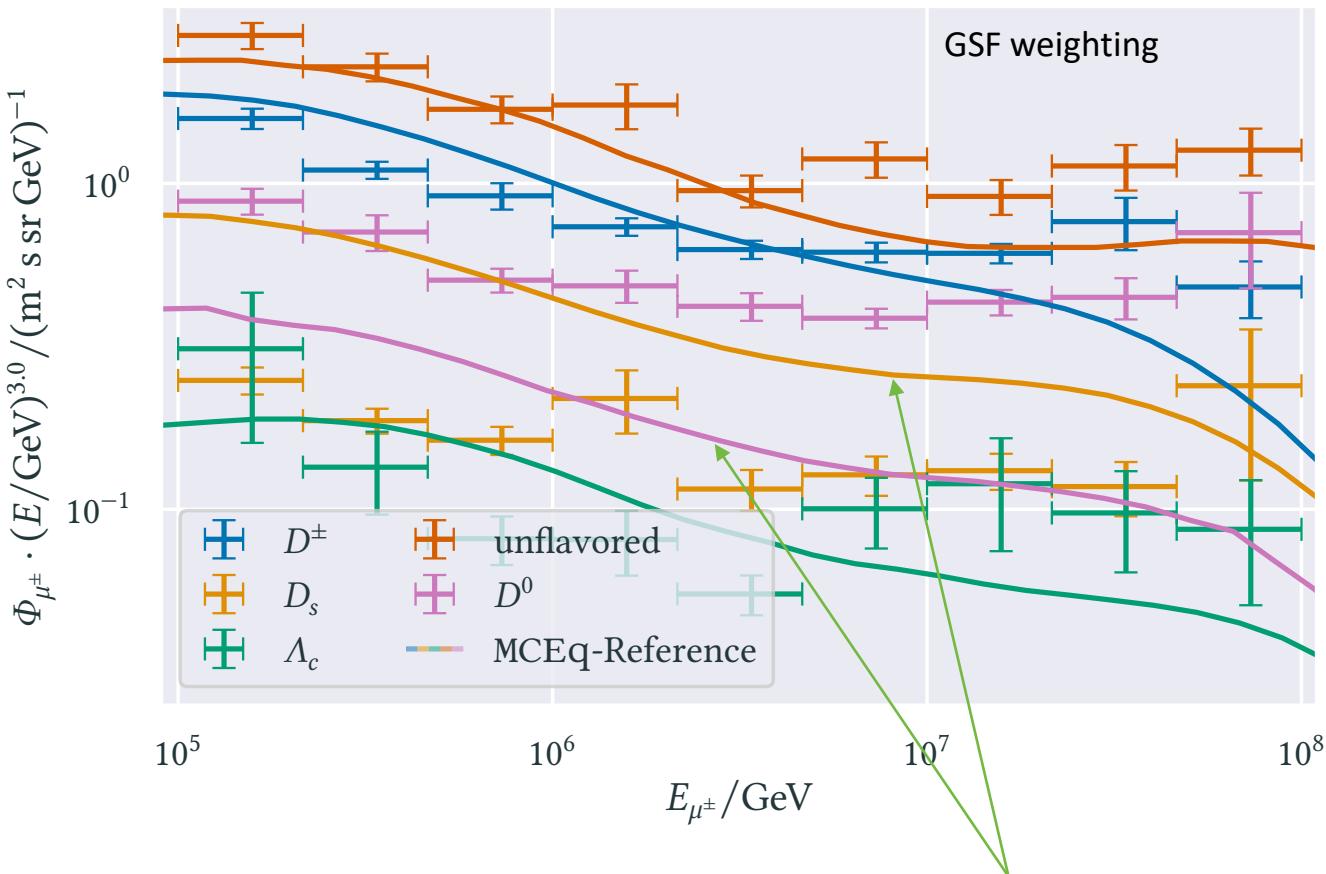
# Simulation

# CORSIKA 7 tagging and MCEq comparison

MCEq: tool to numerically solve the cascade equations that describes the evolution of particle densities as they propagate through a gaseous, dense medium  
<https://github.com/mceq-project/MCEq>



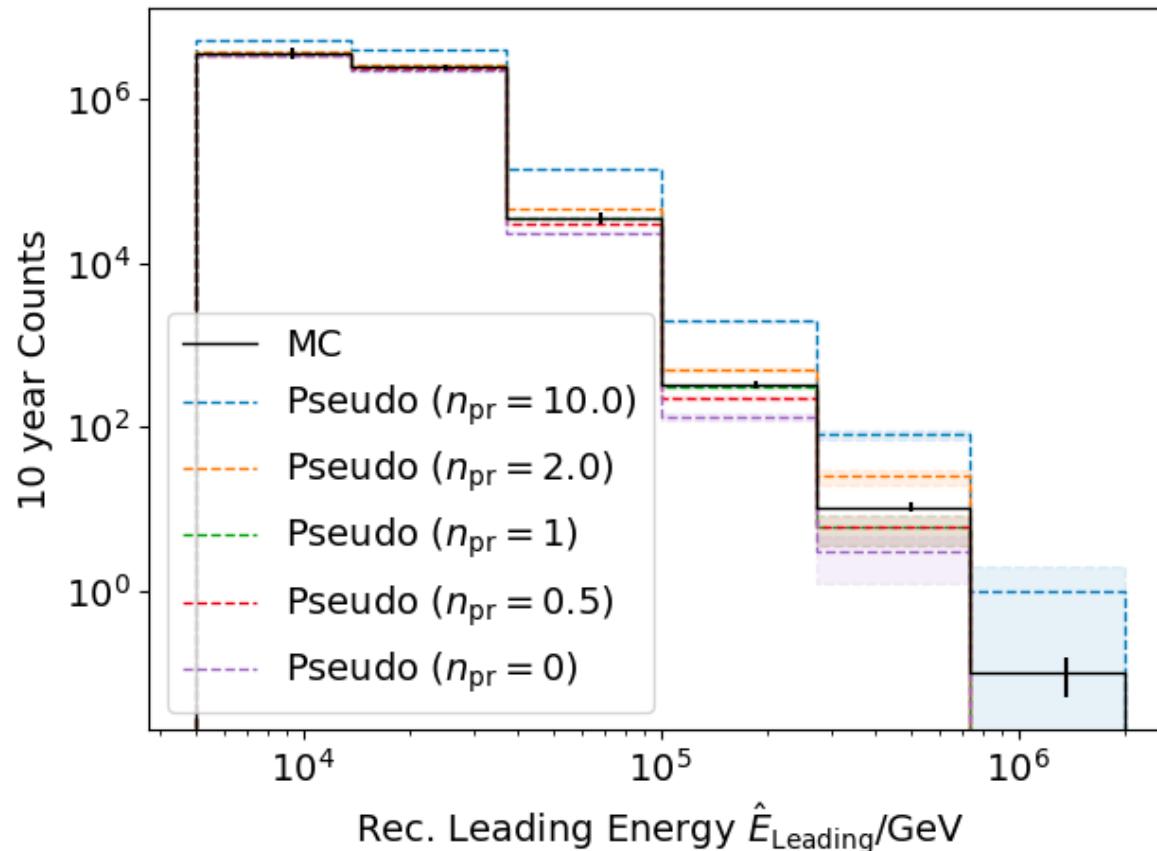
- Good agreement in total prompt and conventional muon flux



- $D^0$  and  $D_s$  are swapped here but this is fixed in MCEq

# Forward Fit

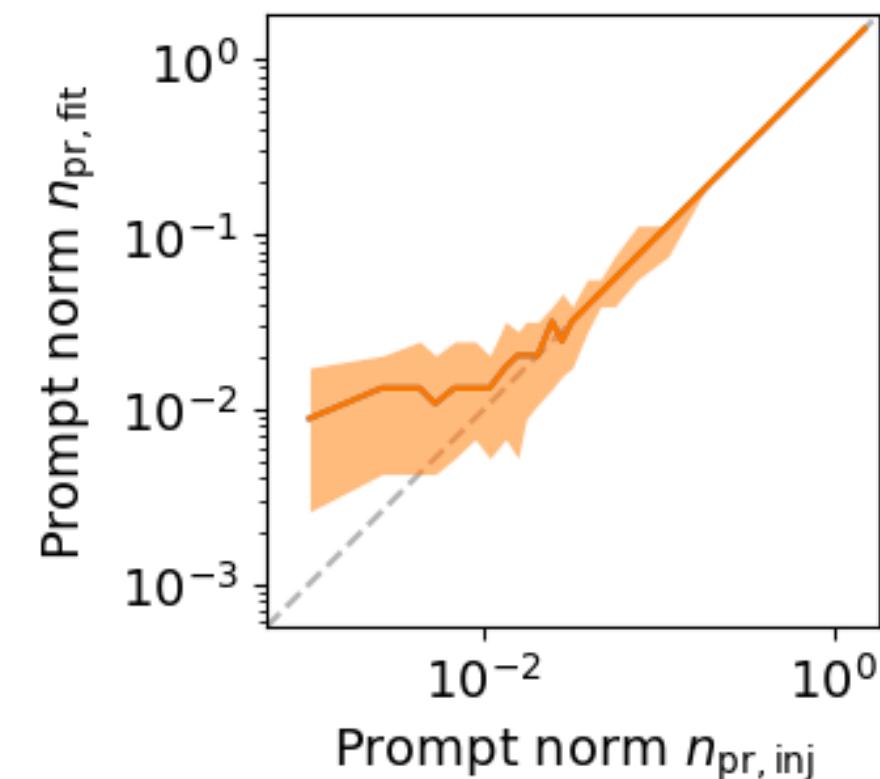
## Poisson likelihood forward fit



- Tagging allows scaling of prompt by factor  $n_{\text{pr}}$

$$C_1^{\text{MC}} = n_{\text{pr}} C_1^{\text{MC,pr}} + n_{\text{conv}} C_1^{\text{MC,conv}}, \dots, C_M^{\text{MC}} = n_{\text{pr}} C_M^{\text{MC,pr}} + n_{\text{conv}} C_M^{\text{MC,conv}}$$

$$p(C_i) = p_{\text{poisson}}(C_i; \lambda(n_{\text{pr}}) = C_i^{\text{MC}}(n_{\text{pr}})) = \frac{\lambda(n_{\text{pr}})^{C_i} e^{-\lambda(n_{\text{pr}})}}{C_i!}$$



- Bias starts at a prompt normalization of 0.1

# Discovery potential and sensitivity

Expectation for 1 year:

- 5 sigma discovery potential:  $0.102 \pm 0.005$
- Sensitivity:  $0.024 \pm 0.001$

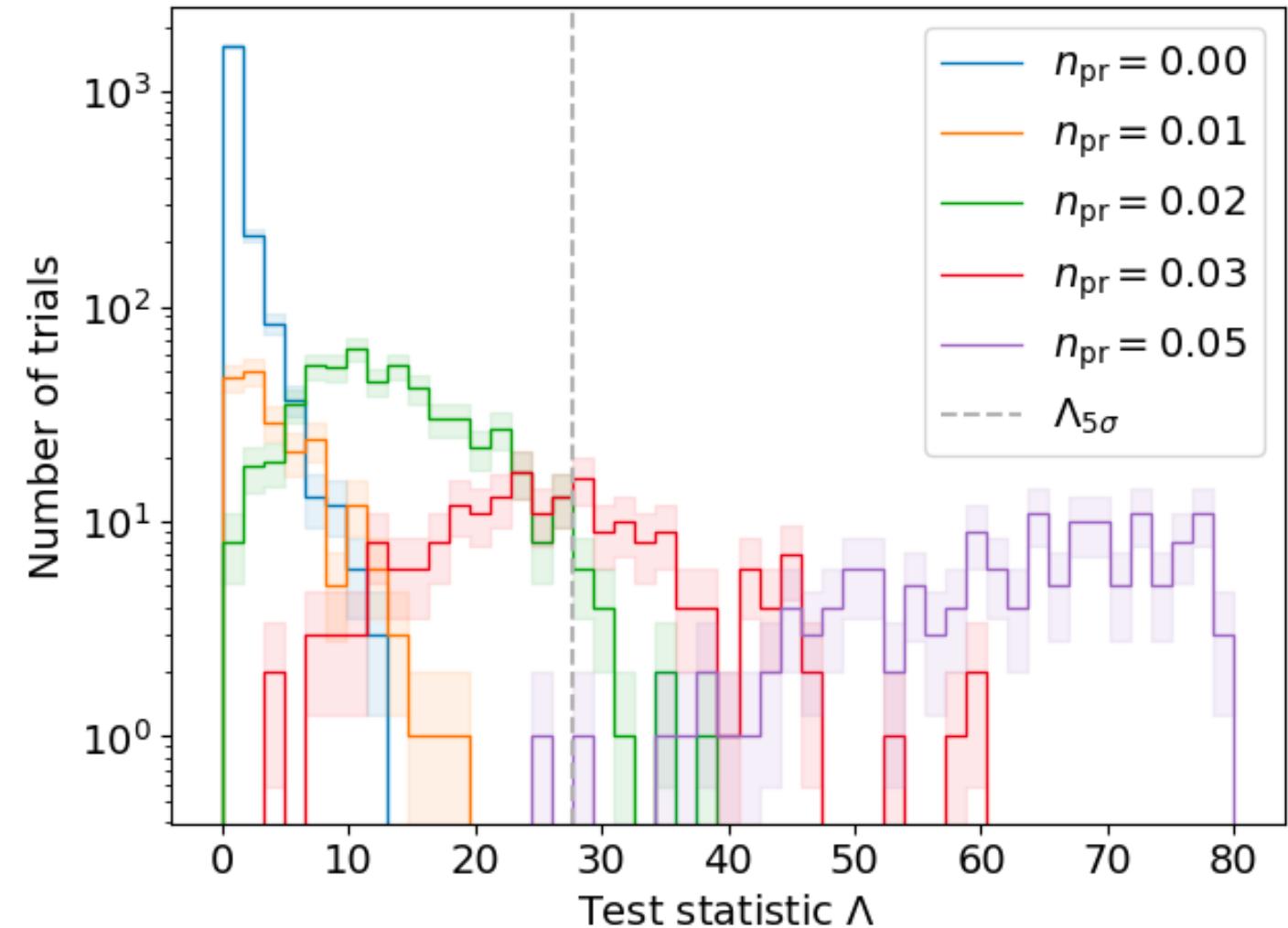
Expectation for 10 years:

- 5 sigma discovery potential:  $0.032 \pm 0.001$
- Sensitivity:  $0.007 \pm 0.000$

Caution:

- Limited MC statistics -> events are oversampled in pseudo dataset
- No systematics

➤ Tested NNMFit



# Unfolding

# Unfolding in a nutshell

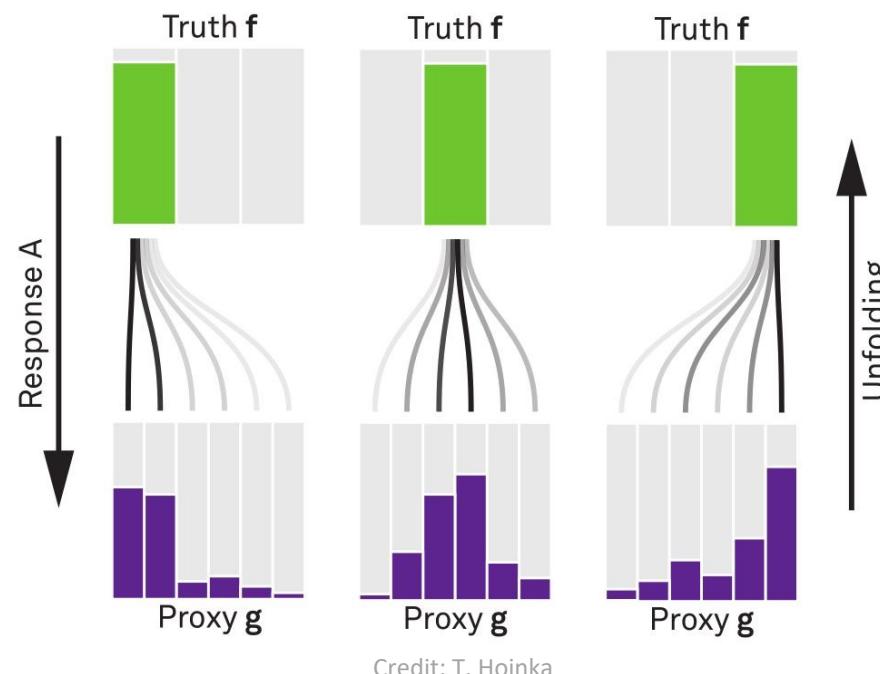
measured proxy

detector response

$$g(y) = \int_{E_0}^{E_1} A(E_\mu, y) f(E_\mu) dE_\mu + b(y)$$

background

true energy distribution



folding      unfolding

1. discretized form:  $\vec{g} = A\vec{f} \leftrightarrow \vec{f} = A^{-1}\vec{g}$

2. maximum likelihood method:

$$\mathcal{L}(\vec{g}|\vec{f}) = \prod_{j=1}^M \frac{\lambda_j^{g_j}}{g_j!} \exp(-\lambda_j)$$

$$= \prod_{j=1}^M \frac{(A\vec{f})_j^{g_j}}{g_j!} \exp(-(A\vec{f})_j)$$

3. Tikhonov regularization:

$$t(\vec{f}) = -\frac{1}{2} (\vec{Cf})^T (\tau_1)^{-1} (\vec{Cf})$$

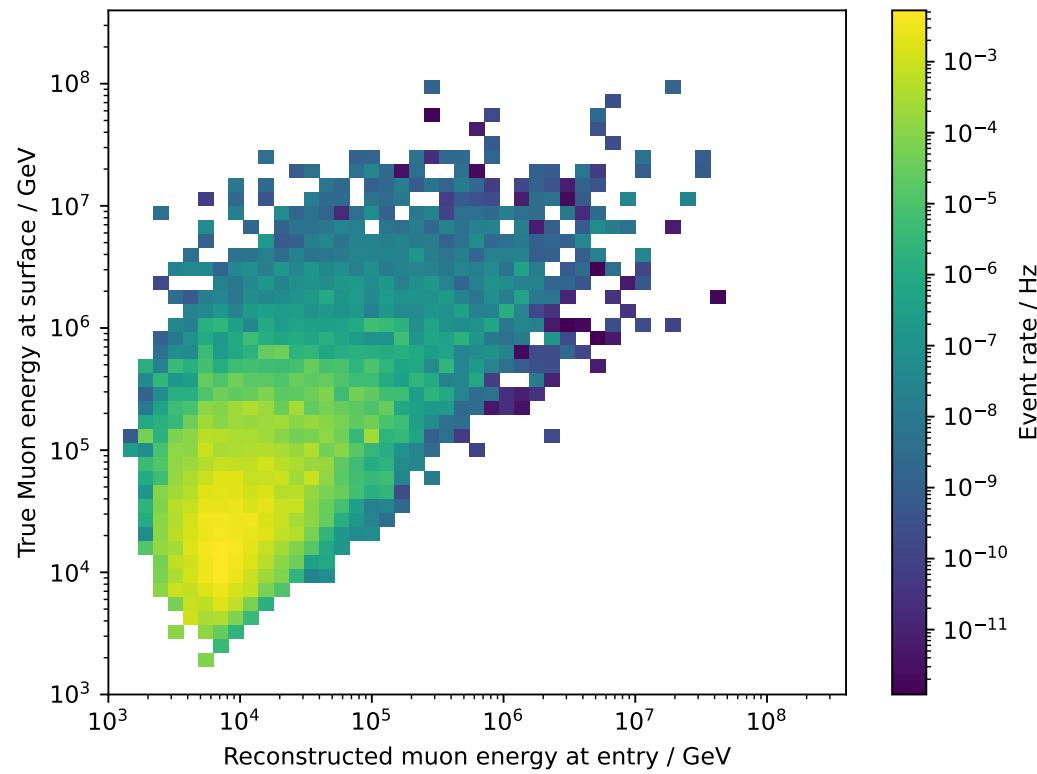
4. maximize  $\log(\mathcal{L}(\vec{g}|\vec{f})) + t(\vec{f})$   
 with respect to  $\vec{f}$  using  
 Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)



**funfolding**  
 by M. Börner

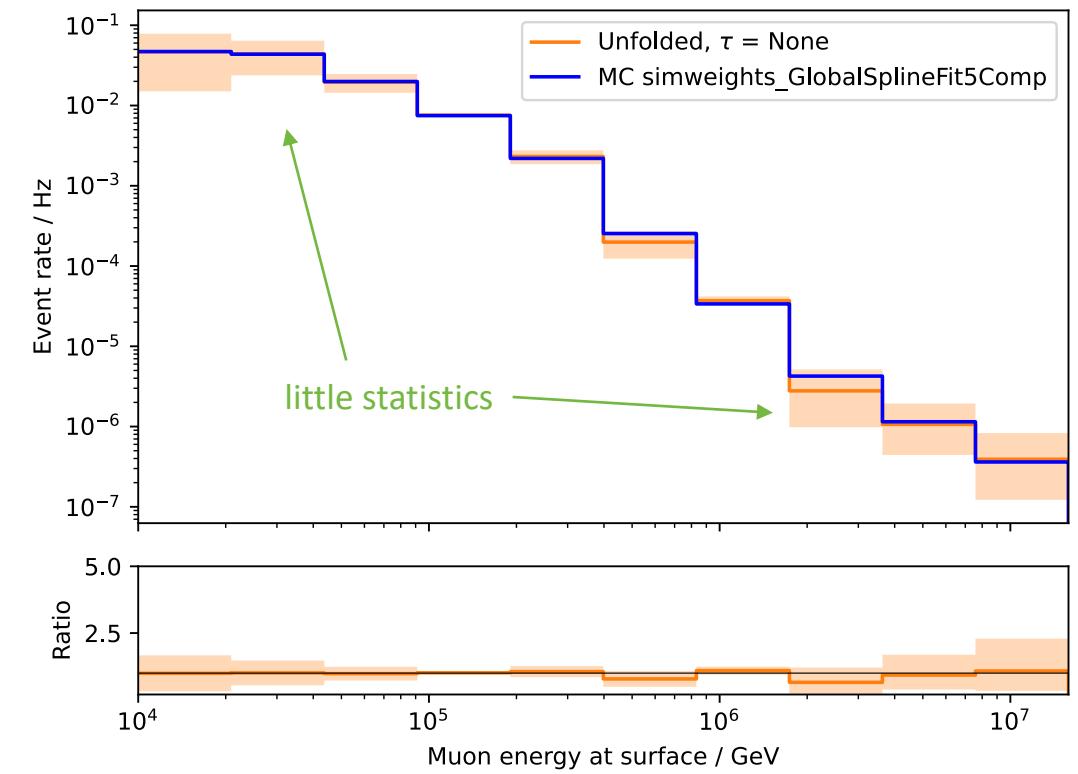
# Unfolding of event rate – leading muons

Target



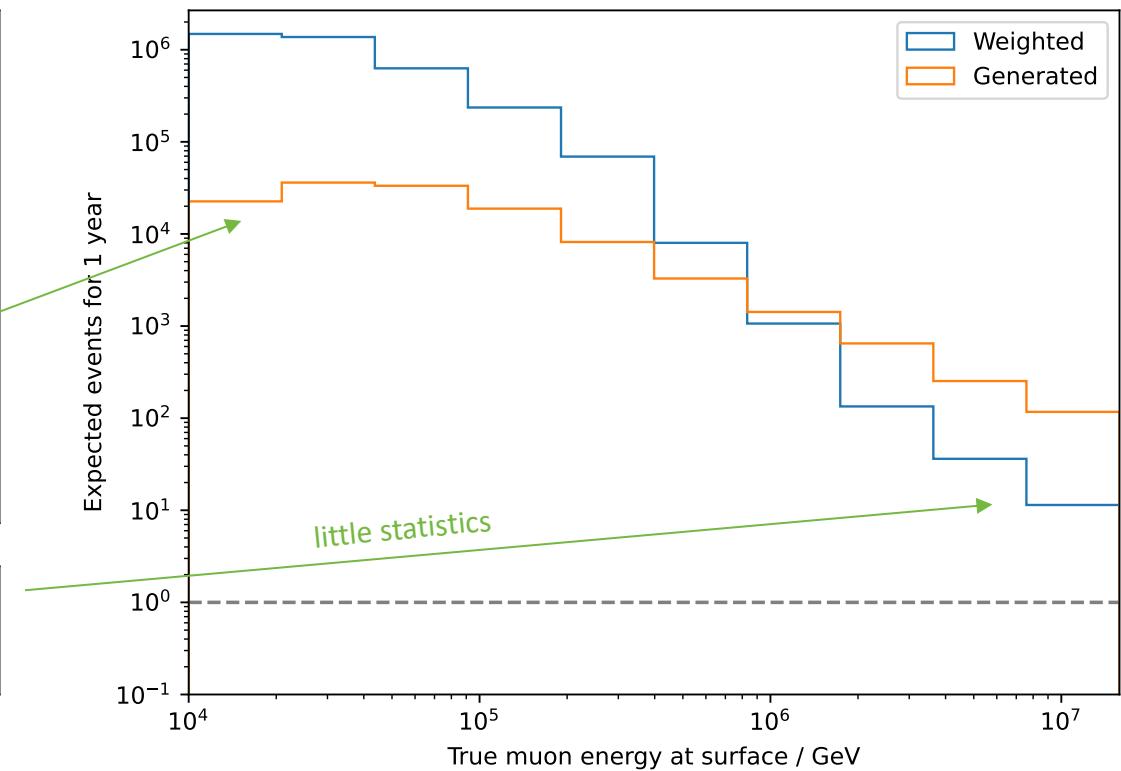
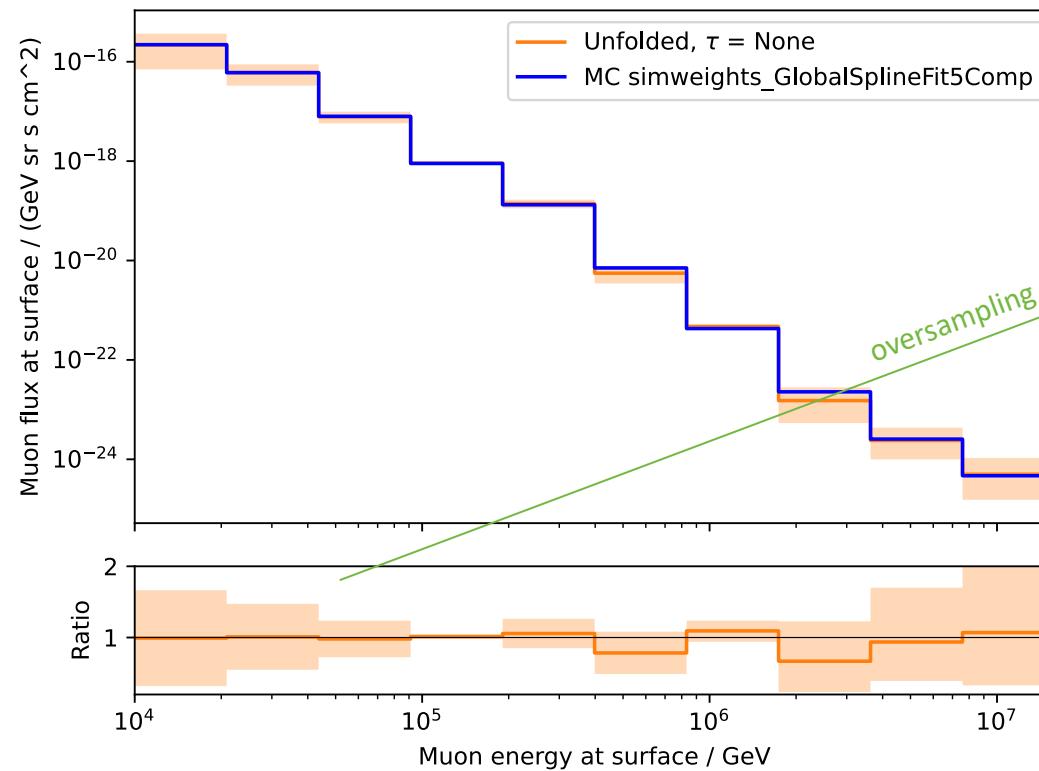
Proxy

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➤ Unfolding of event rate works well

# Unfolding of flux – leading muons



# Conclusion & outlook

- CORSIKA 7 Ehist test simulation
  - Tag prompt / conv particles
  - Compare with MC Eq
- Reconstructions
- Selection
  - Level 3 (muon filter + 200 TeV cut + labels)
  - Level 4 (add reconstructions)
  - Level 5 (quality cuts)
- Data-MC
- Forward fit
  - Performed on pseudo dataset
- Unfolding
  - Performed on pseudo dataset

## ToDos

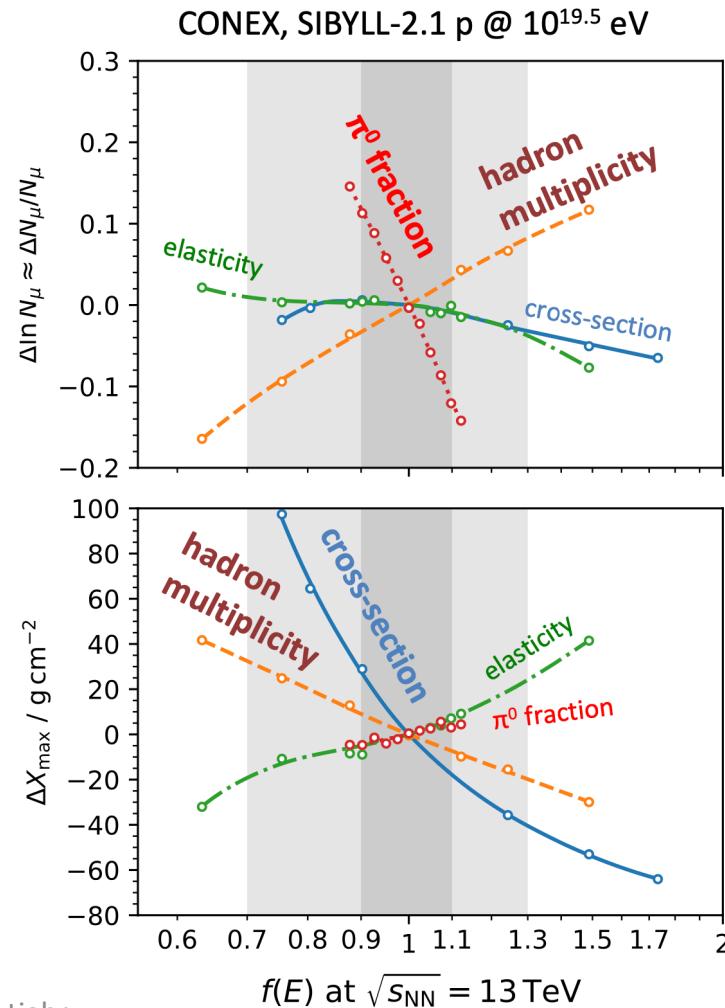
- Systematics (too little statistics)
  - Large-scale simulation (IceProd)
    - Latest ice model
    - Latest software release
    - Storage request
- Prompt muons [wiki](#)

Request for WG reviewer

# Backup

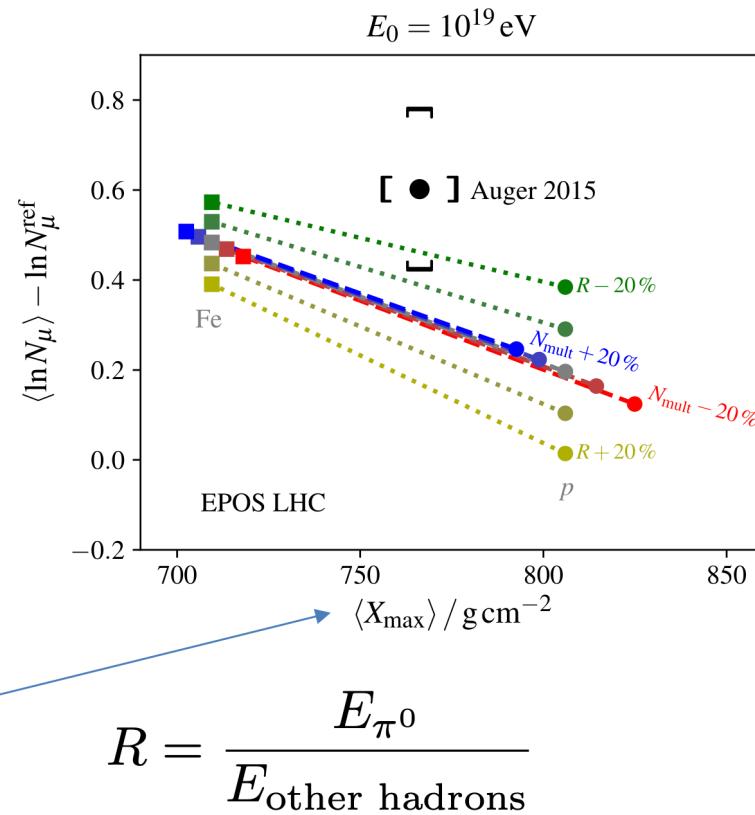
# Possible Solutions

R. Ulrich, R. Engel, M. Unger, PRD 83 (2011) 054026



06.10.23 | P. Gutjahr

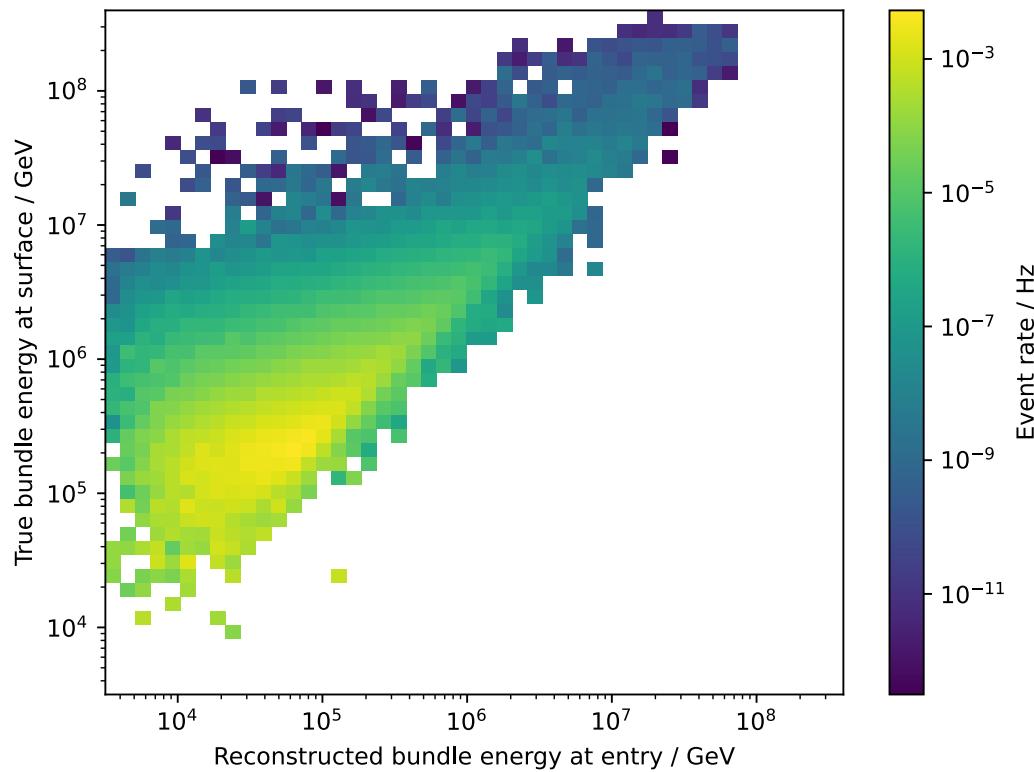
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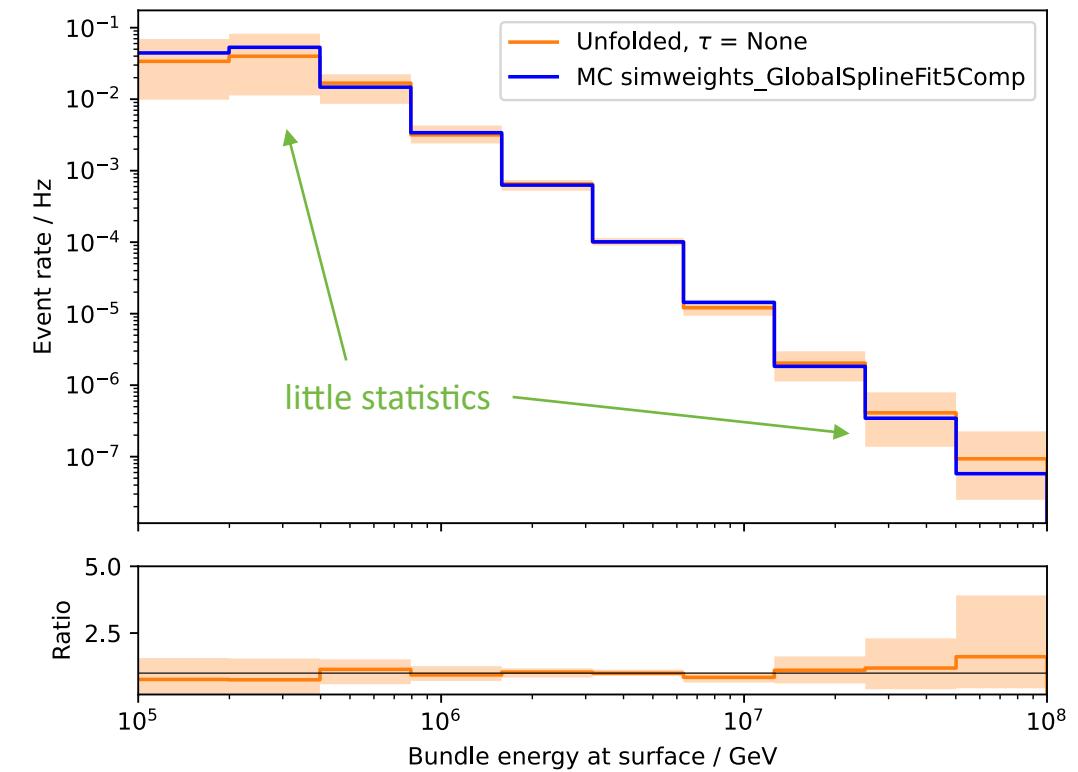
- Only changes to  $R$  can solve muon puzzle
- Small changes have large effect,  
 $R$  needs to be known to about 5 %

# Unfolding of event rate – muon bundles

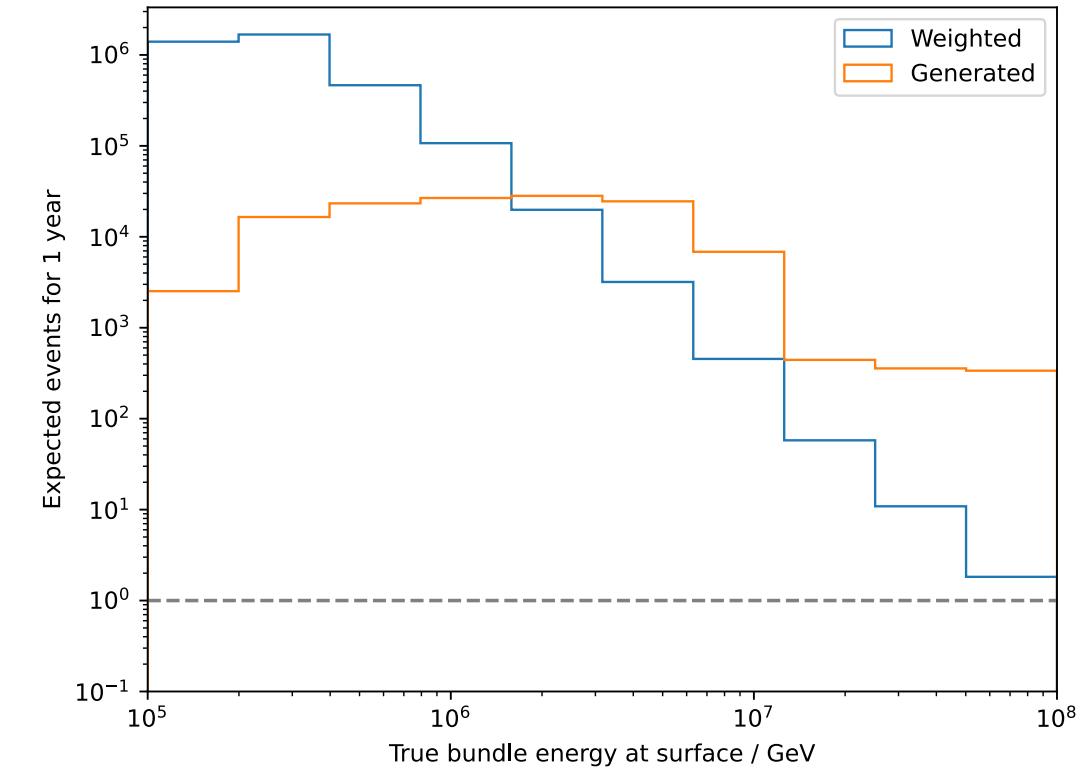
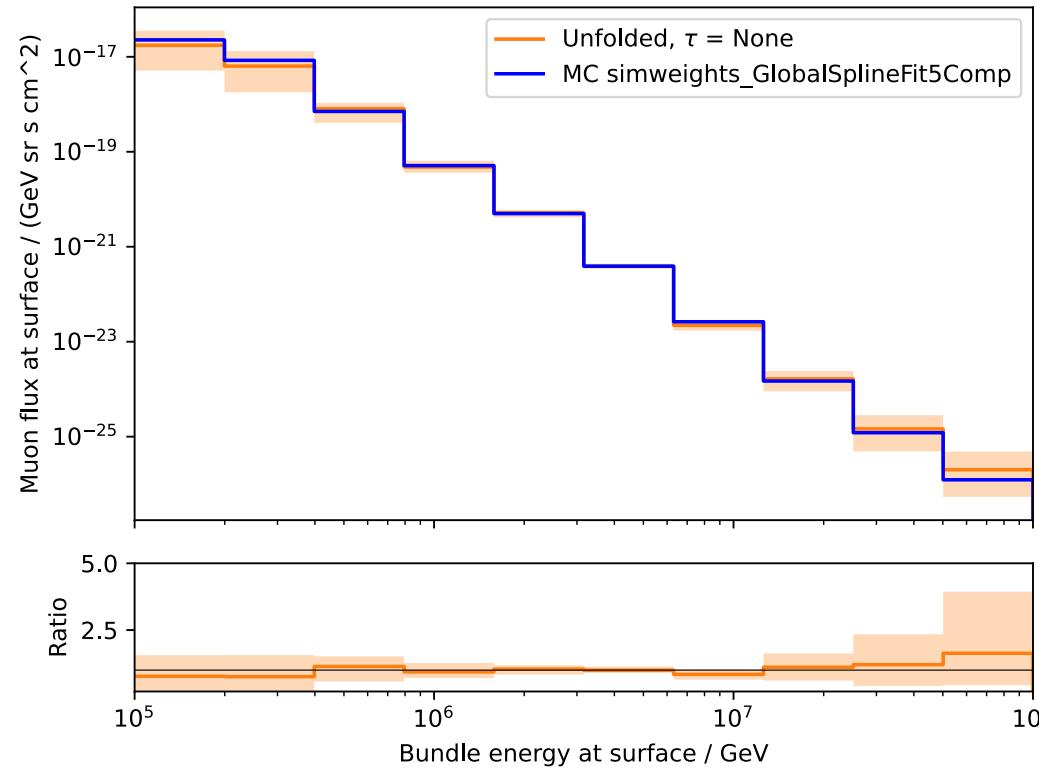
Target



Proxy

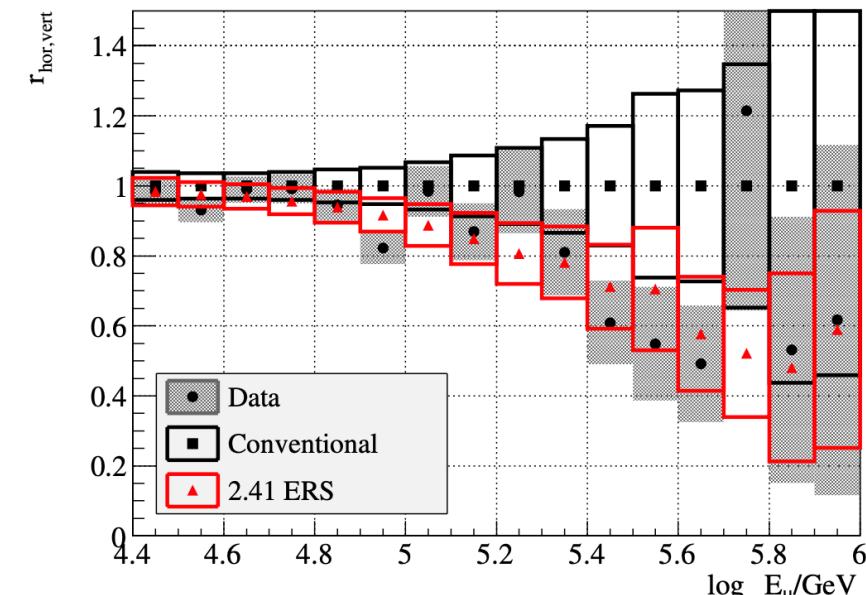
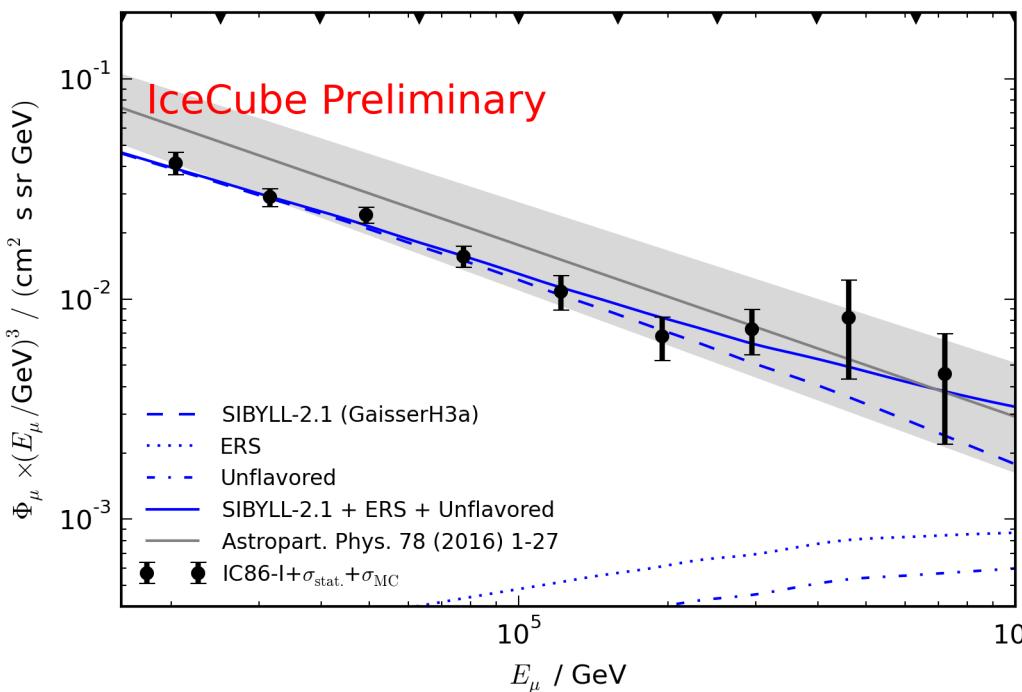


# Unfolding of flux – muon bundles



# Motivation

- Detect and measure normalization of prompt component of atmospheric muon flux
- Constrain uncertainties on hadronic interaction models at very high energies
- Former analyses:
  - Leading muon analysis: limited MC statistics (by Tomasz Fuchs, [https://wiki.icecube.wisc.edu/index.php/Analysis\\_of\\_Leading\\_Muons](https://wiki.icecube.wisc.edu/index.php/Analysis_of_Leading_Muons))
  - Characterization of the muon flux: zenith problem (by Patrick Berghaus, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1506.07981>)



Sample	Best Fit (ERS)	$1\sigma$ Interval (90% CL)	$\sigma(\Phi_{\text{prompt}} > 0)$
Uncorrected	4.93	4.05-5.87 (3.55-6.56)	9.43
Marginalized Ang. Corr.	3.19	1.64-5.48 (0.98-7.26)	3.46

- Good analyses with some challenges
- Prompt MC truth not available -> new CORSIKA simulations

# Overview

## Final goals

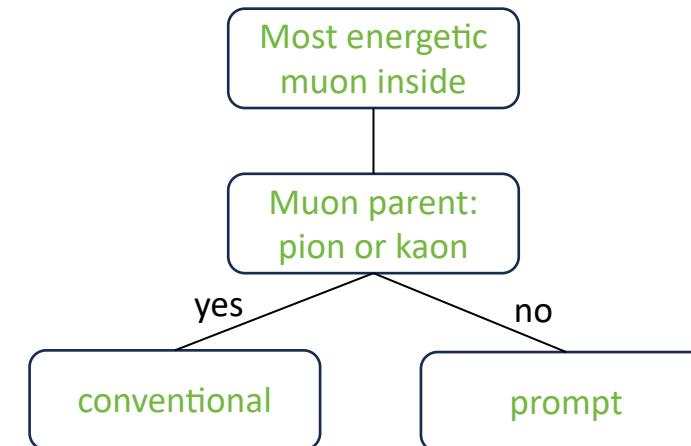
- Measure normalization of the atmospheric prompt muon flux
- Unfold muon energy spectrum

## Steps for normalization measurement

- Verify CORSIKA extended history simulations
- Tag prompt muons
- Comparisons to MCEq
- Set up preliminary analysis chain
- Reconstruct muon energy and direction
- Data/MC comparisons
- Include systematics
- Run full statistics simulation

## Additional steps for unfolding

- Effective area



## Terminology

- Muon bundle: all muons in a bundle
- Leading muon: most energetic muon in a muon bundle
- Single muon: no single muons at high energies
- Prompt muon: parent is not pion or kaon

## New (preliminary) CORSIKA Ehist simulation

- CORSIKA 77420
- SIBYLL 2.3d
- 600 GeV – 50 EeV
- `/data/sim/IceCube/2023/generated/CORSIKA_EHISTORY/`

# DNN reconstructions

# Reconstructed properties

## Energy

- entry\_energy**: Leading muon energy at the detector entry
- bundle\_energy\_at\_entry**: Muon bundle energy at the detector entry
- muon\_energy\_first\_mctree**: Leading muon energy at surface
- bundle\_energy\_in\_mctree**: Muon bundle energy at surface

## Track geometry

- Length**: Propagation length of muon in the ice
- LengthInDetector**: Propagation length of muon in the detector
- center\_pos\_x**: Closest x position of muon to center of the detector
- center\_pos\_y**: Closest y position of muon to center of the detector
- center\_pos\_z**: Closest z position of muon to center of the detector
- center\_pos\_t**: Time of closest approach to the center of the detector
- entry\_pos\_x**: x position of muon at the detector entry
- entry\_pos\_y**: y position of muon at the detector entry
- entry\_pos\_z**: z position of muon at the detector entry
- entry\_pos\_t**: Time of muon at the detector entry

## Direction

- zenith**: Zenith angle of muon
- azimuth**: Azimuth angle of muon



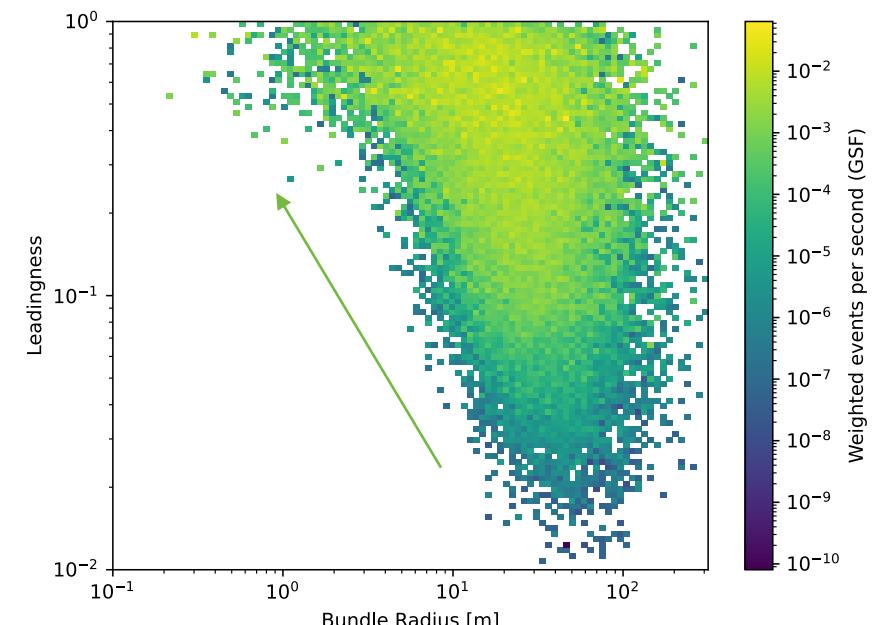
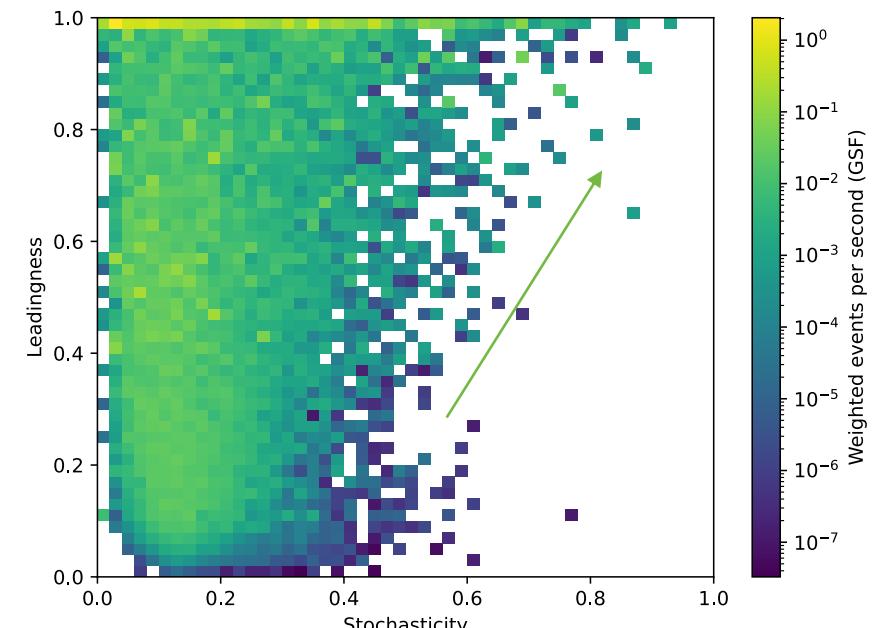
# DNN Reconstructions

## Reconstruct

- Energy
- Track geometry
- Direction

## Physics motivation

- Muons lose energy stochastically
  - High leadingness: energy depositions are dominated by large stochastic losses
  - Low leadingness: stochastic losses sum up and appear continuously
- High energies: forward production
  - High leadingness: small bundle radius
  - Low leadingness: larger bundle radius



# Input data per DOM

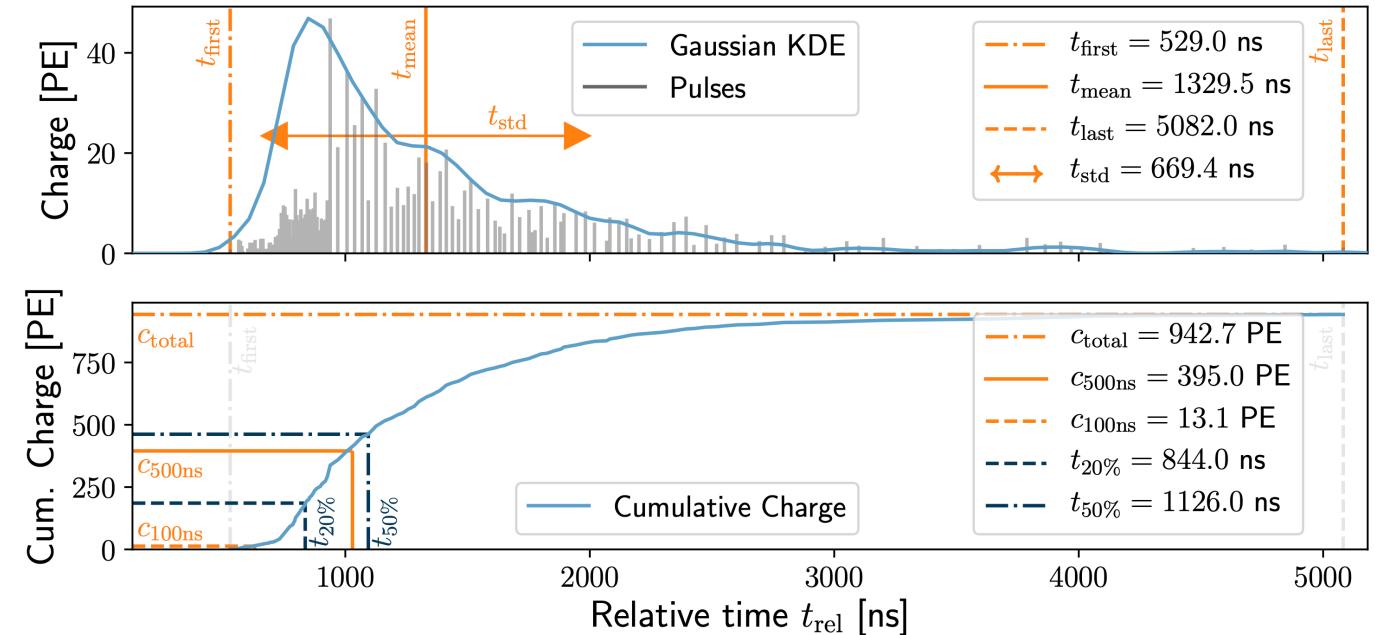
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## 3 inputs

- $c_{\text{total}}$ : Total charge
  - Sum of charge
- $t_{\text{first}}$ : Relative time of first pulse
  - Relative to total time offset, calculated as the charge weighted mean time of all pulses
- $t_{\text{std}}$ : Standard deviation of first pulse
  - Charge weighted standard deviation of pulse times relative to total time offset

## 9 inputs

- $t_{\text{last}}$ : Relative time of last pulse
  - Relative to total time offset, calculated as the charge weighted mean time of all pulses
- $t_{20\%}$ : Relative time of 20% charge
  - Relative to total time offset, calculated as the charge weighted mean time of all pulses
- $t_{50\%}$ : Relative time of 50% charge
  - Relative to total time offset, calculated as the charge weighted mean time of all pulses
- $t_{\text{mean}}$ : Mean time
  - Charge weighted mean time of all pulses relative to total time offset
- $c_{500\text{ns}}$ : Charge at 500ns
  - Sum of charge after 500ns
- $c_{100\text{ns}}$ : Charge at 100ns
  - Sum of charge after 100ns



## Input pulses

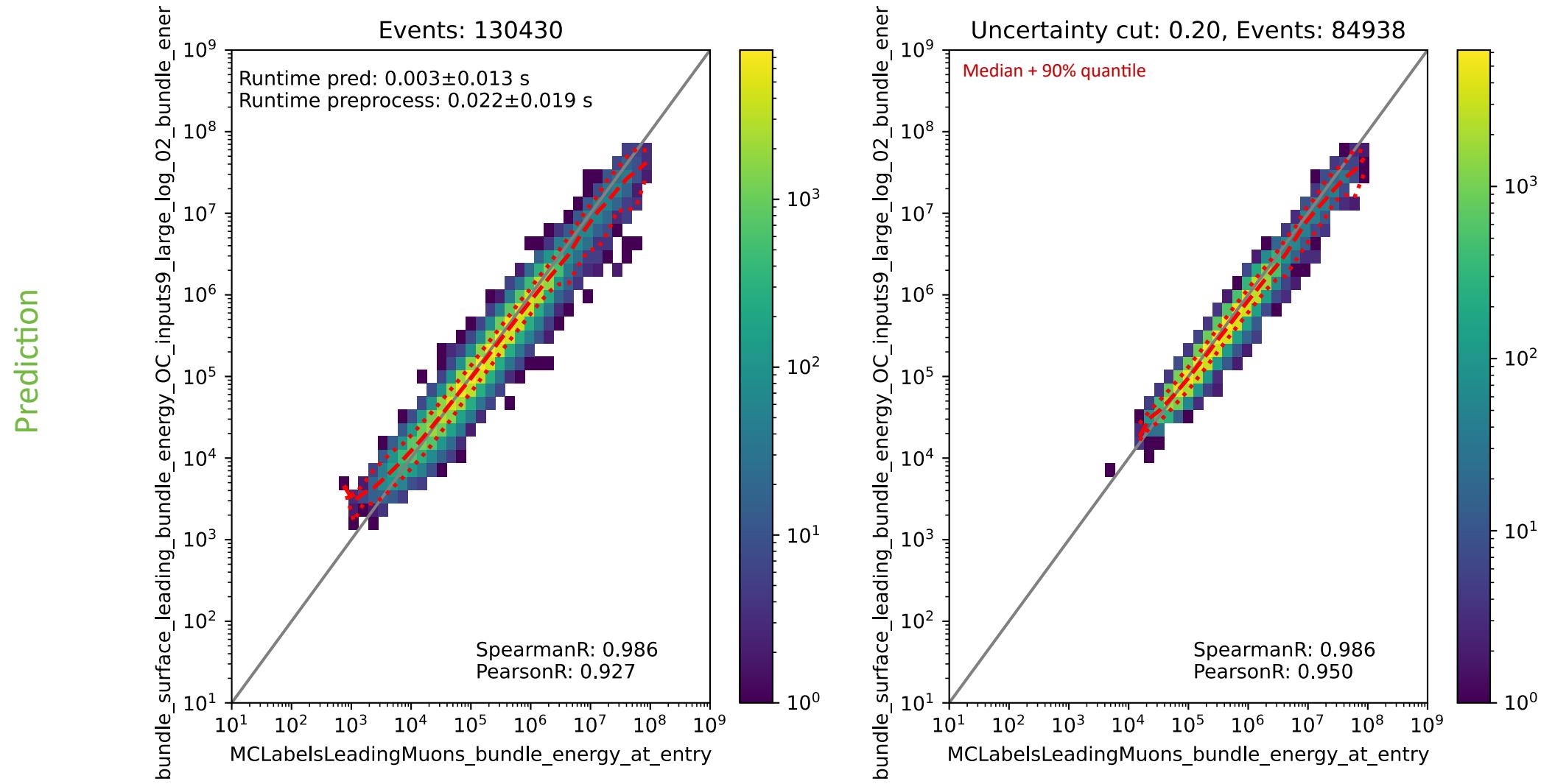
- SplitInIceDSTPulses
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- (DNN framework performs an internal cleaning)

## Training datasets

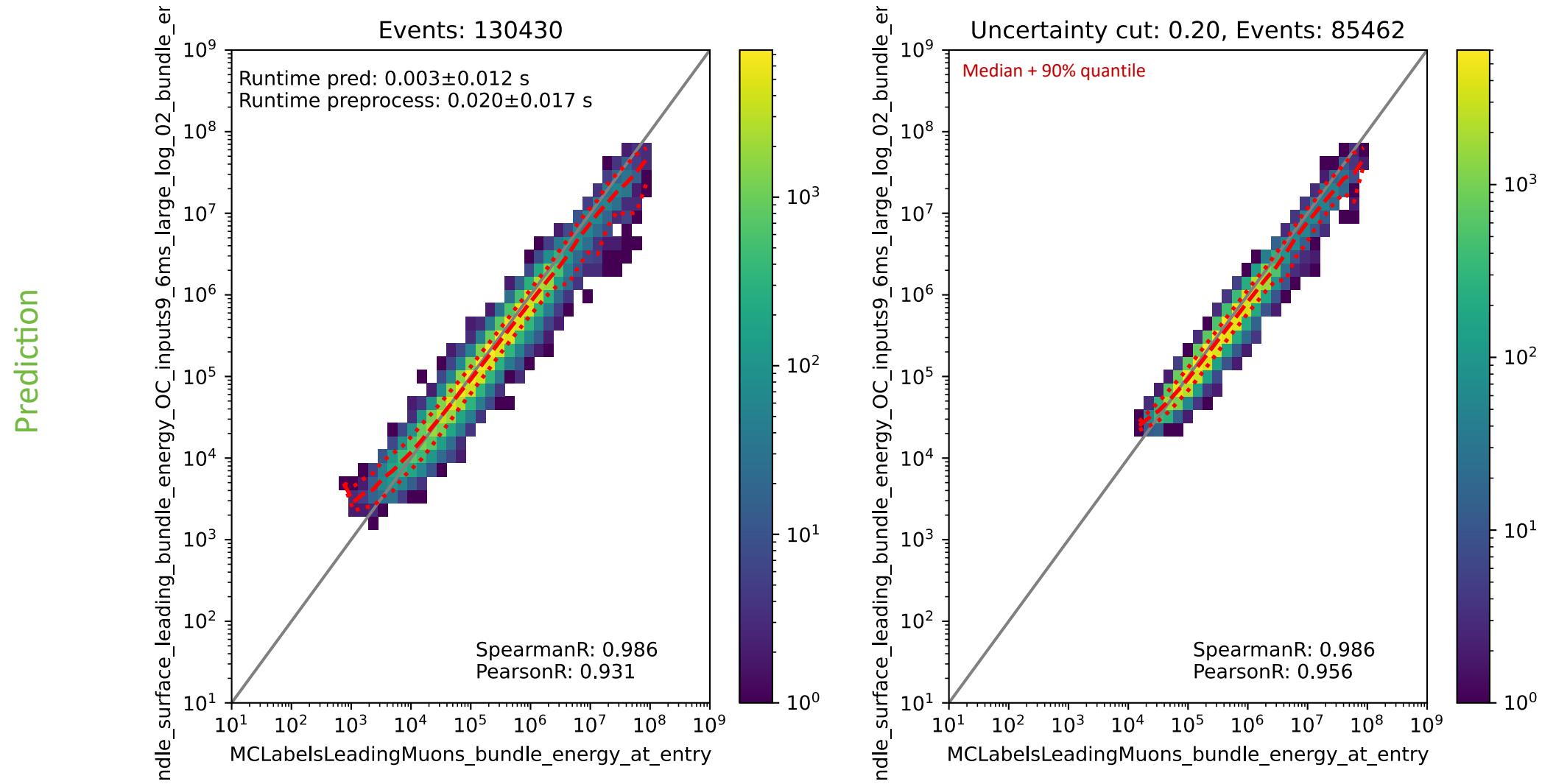
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# Network evaluation - Energy

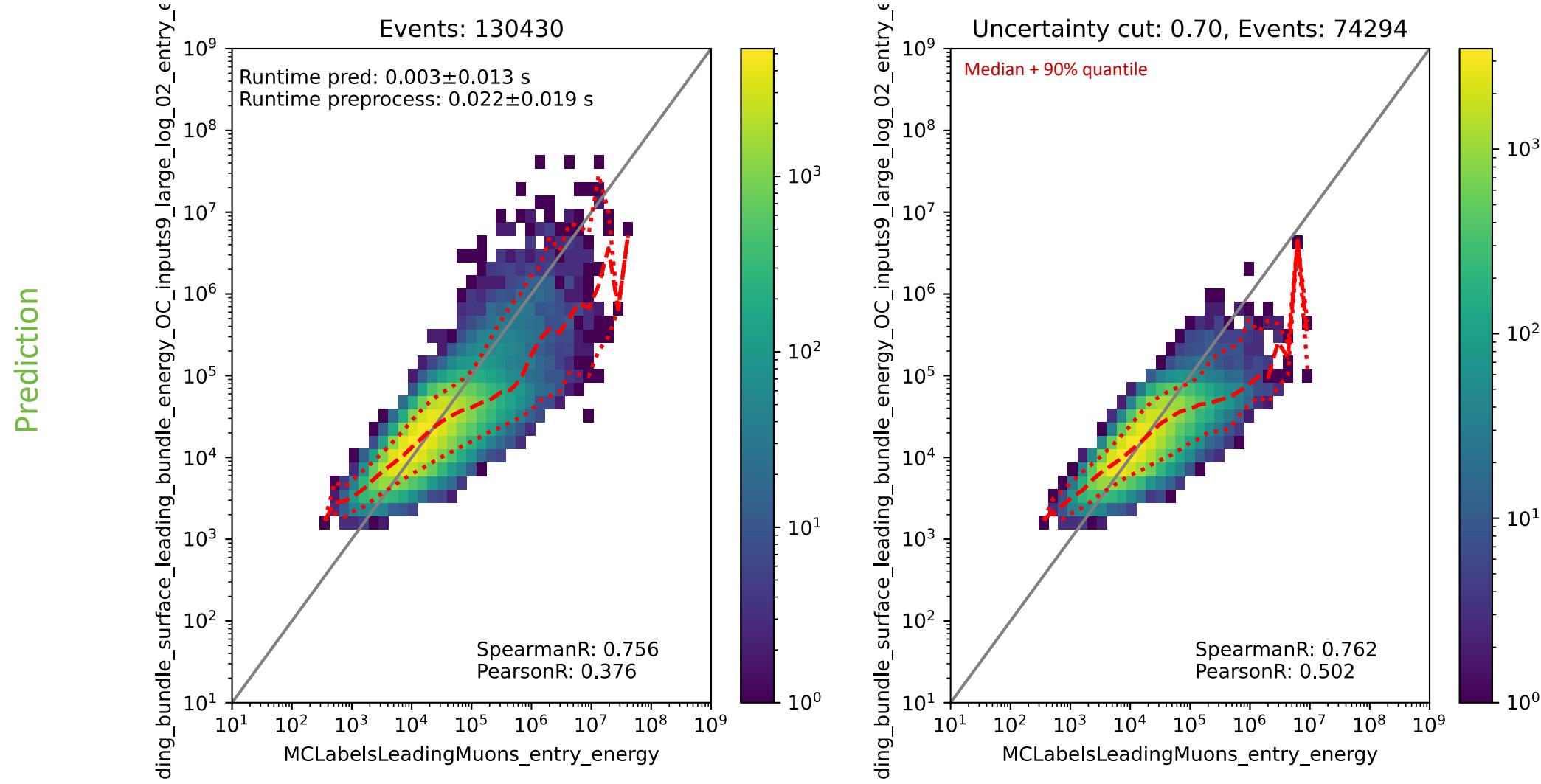
# Bundle energy at entry – internal cleaned pulses



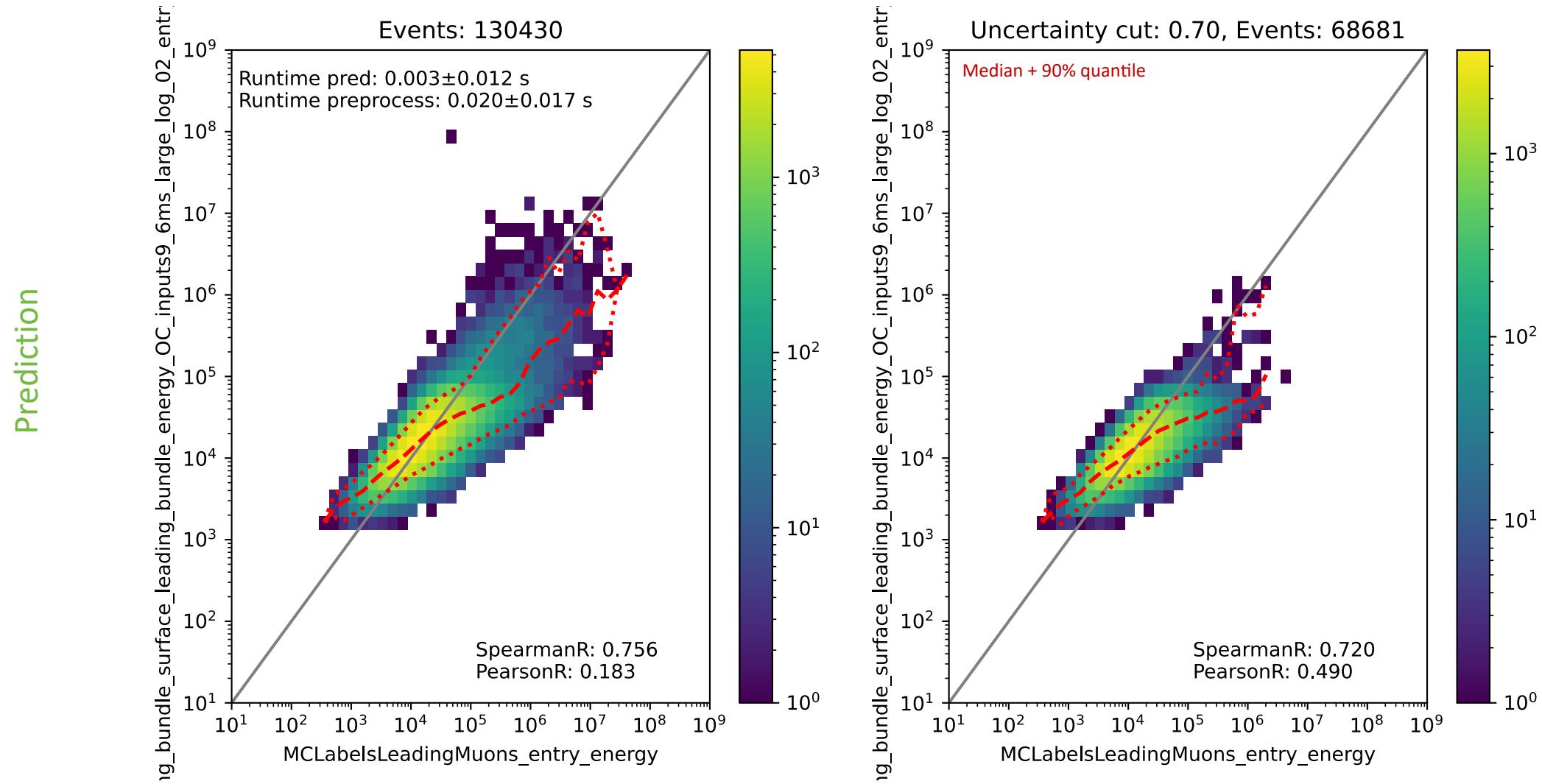
# Bundle energy at entry – 6 ms cleaned pulses



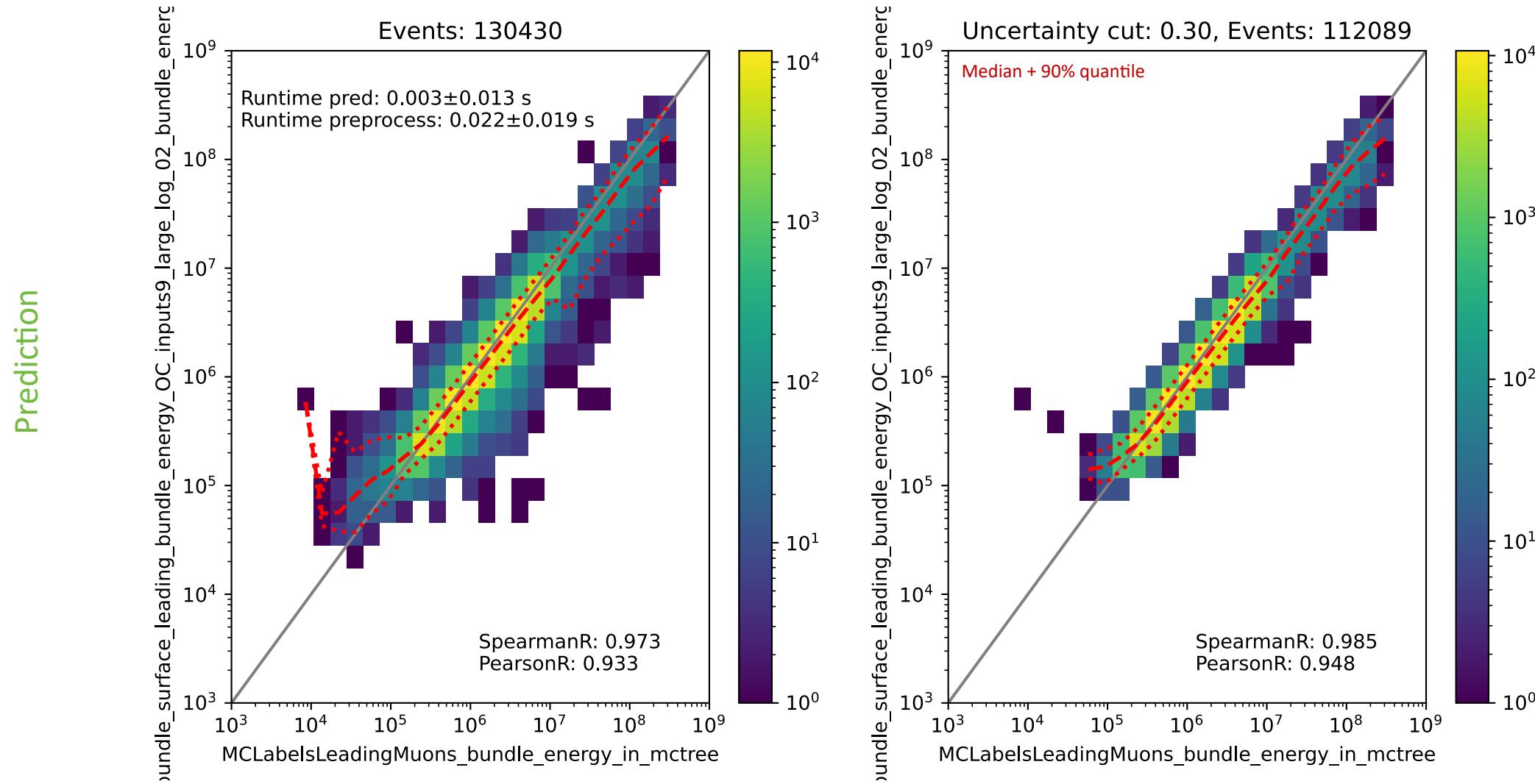
# Leading muon energy at entry – internal cleaned pulses



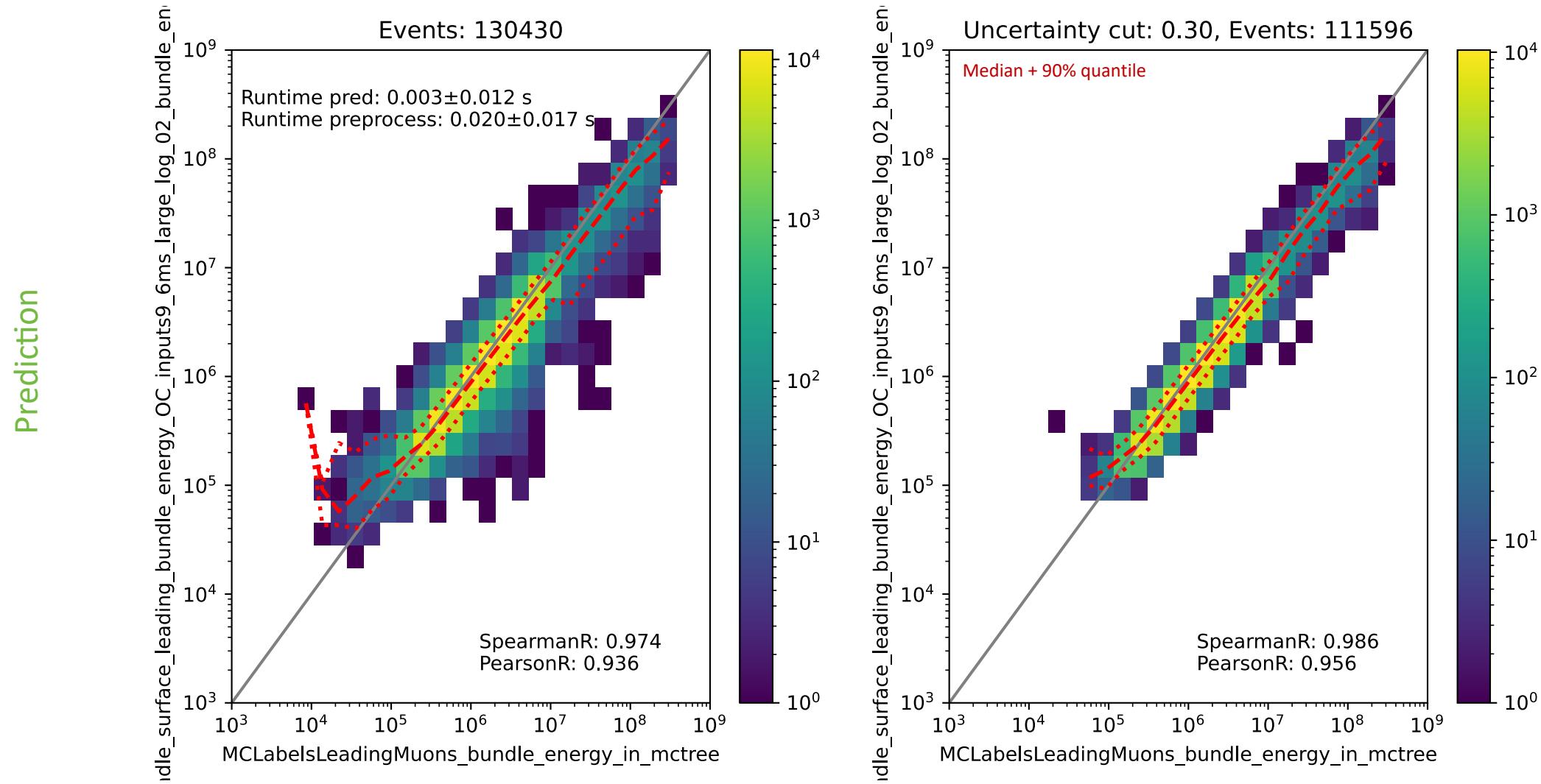
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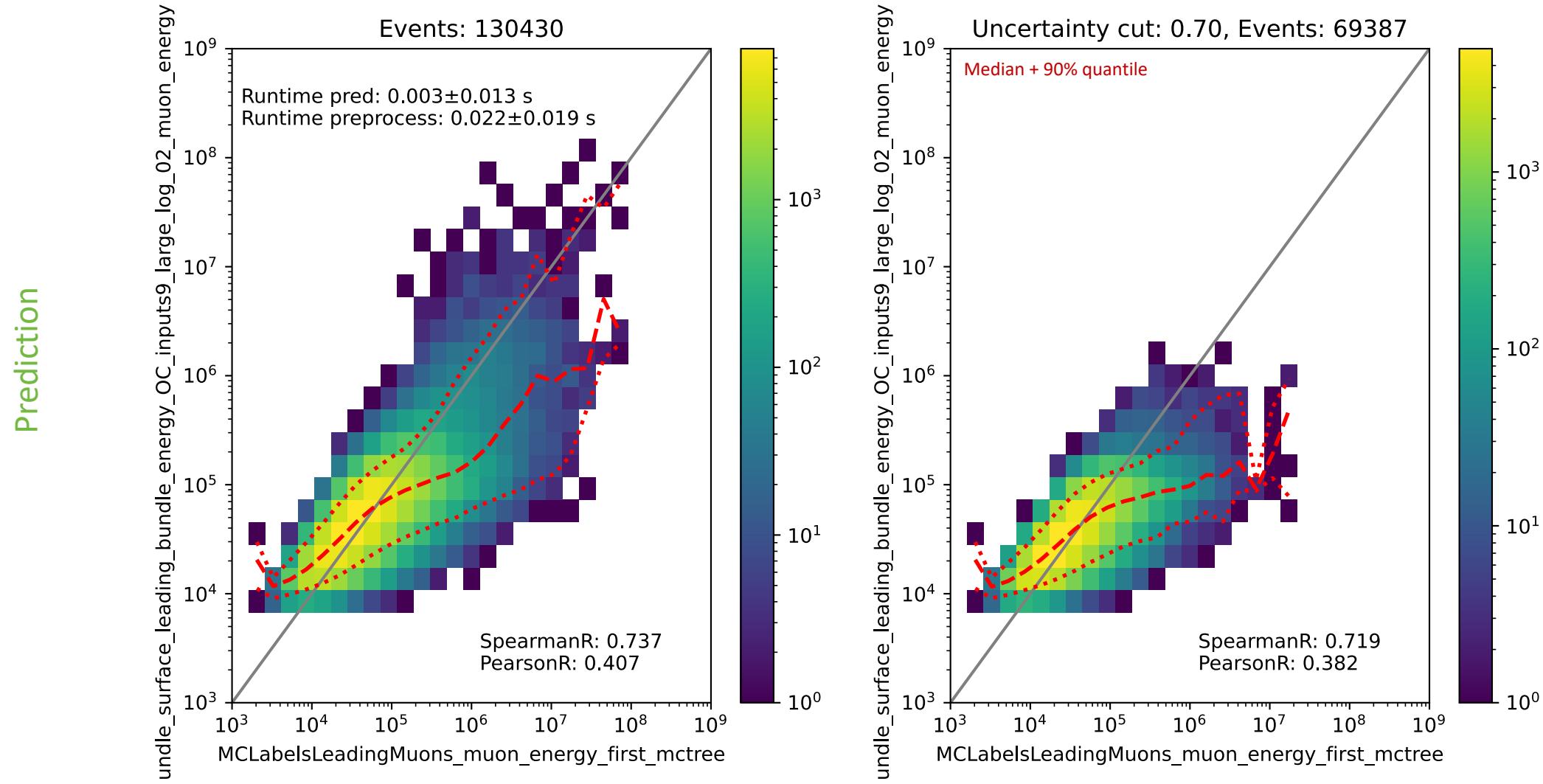
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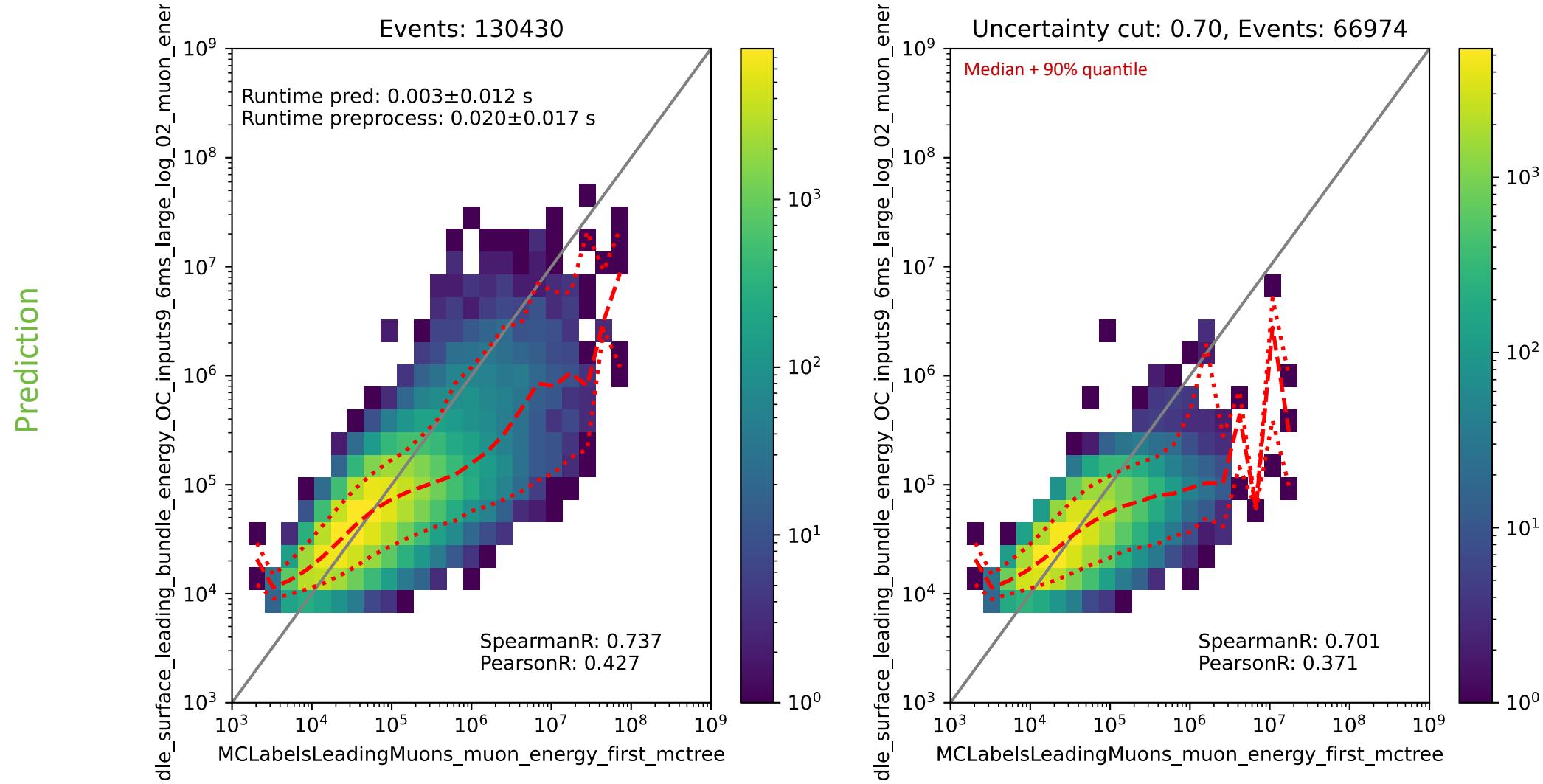
# Bundle energy at surface – 6 ms cleaned pulses



# Leading muon energy at surface – internal cleaned pulses

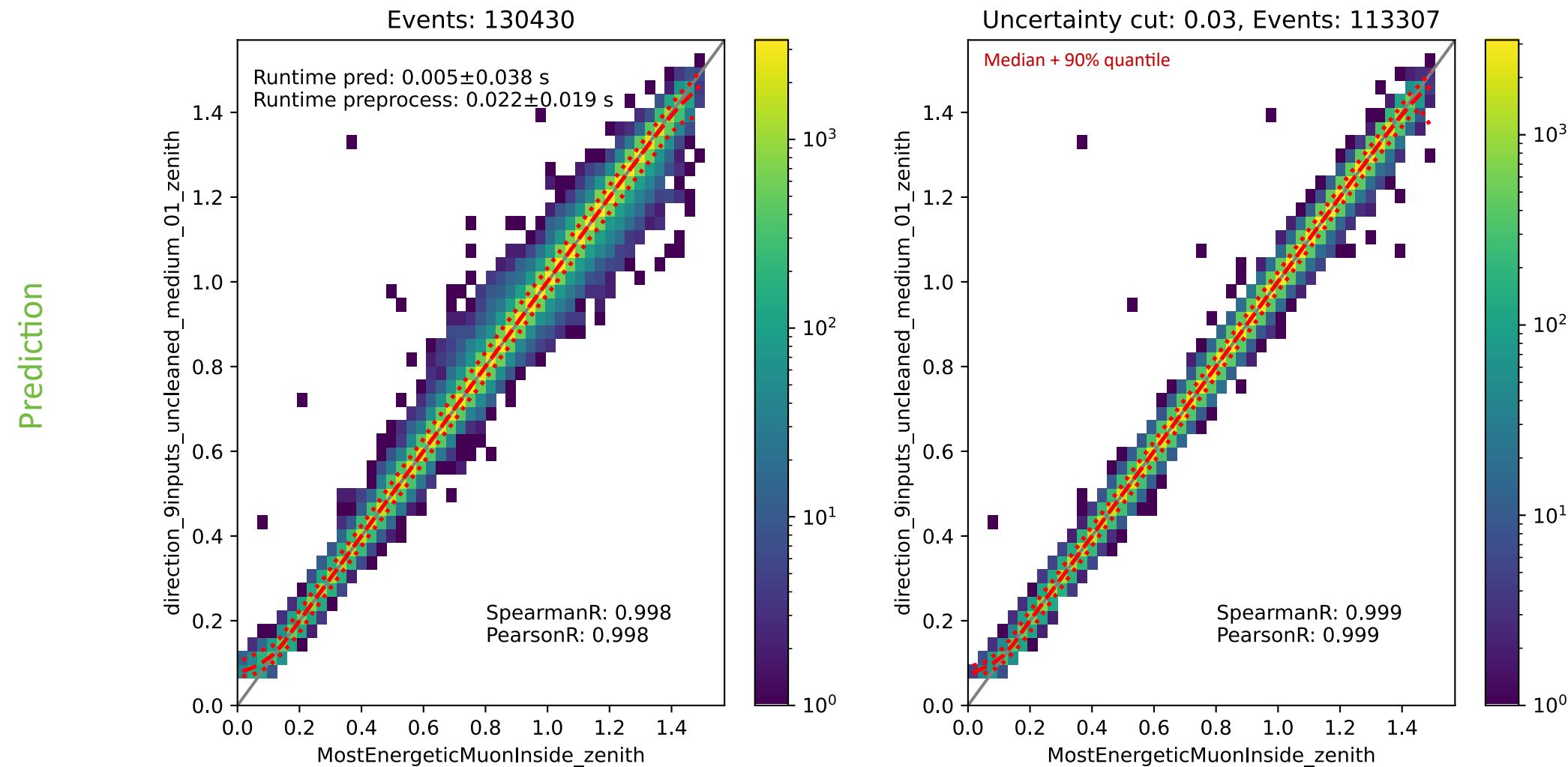


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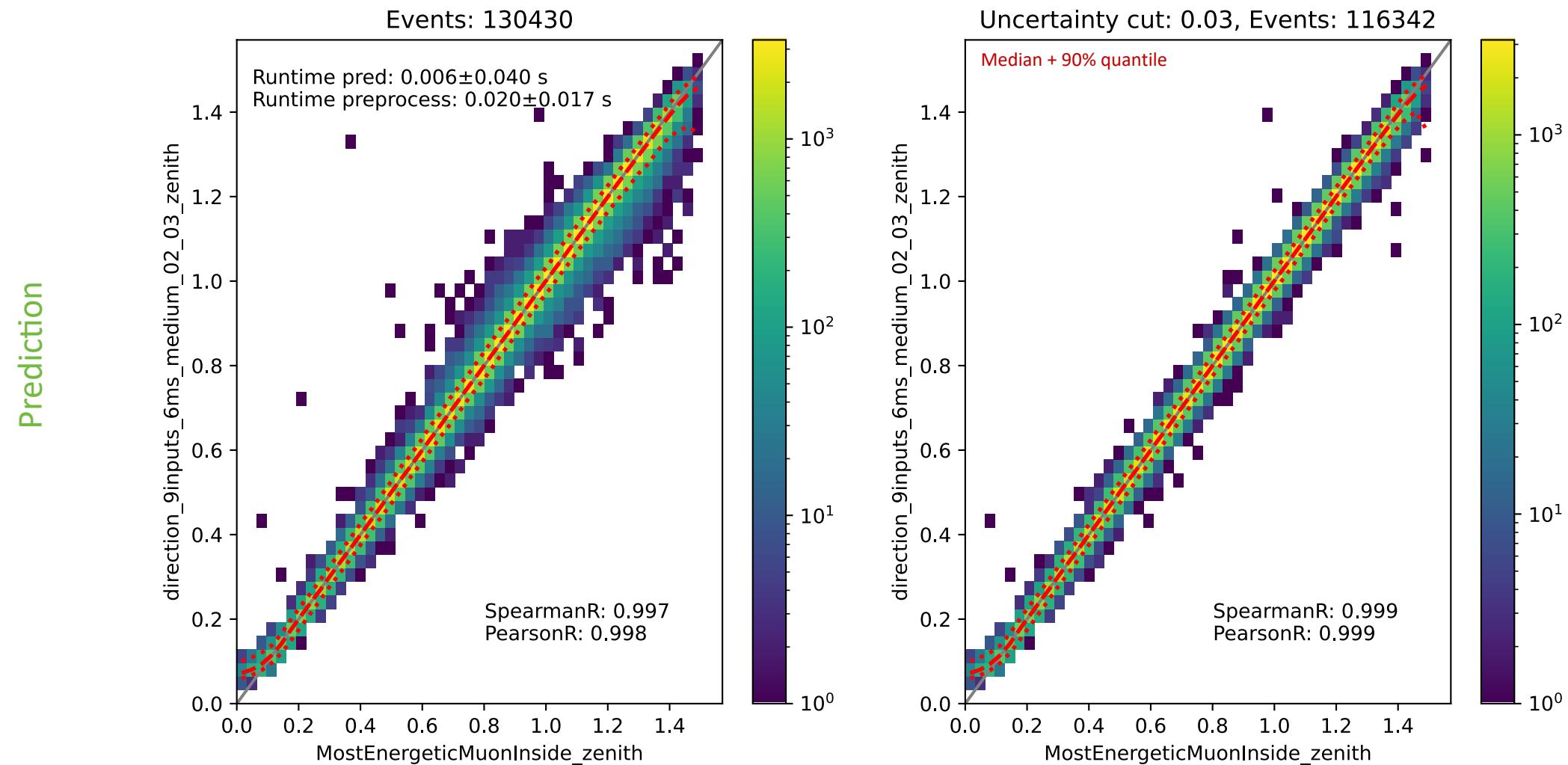


# Network evaluation - Direction

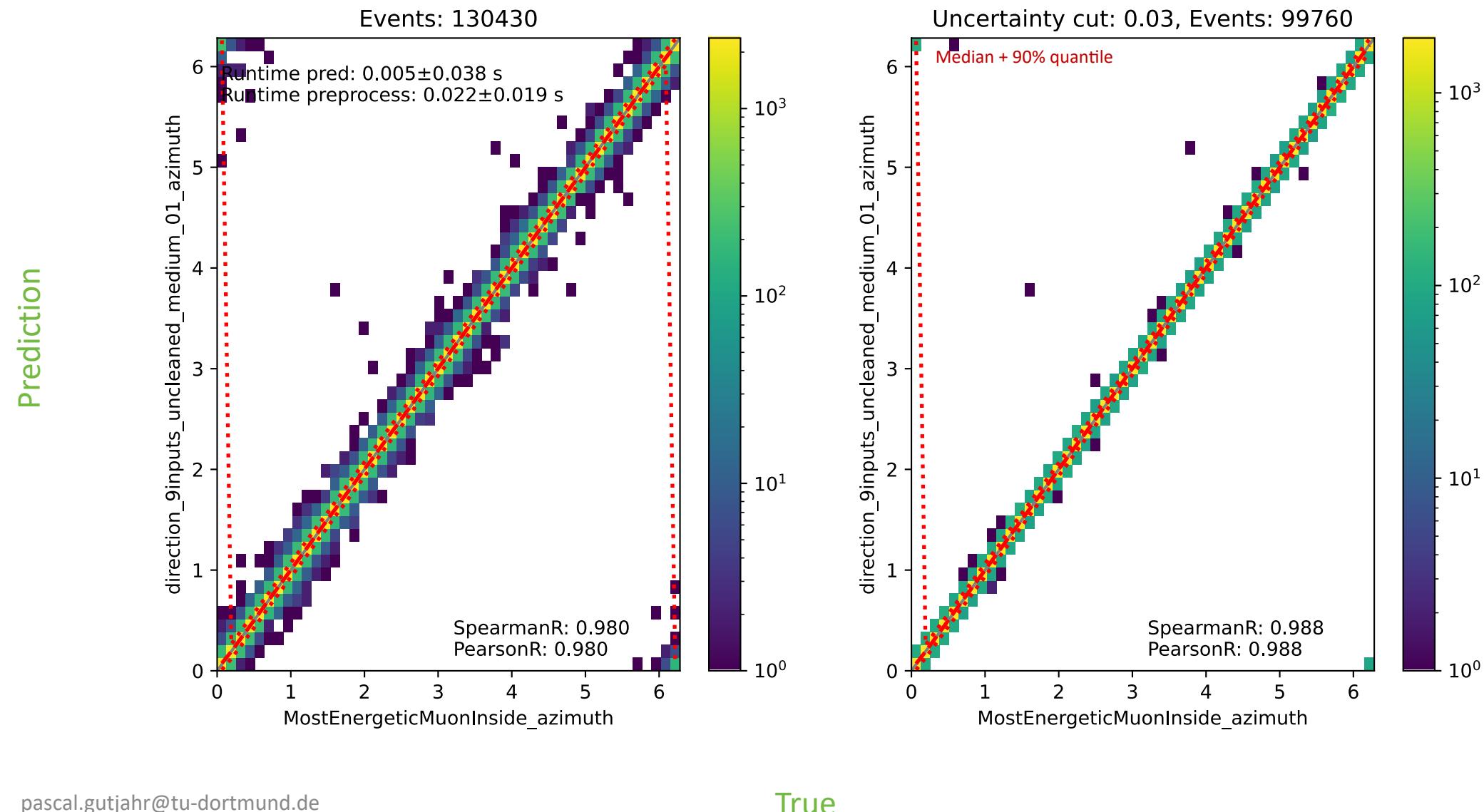
## Zenith – internal cleaned pulses



## Zenith – 6 ms cleaned pulses

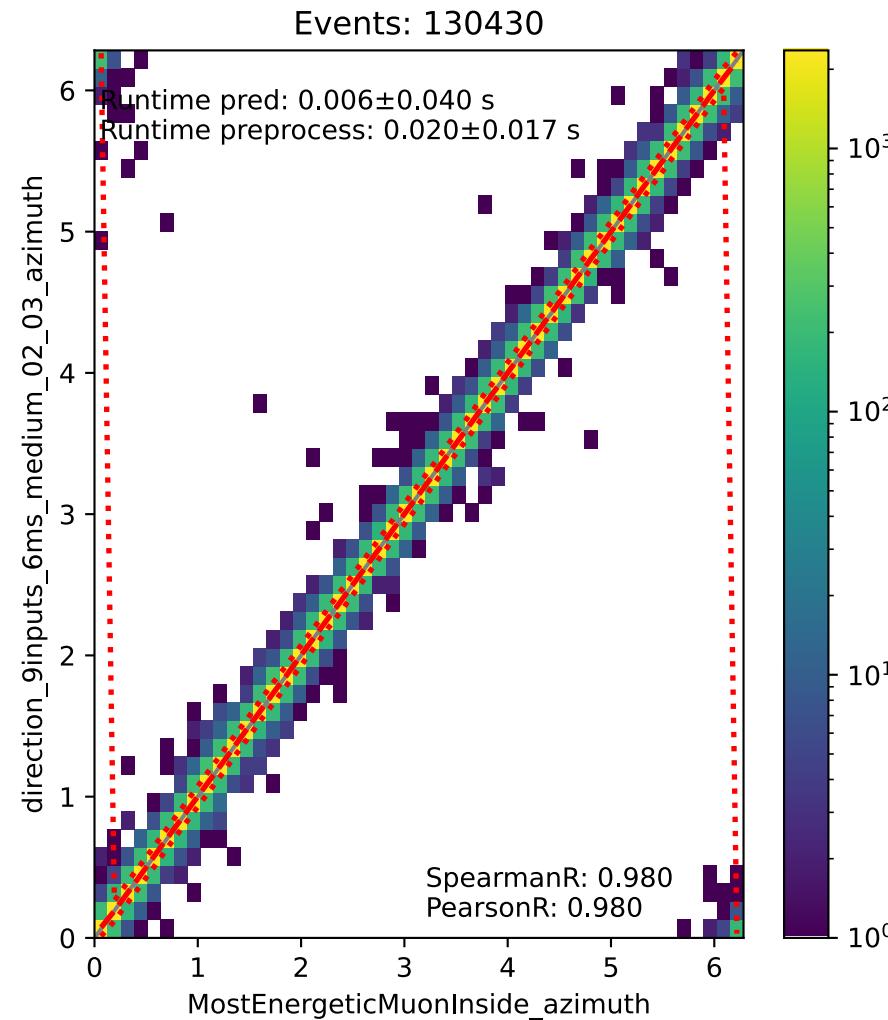


## Azimuth – internal cleaned pulses

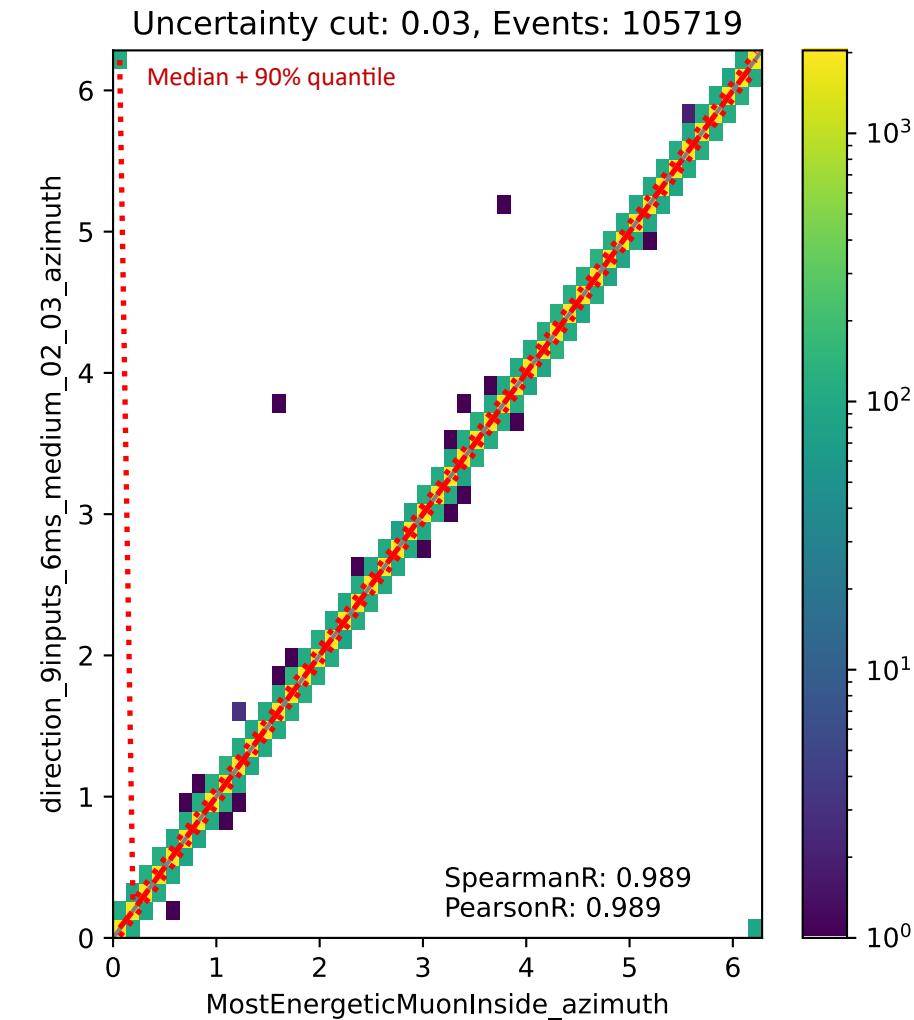


## Azimuth – 6 ms cleaned pulses

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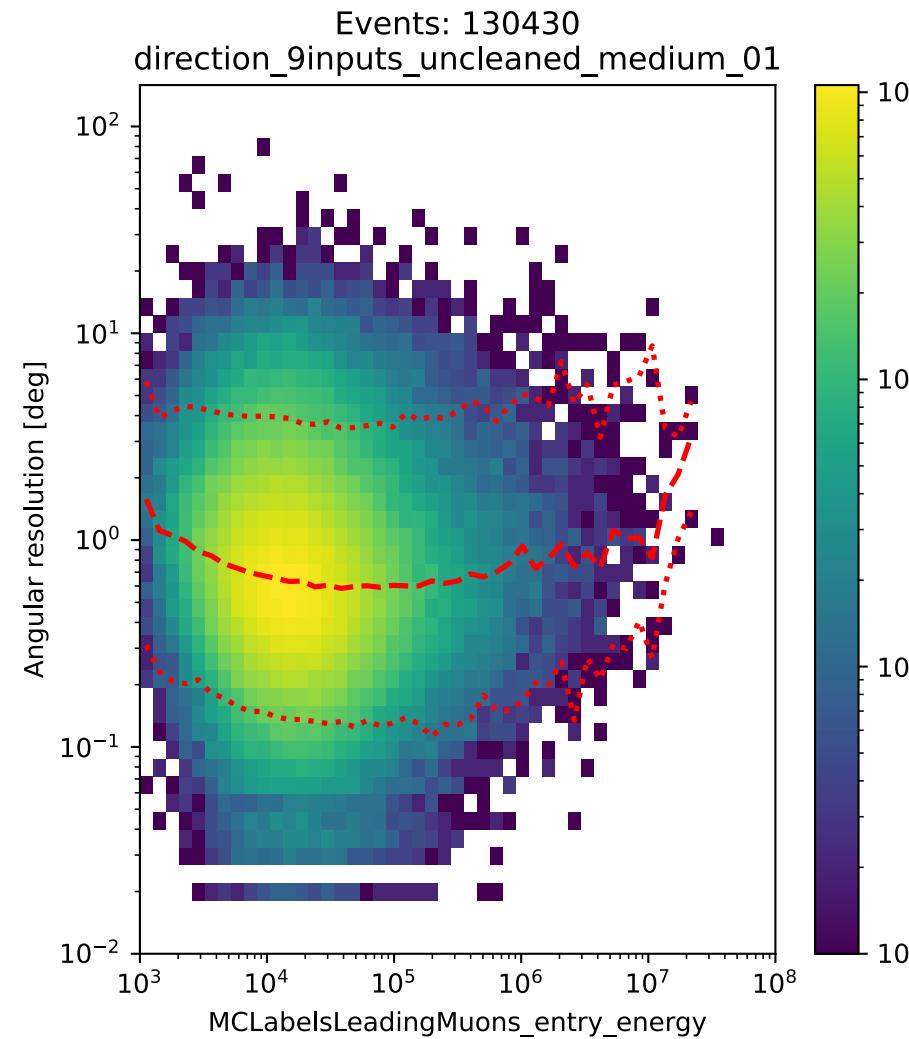


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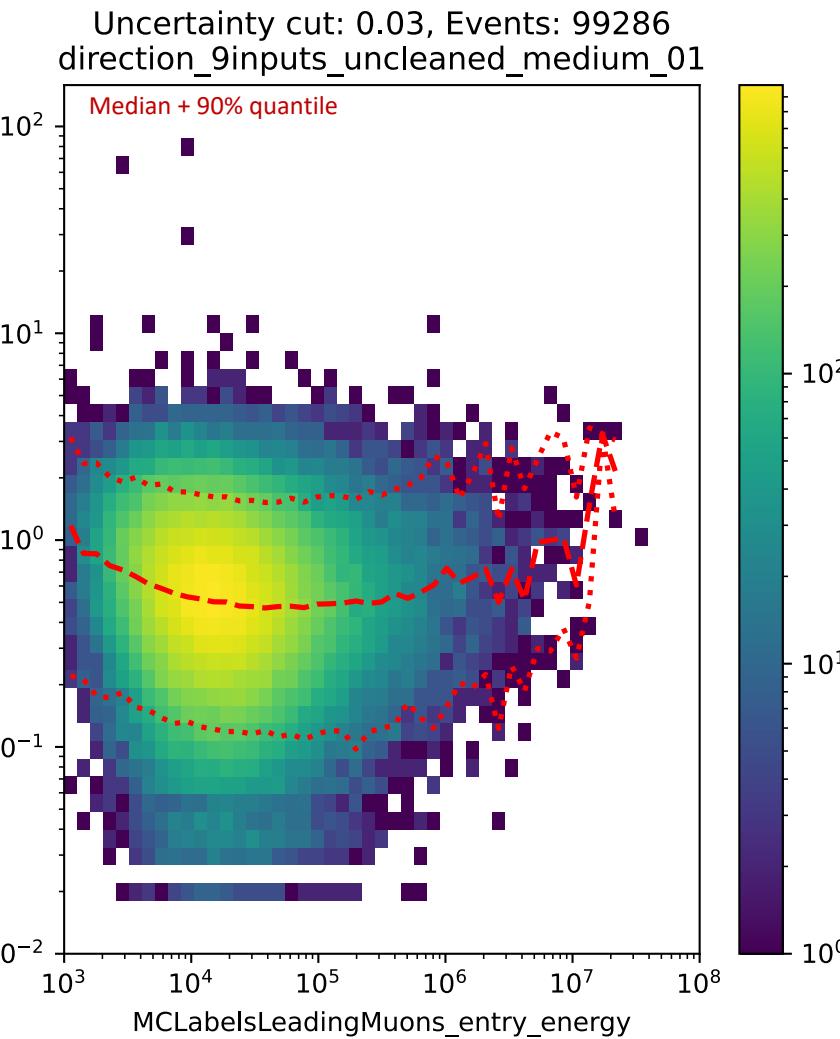


# Angular resolution – internal cleaned pulses

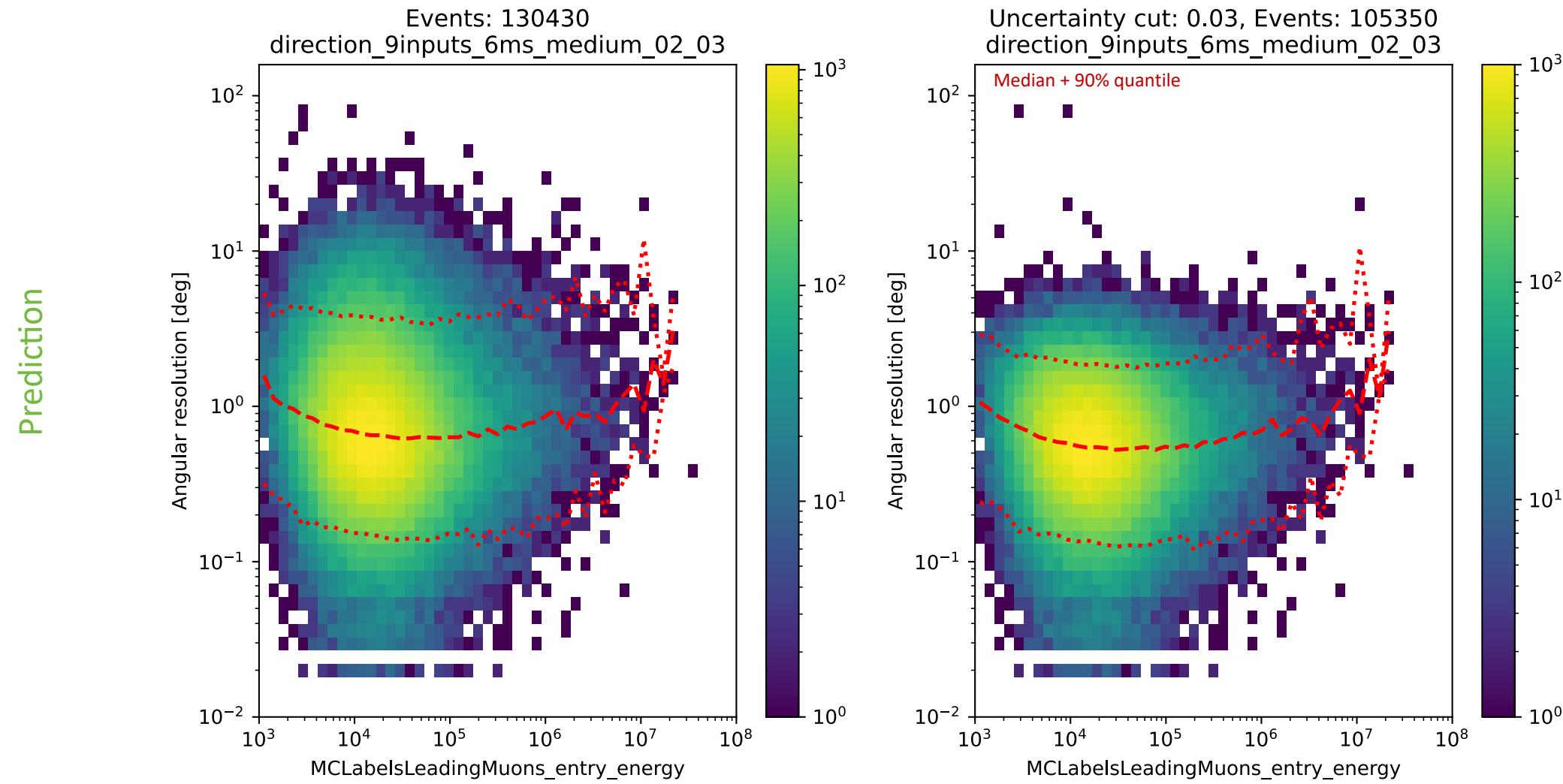
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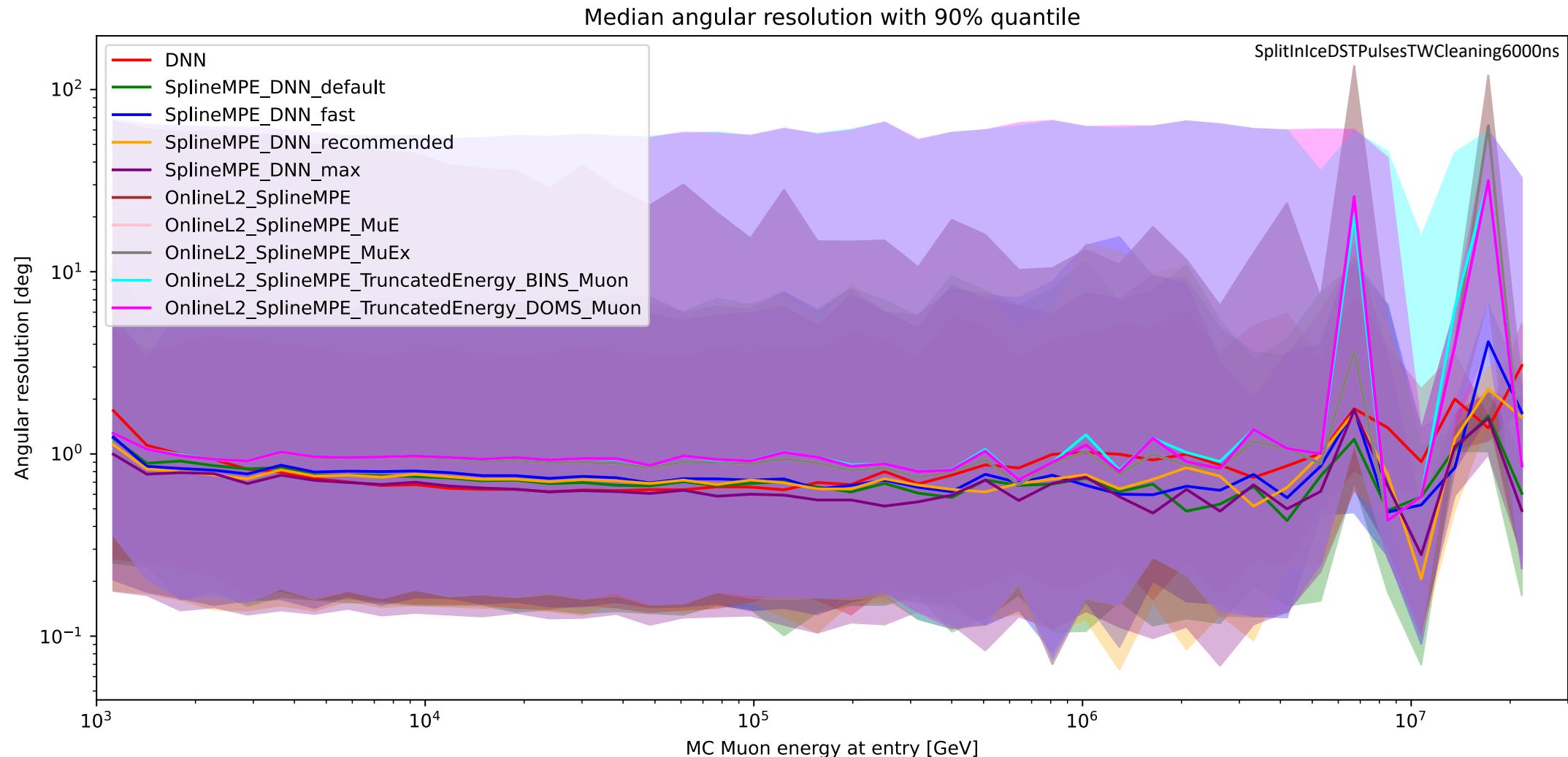
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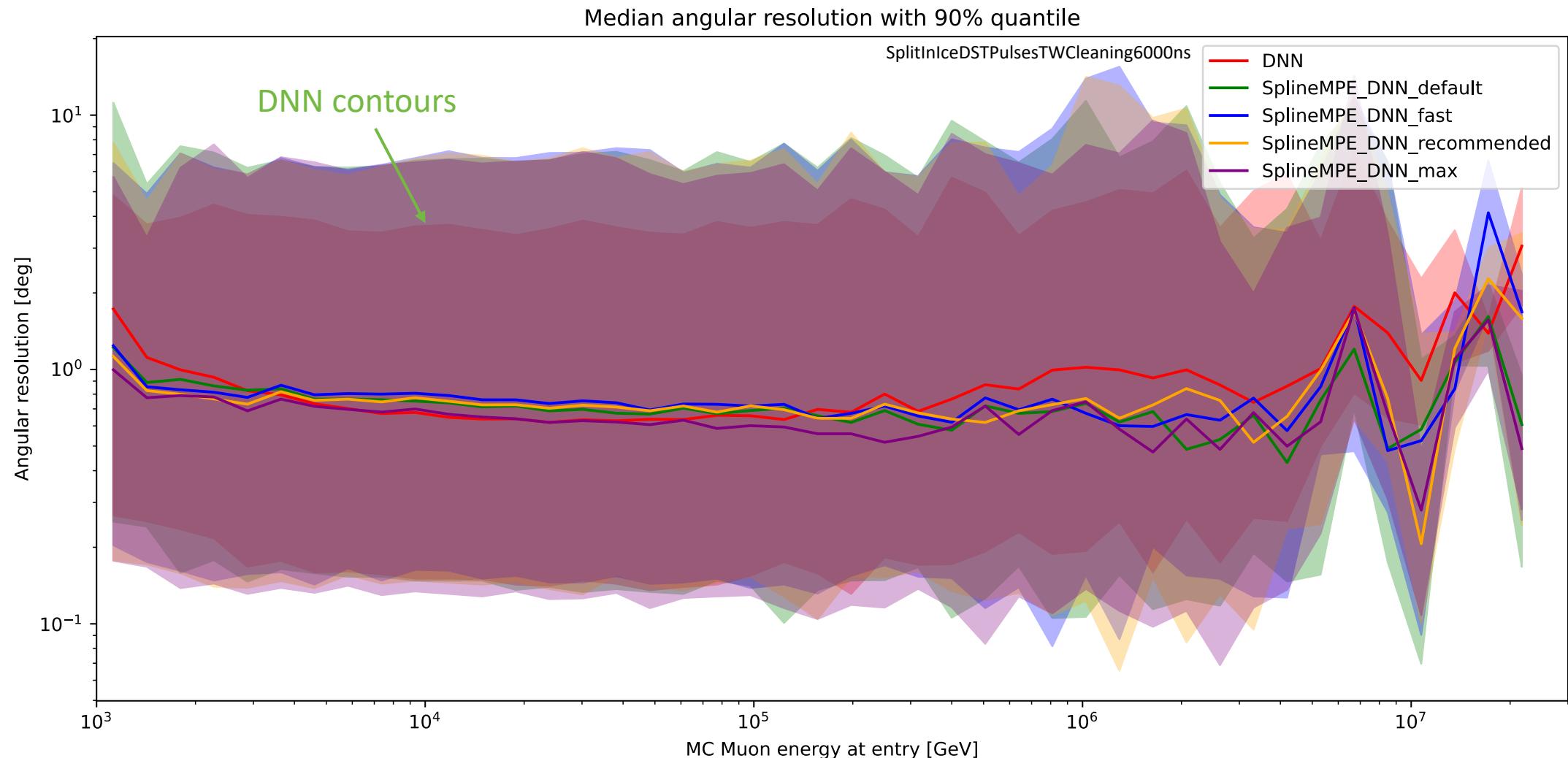
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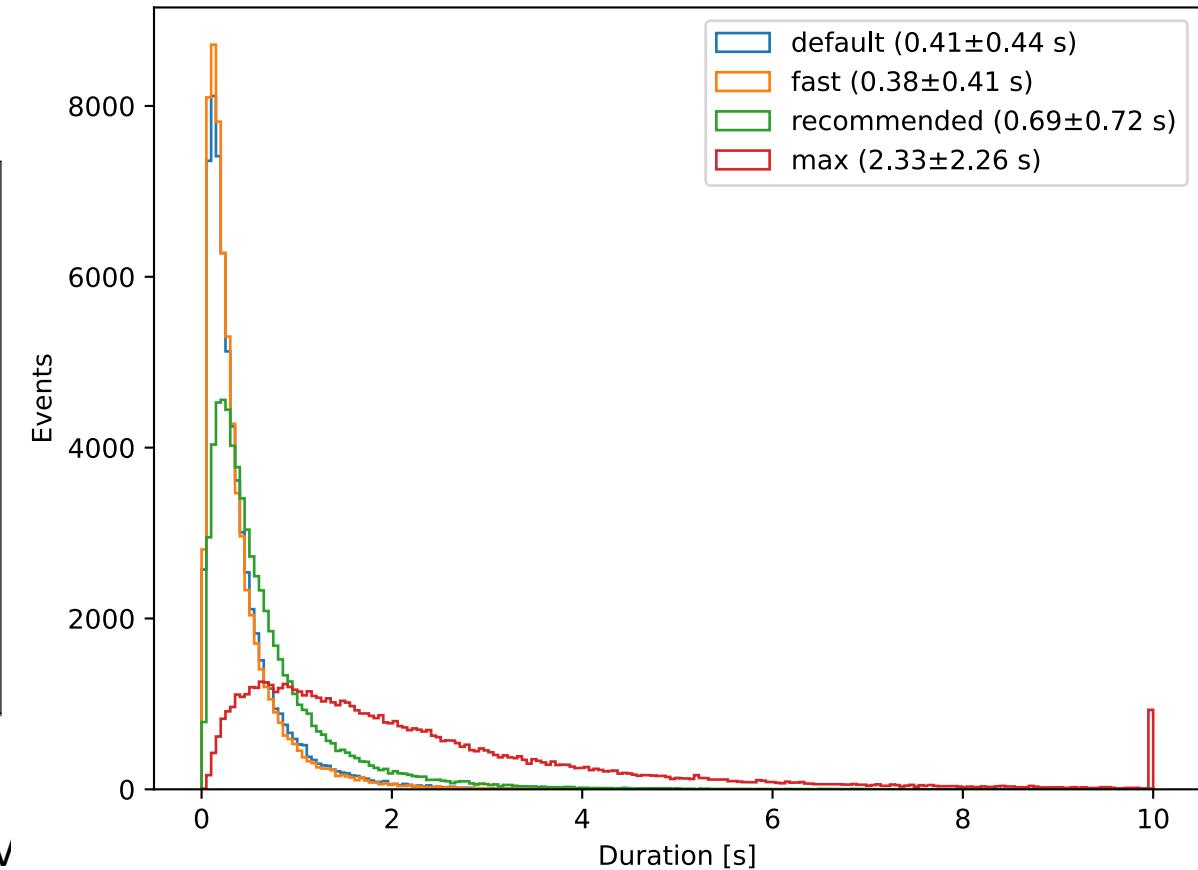
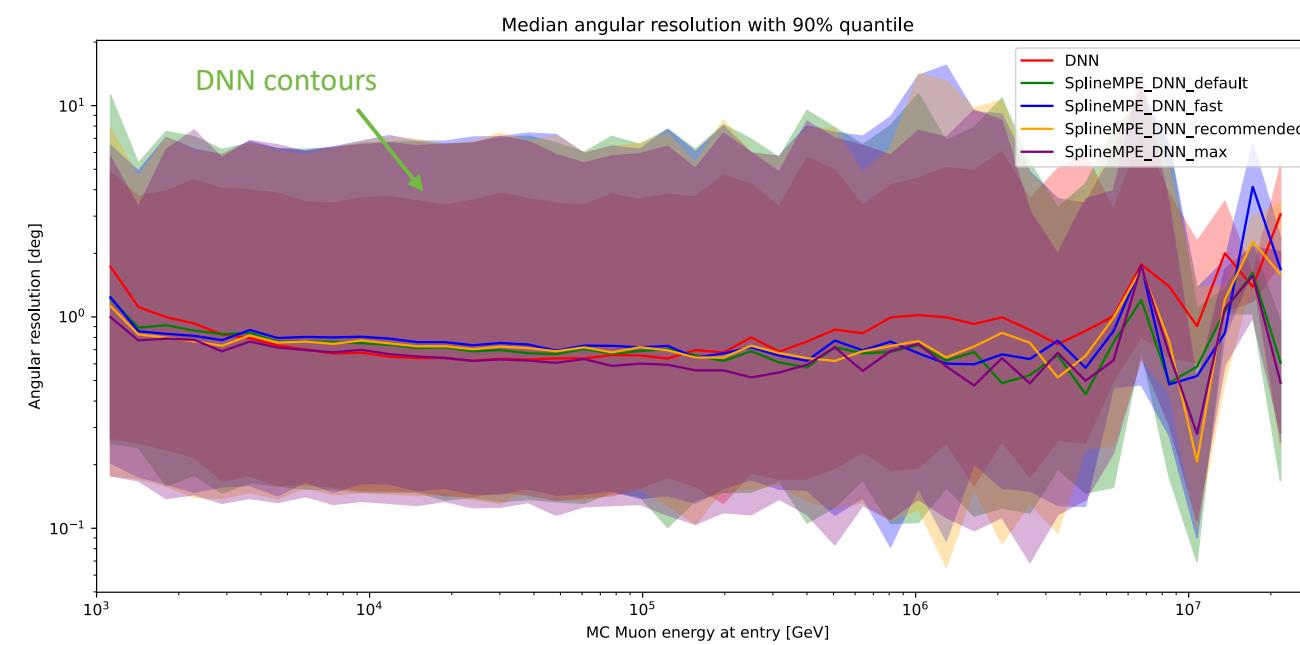
# SplineMPE – DNN and conventional seeds



# SplineMPE – DNN seeds



# SplineMPE – duration per event



- Only small improvement at energies around 1 PeV
  - Contours are larger
  - Additional runtime
- > Use only DNN reconstruction, since we do not need the best angular resolution (zenith is more important)

# Network evaluation – Track geometry

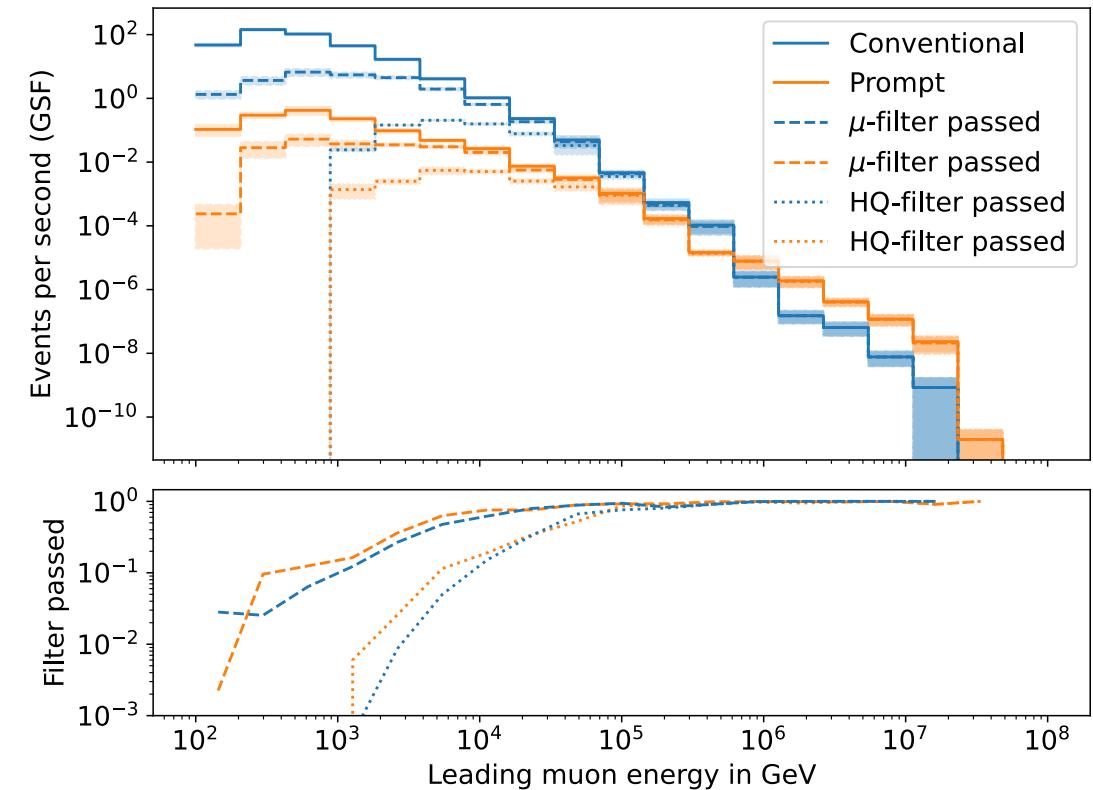
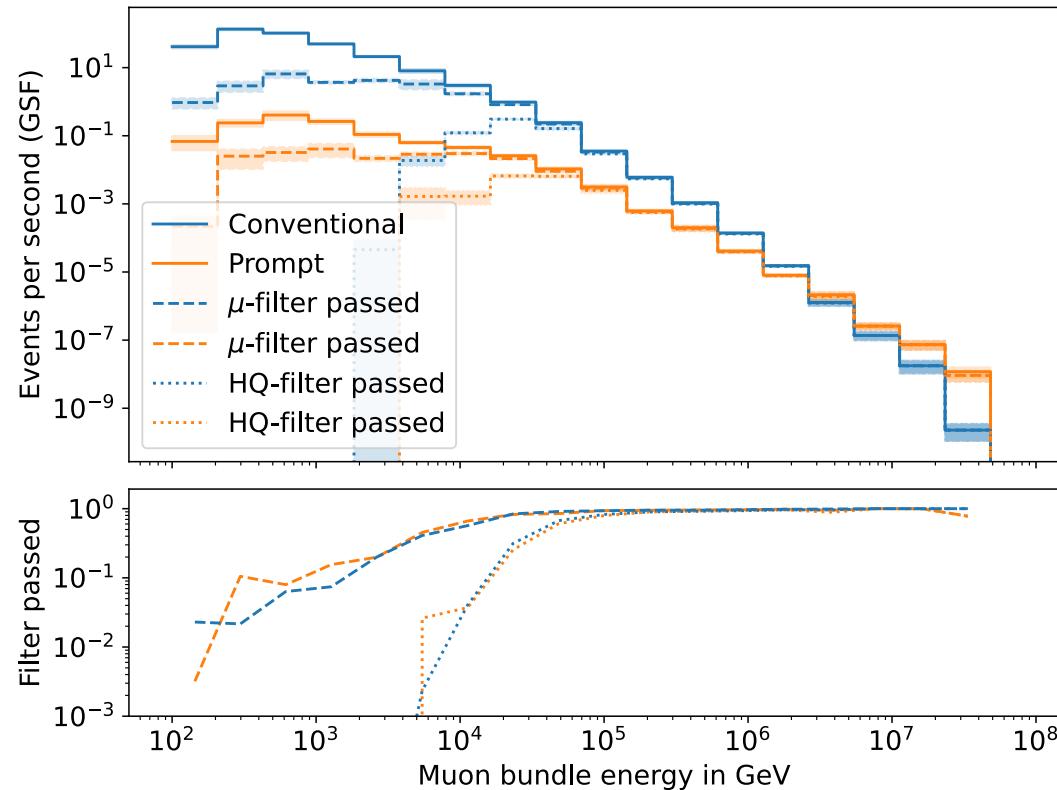
The evaluation of the track geometry works fine and can be found in the [wiki](#)

# Selection – Level 3

1. L2 muon filter
2. 200 TeV bundle energy cut at surface
3. Add labels

## L2 filter

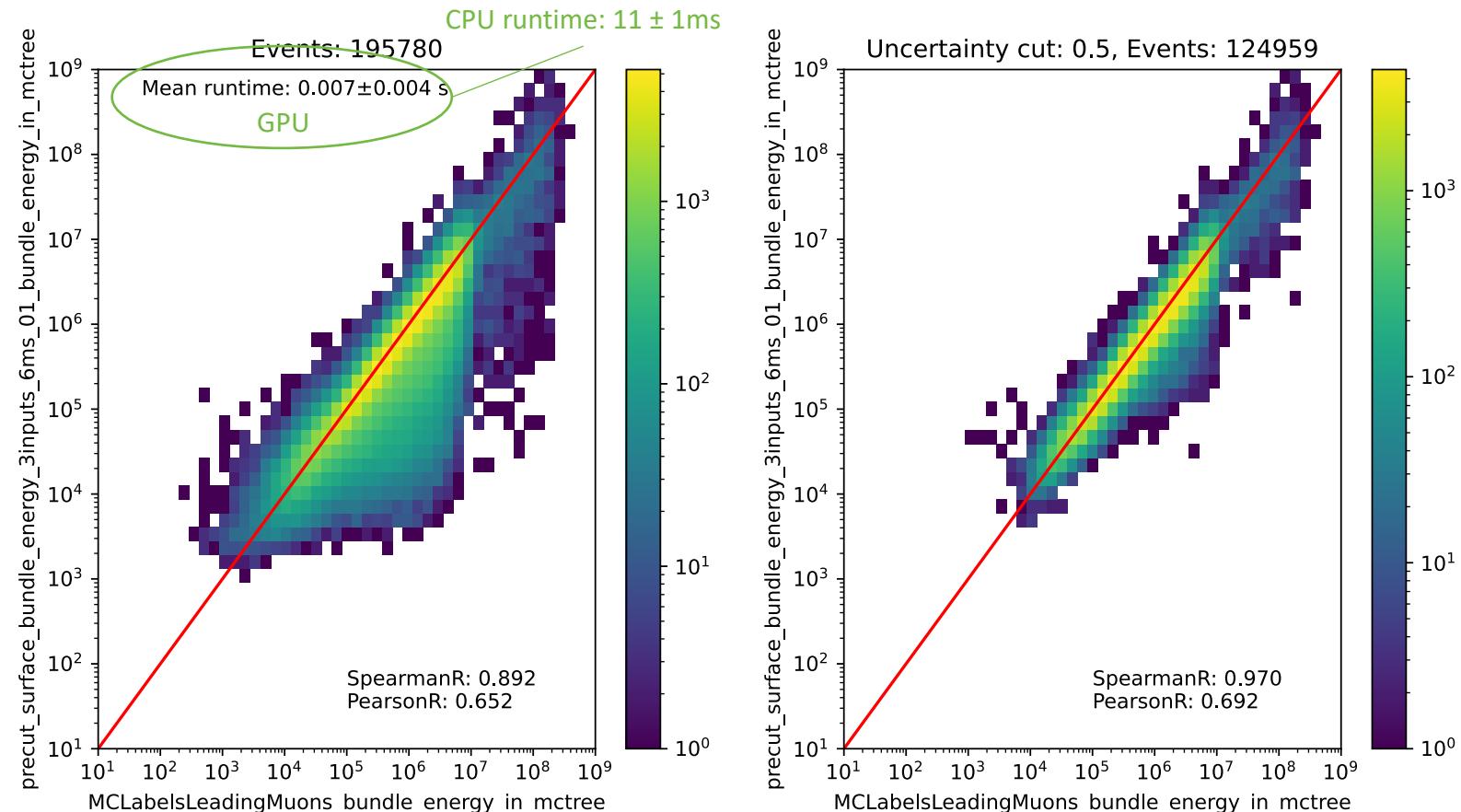
Fraction rejected events	All energies	Leading energy > 10 TeV	Leading energy > 100 TeV
MuonFilter	0.93	0.28	0.06
HQFilter	0.99	0.74	0.18



- L2 rate: 369.43 Hz
- Rate after muon filter: 24.62 Hz
- Choose muon filter to remove large amount of statistics at low energies

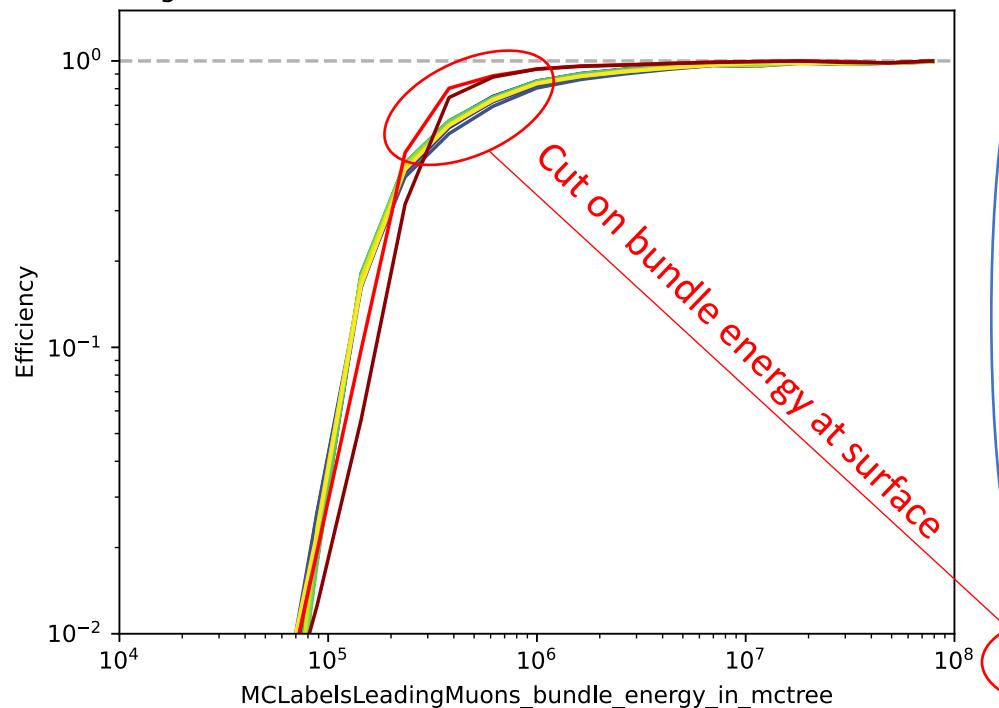
# Bundle energy cut

- Rate after muon filter: 24.62 Hz
- If the process of 1 event needs 1 second, 8h run takes 200h -> needs to be reduced!
- Use small, fast network to remove low energy events -> target rate 125 mHz



# Rejection efficiency- all events

Zenith range: 0° - 90°, Center Distance = 0m - 1000.0m, Rate = 0.125 1/s

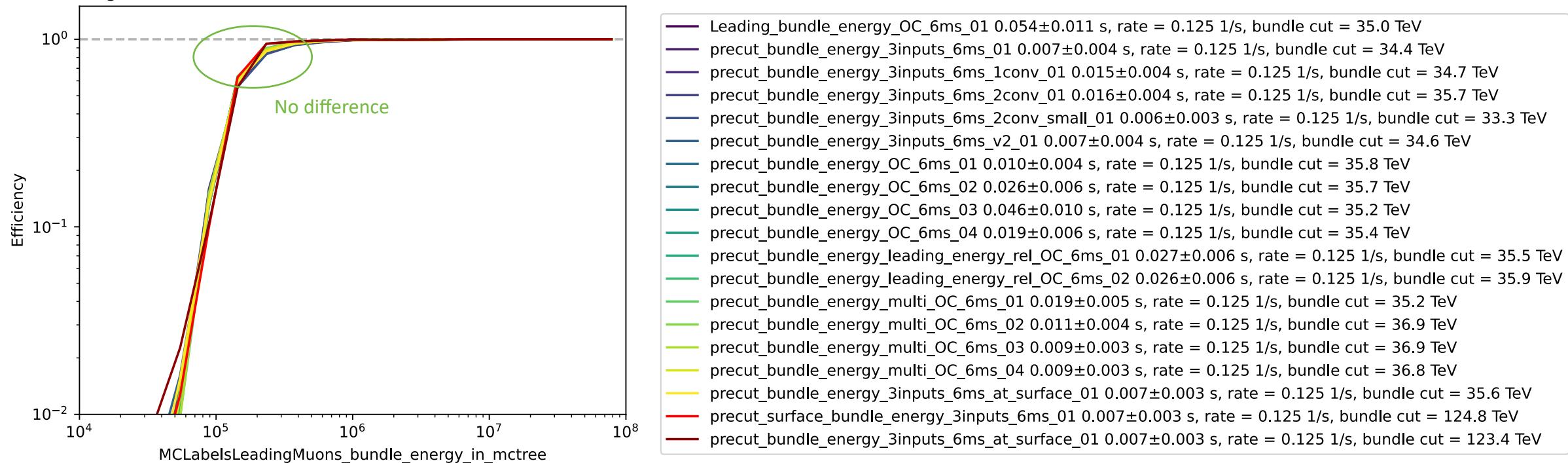


## Cut on bundle energy at entry

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- precut\_bundle\_energy\_3inputs\_6ms\_1conv\_01 0.015±0.004 s, rate = 0.125 1/s, bundle cut = 42.6 TeV
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- precut\_bundle\_energy\_multi\_OC\_6ms\_01 0.019±0.005 s, rate = 0.125 1/s, bundle cut = 41.6 TeV
- precut\_bundle\_energy\_multi\_OC\_6ms\_02 0.011±0.004 s, rate = 0.125 1/s, bundle cut = 44.2 TeV
- precut\_bundle\_energy\_multi\_OC\_6ms\_03 0.009±0.003 s, rate = 0.125 1/s, bundle cut = 43.8 TeV
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# Rejection efficiency – small zenith

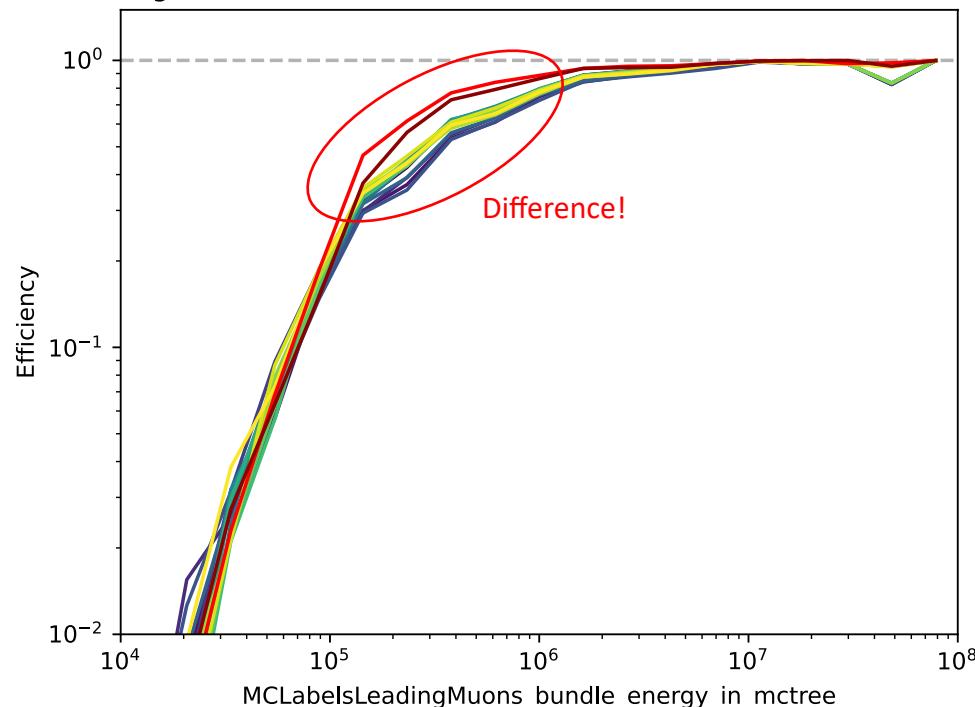
Zenith range: 0° - 45°, Center Distance = 0m - 1000.0m, Rate = 0.125 1/s



# Rejection efficiency – high zenith

- At high zenith angles, events with high energies are removed with a cut on the **bundle energy at entry**

Zenith range: 70° - 90°, Center Distance = 0m - 1000.0m, Rate = 0.125 1/s



Leading_bundle_energy_OC_6ms_01	$0.054 \pm 0.012$ s	rate = 0.125 1/s	bundle cut = 8.9 TeV
precut_bundle_energy_3inputs_6ms_01	$0.007 \pm 0.004$ s	rate = 0.125 1/s	bundle cut = 9.3 TeV
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precut_bundle_energy_OC_6ms_01	$0.010 \pm 0.004$ s	rate = 0.125 1/s	bundle cut = 9.0 TeV
precut_bundle_energy_OC_6ms_02	$0.027 \pm 0.007$ s	rate = 0.125 1/s	bundle cut = 8.7 TeV
precut_bundle_energy_OC_6ms_03	$0.046 \pm 0.011$ s	rate = 0.125 1/s	bundle cut = 8.5 TeV
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precut_bundle_energy_multi_OC_6ms_01	$0.019 \pm 0.005$ s	rate = 0.125 1/s	bundle cut = 8.8 TeV
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precut_bundle_energy_3inputs_6ms_at_surface_01	$0.007 \pm 0.004$ s	rate = 0.125 1/s	bundle cut = 106.5 TeV

- Rate after muon filter: 24.62 Hz
- Rate after bundle cut: 144 mHz
- Perform 200 TeV cut on bundle energy at surface

# Selection – Level 4

1. Add DNN network reconstructions

# Add DNN networks

- Internal DNN pulse cleaning leads to slightly better results

Network	Preprocess / ms	CPU / ms	GPU / ms
direction_9inputs_uncleaned_medium_01	$22 \pm 20$	$106 \pm 42$	$5 \pm 38$
leading_bundle_surface_leading_bundle_energy_OC_inputs9_large_log_02	$22 \pm 20$	$144 \pm 56$	$3 \pm 13$
track_geometry_9inputs_uncleaned_01	$22 \pm 20$	$106 \pm 42$	$3 \pm 10$
precut_surface_bundle_energy_3inputs_6ms_01 (added in level 3)	$1 \pm 1$	$11 \pm 1$	$7 \pm 4$

# What we have discussed today

- Reconstruction
  - Trained networks to reconstruct several properties
- Selection
  - Level 3 (L2MuonFilter + 200 TeV bundle energy cut at surface)
  - Level 4 (add reconstructions)
- Data-MC
  - Check several properties
  - Largest mismatch in z-vertex
- Forward fit
  - Test NNMFit for analysis
- Unfolding
  - Unfold event rate
  - Calculate effective area
- New simulations
  - Preparation for large scale IceProd simulation (latest software, switch some options)
- Wiki
  - Created and uploaded ([wiki](#))

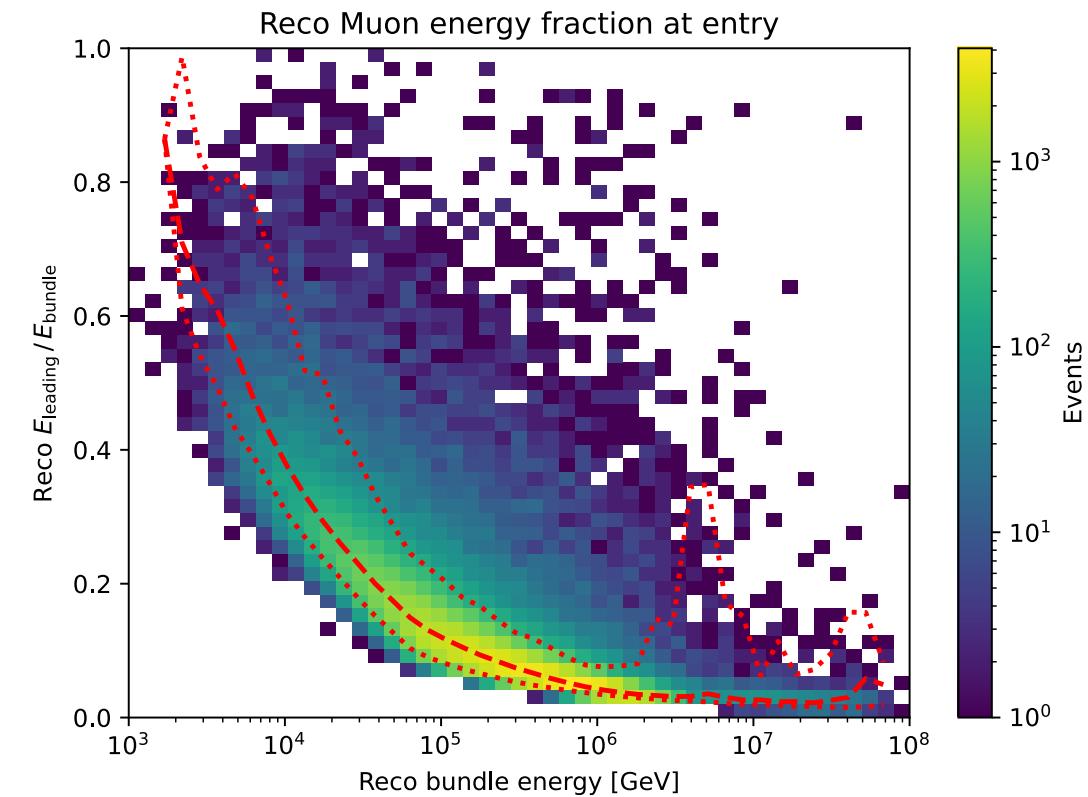
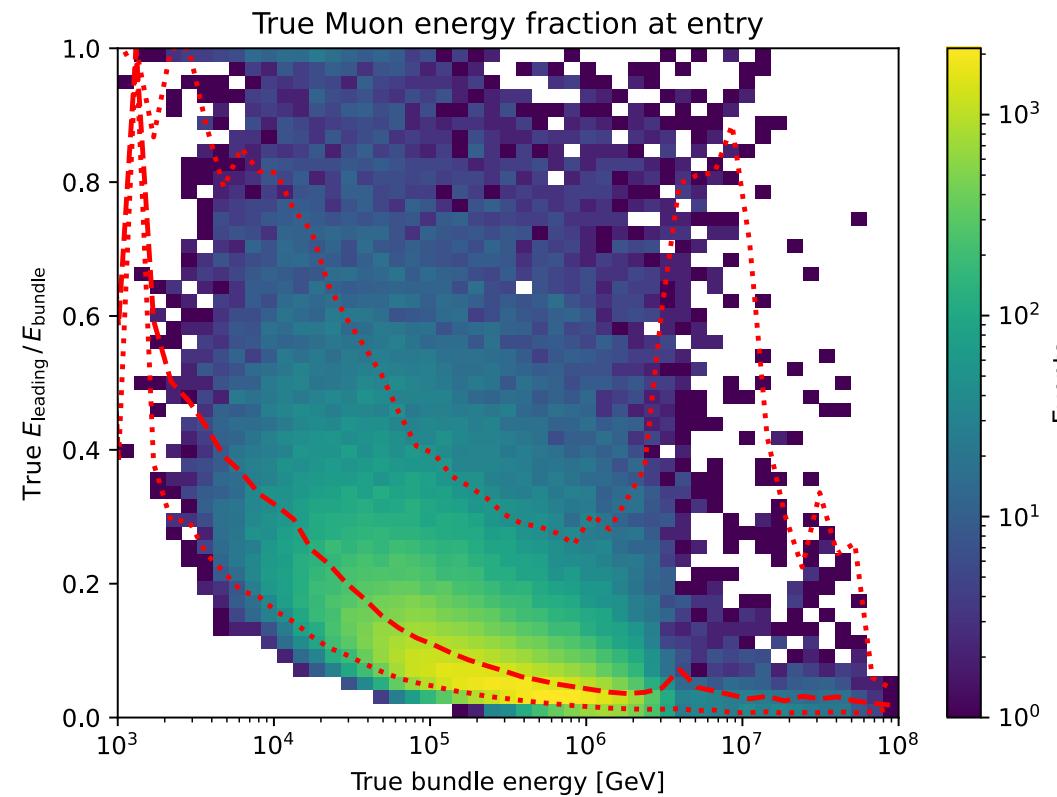
## Collaboration meeting

- Ask for WG Reviewer
- Storage request large-scale simulation

# Backup

# Leading muon energy fraction - leadingness

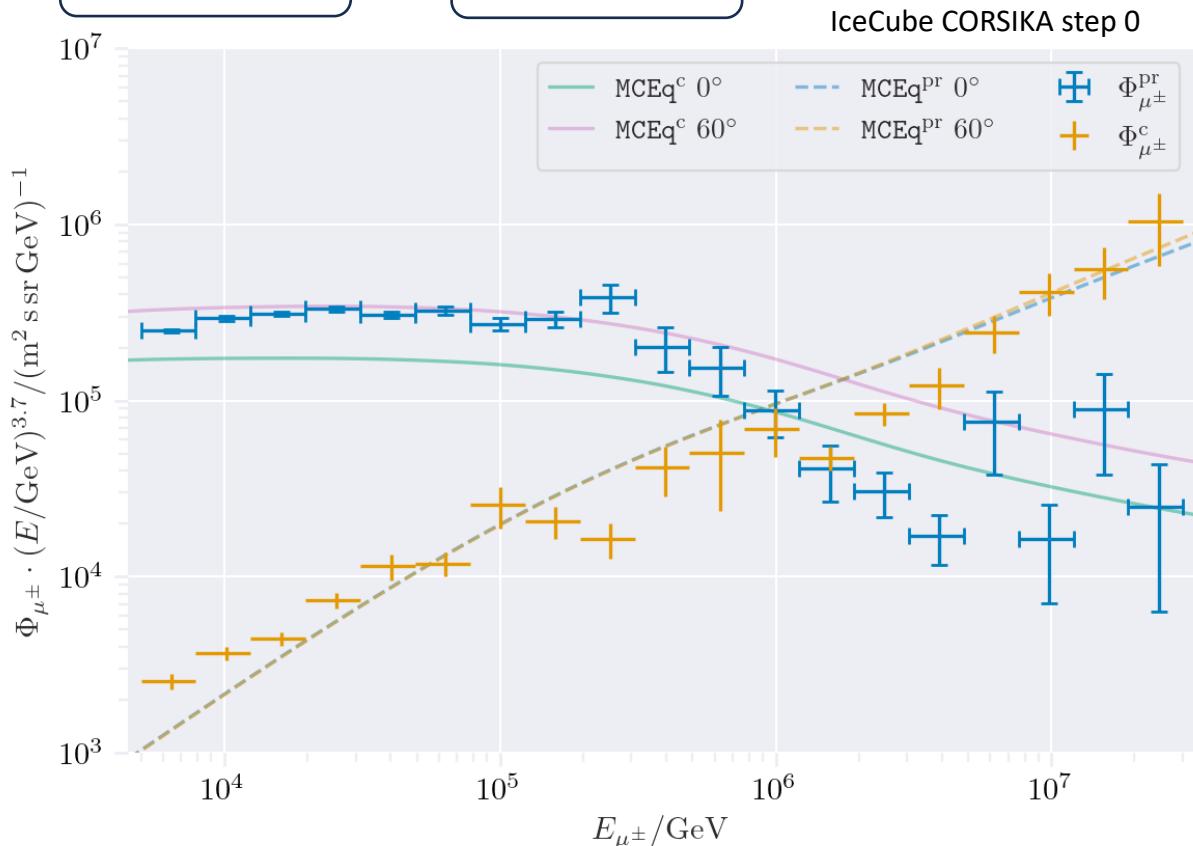
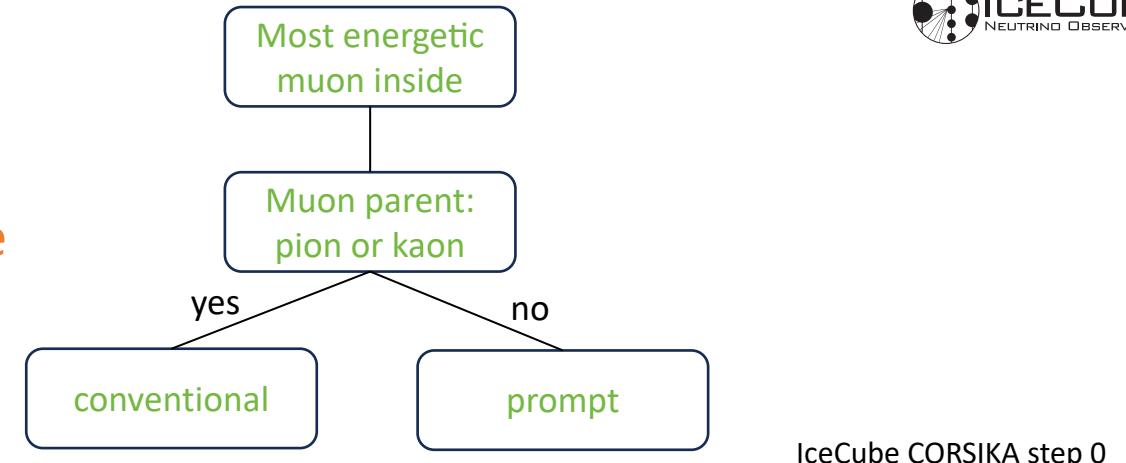
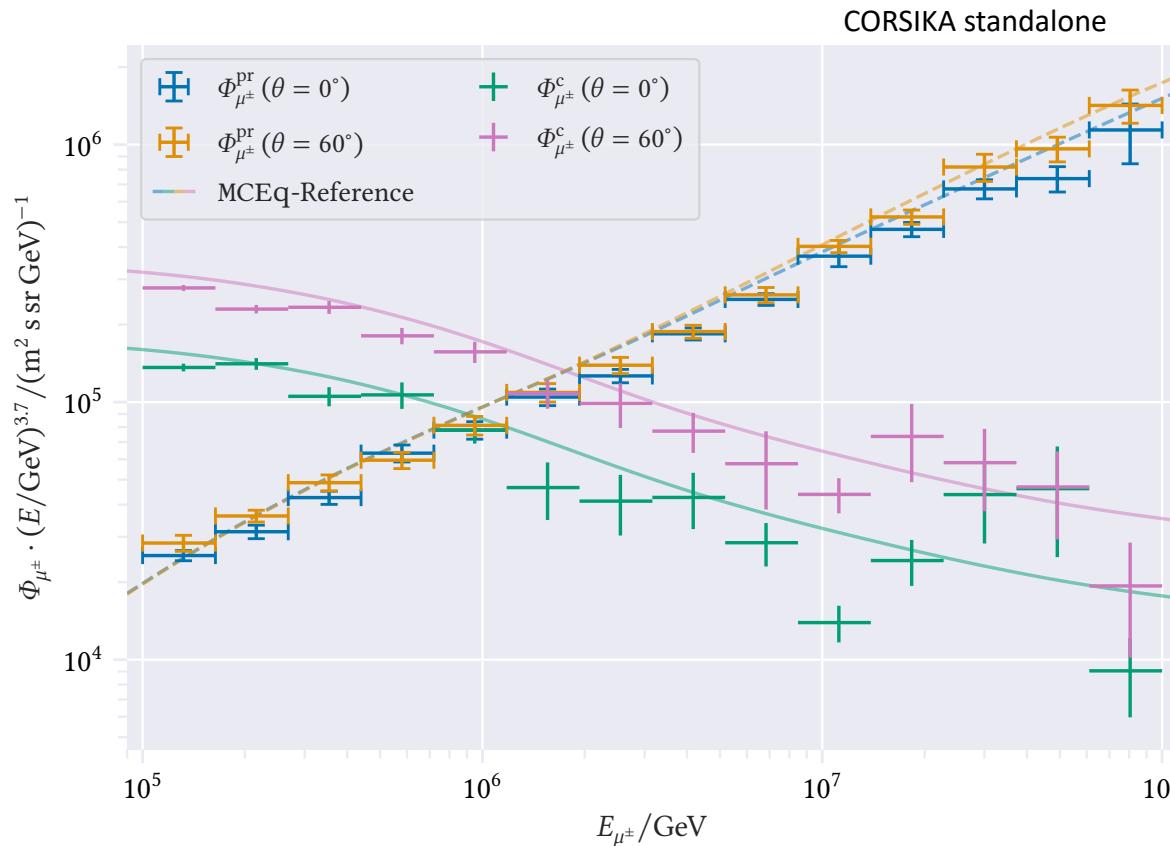
- True muon energy fraction is smeared
- Network tries to predict the median of the distribution



# CORSIKA vs. MCEq

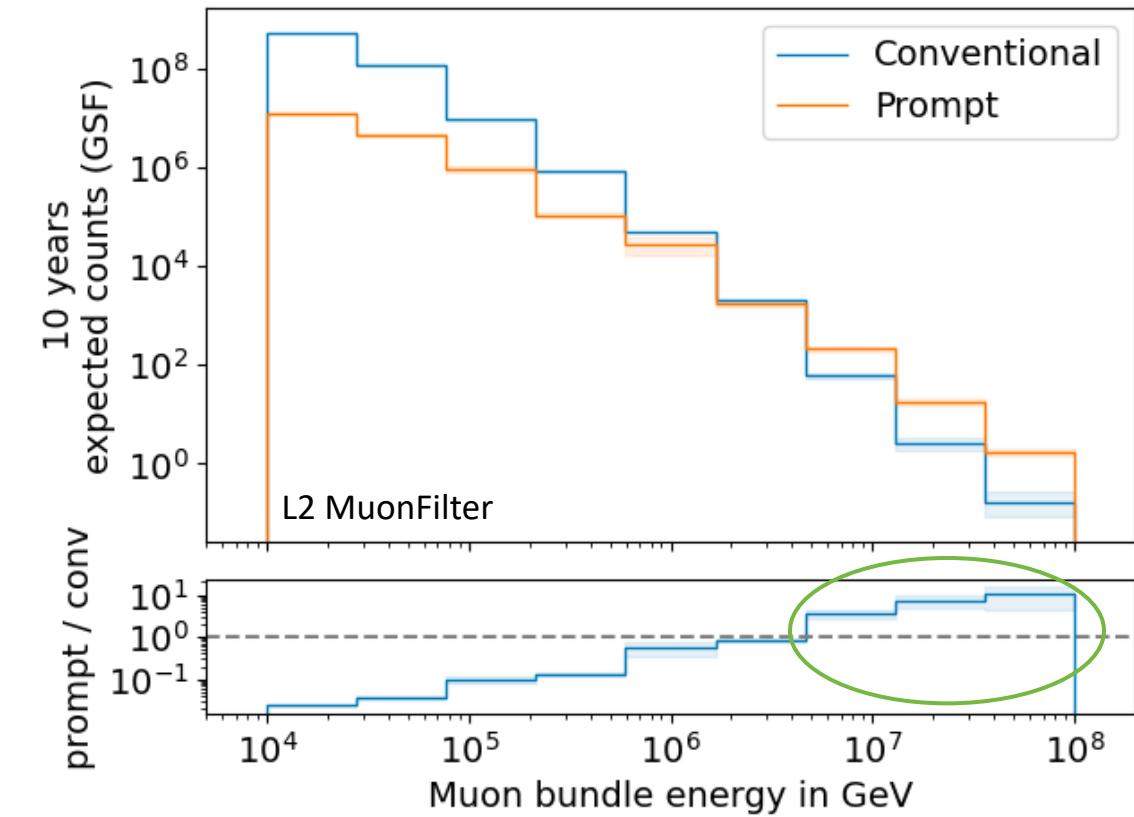
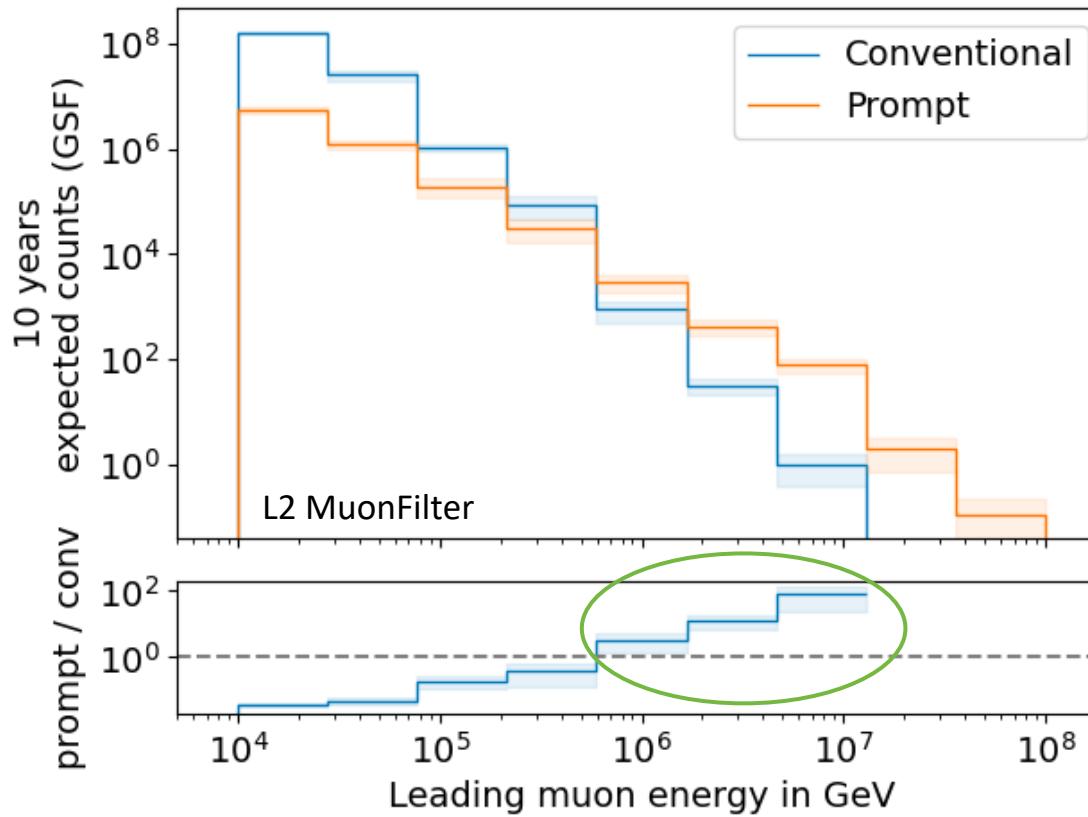
➤ Presented by Ludwig Neste

➤ Good agreement



# MC data exploration

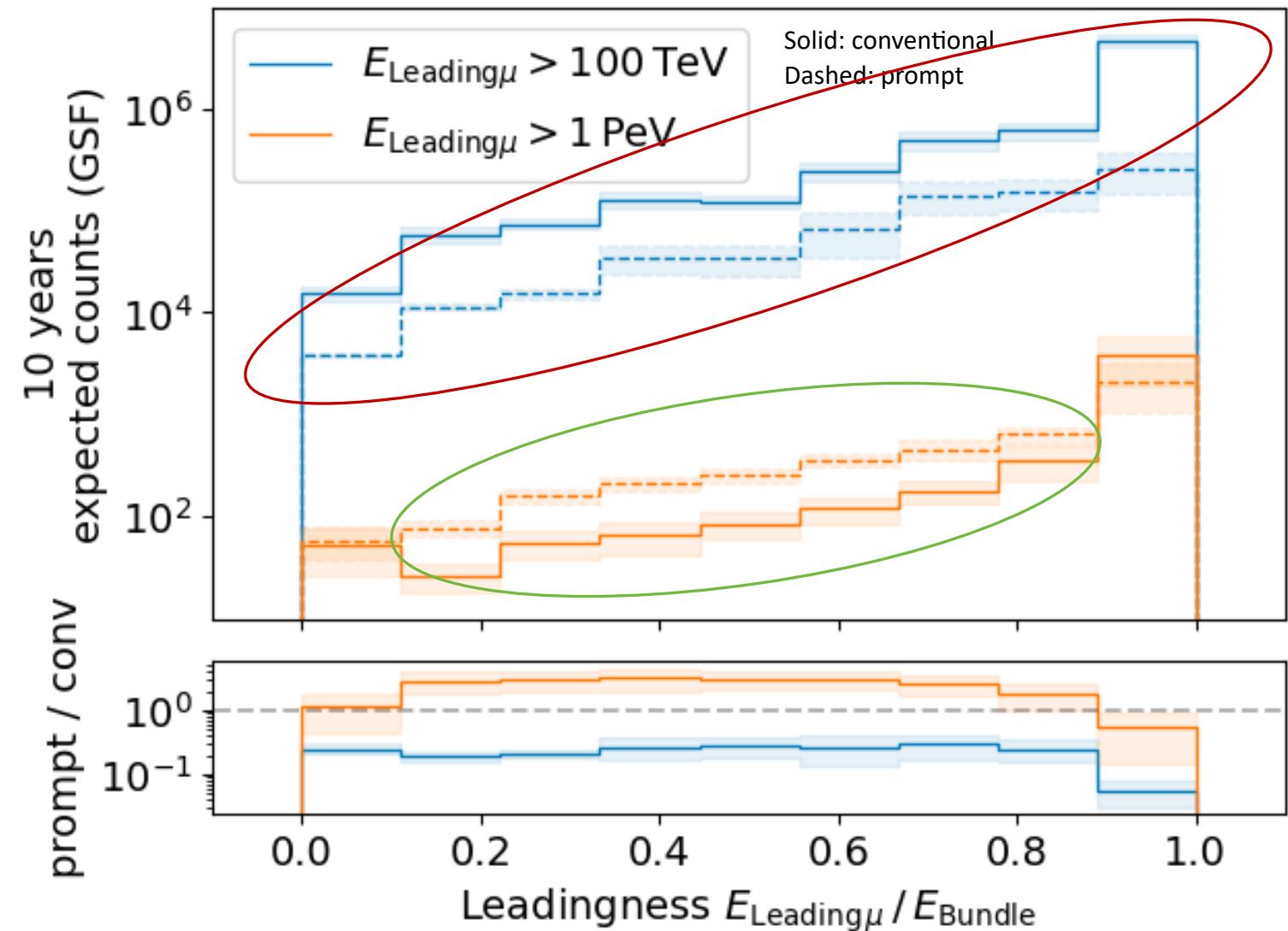
# Expected muons for 10 years: leading vs. bundle energy (GSF)



- Both leading and bundle energy are sensitive to detect prompt
- Leading muon energy is more sensitive

# Leading muon energy fraction

- Prompt dominates for energies  $> 1 \text{ PeV}$
- Leading energy sweet spot:  $0.1 - 0.9$



# Leading muon contribution

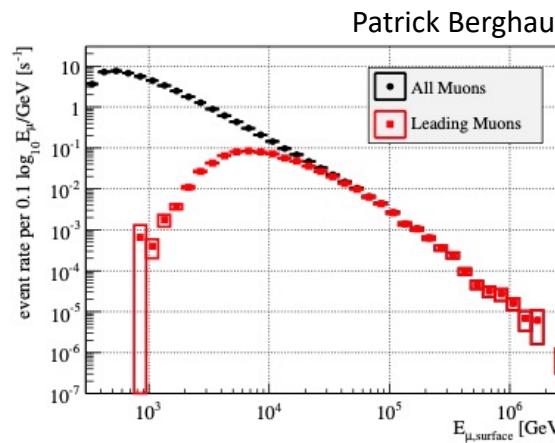
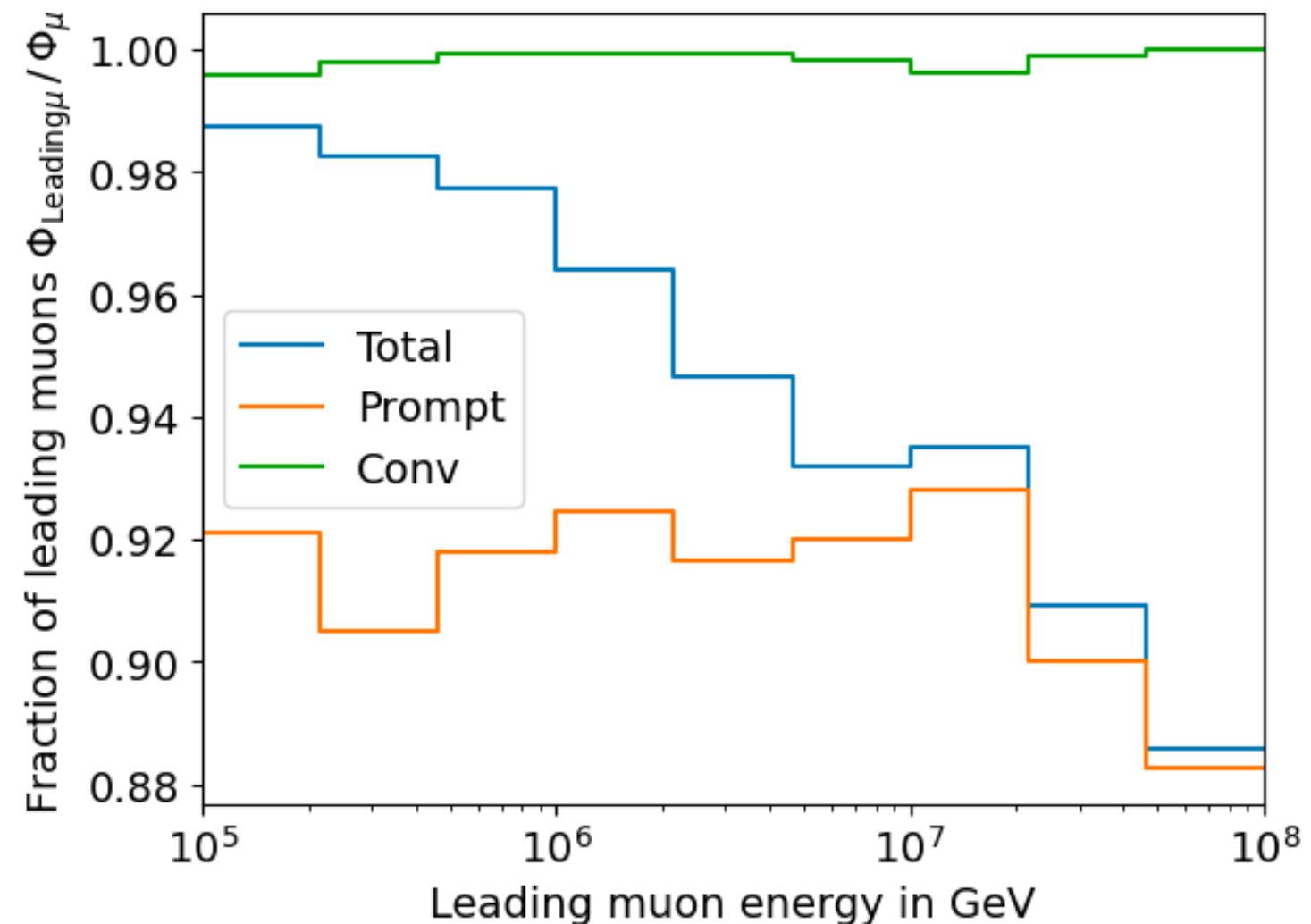


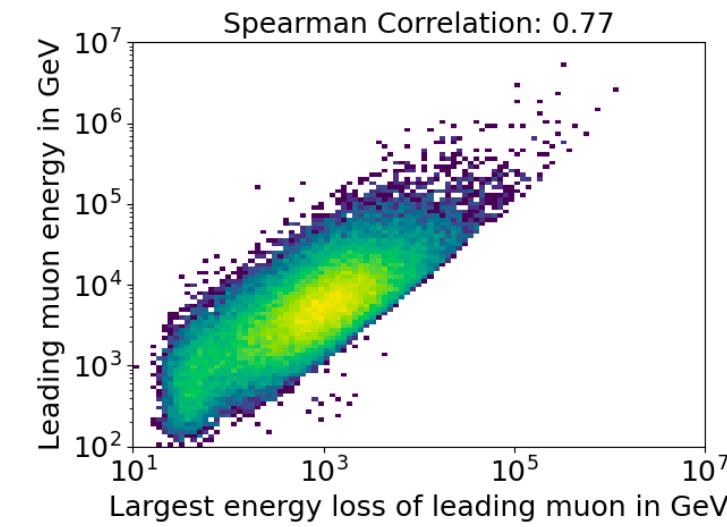
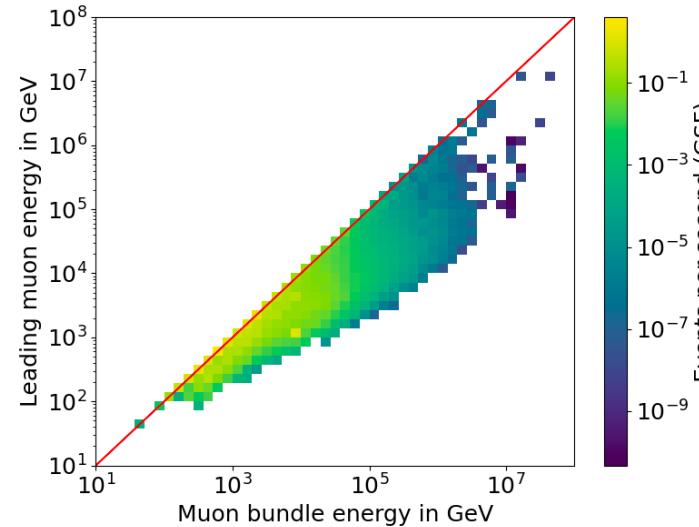
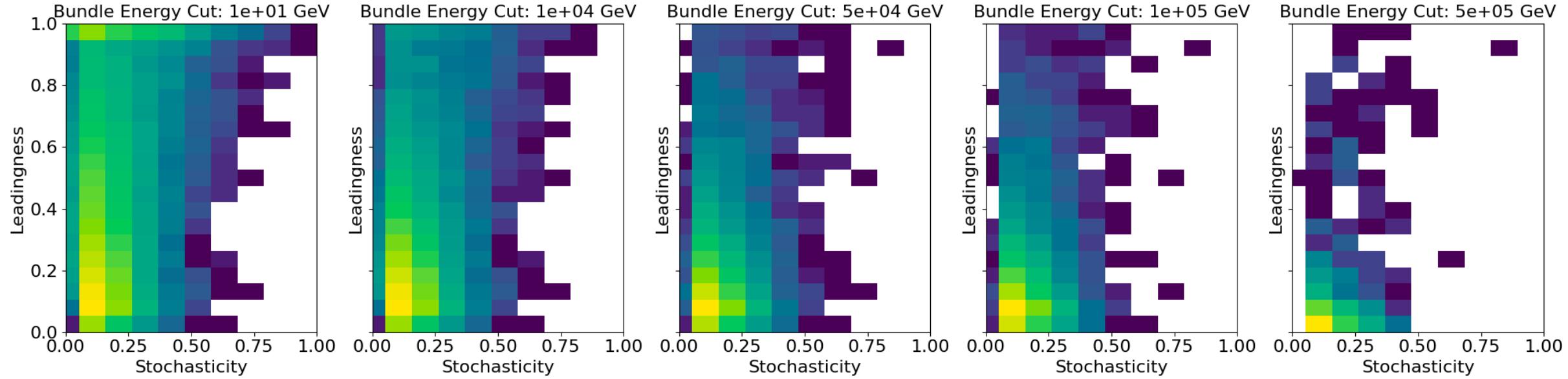
Figure 10: Surface energy distribution for all and most energetic (“leading”) muons in simulated events with a total of more than 1,000 registered photo-electrons in IceCube.

- Muons with energies between 100 TeV and 50 PeV dominate the bundle by more than 90%
  - In average conventional muons are more dominant than prompt
  - But: at high energies, there are more prompt than conventional events
- High leading energy fraction does not lead to more sensitivity to detect prompt



# Stochasticity

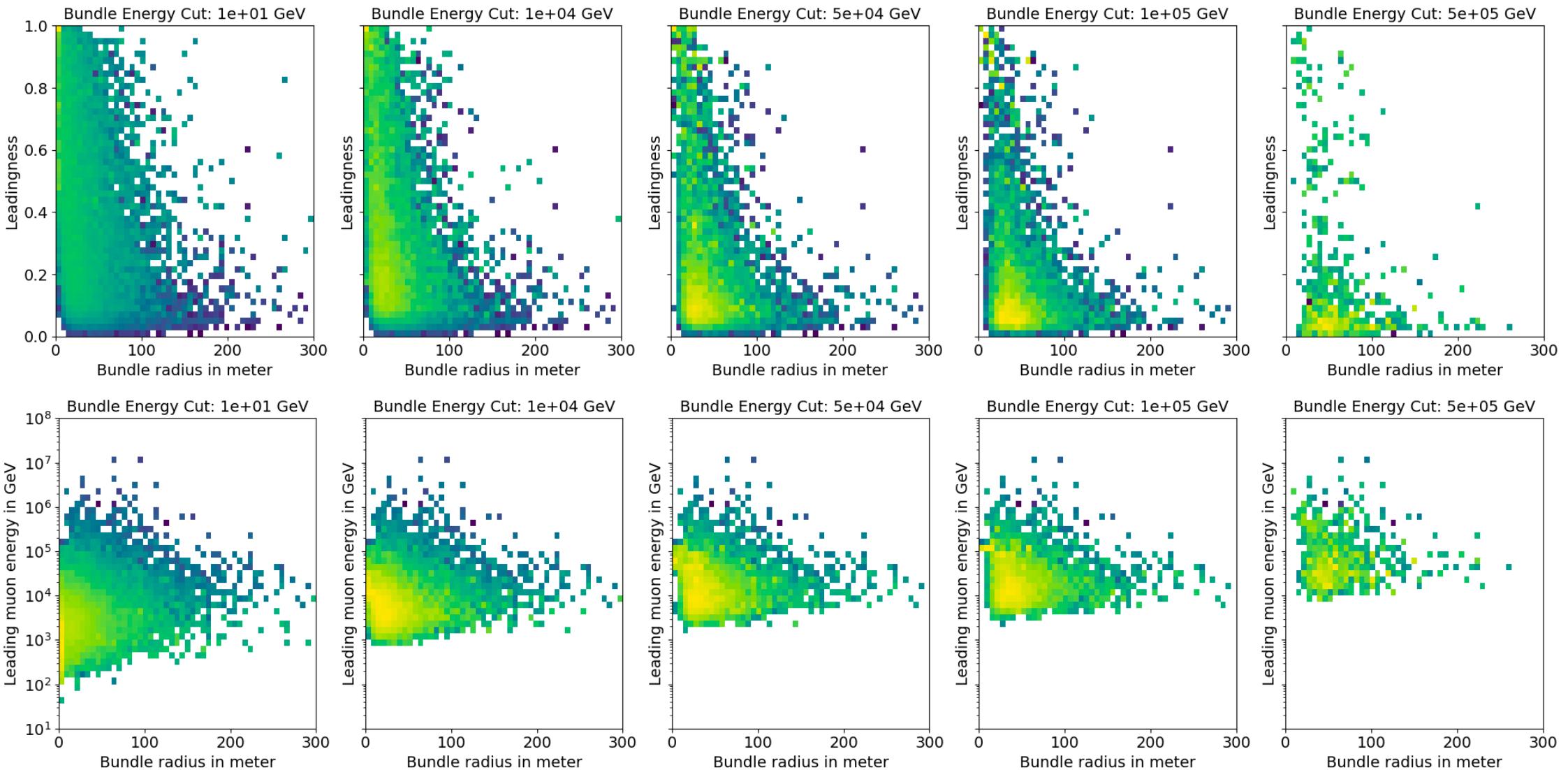
## Bundle energy cut



- High stochasticity leads to high leadingness, but only for a small number of events
- Leading muon energy smears out at large bundle energies
- Largest energy loss of the leading muon correlates with the leading muon energy

# Bundle radius

## Bundle energy cut

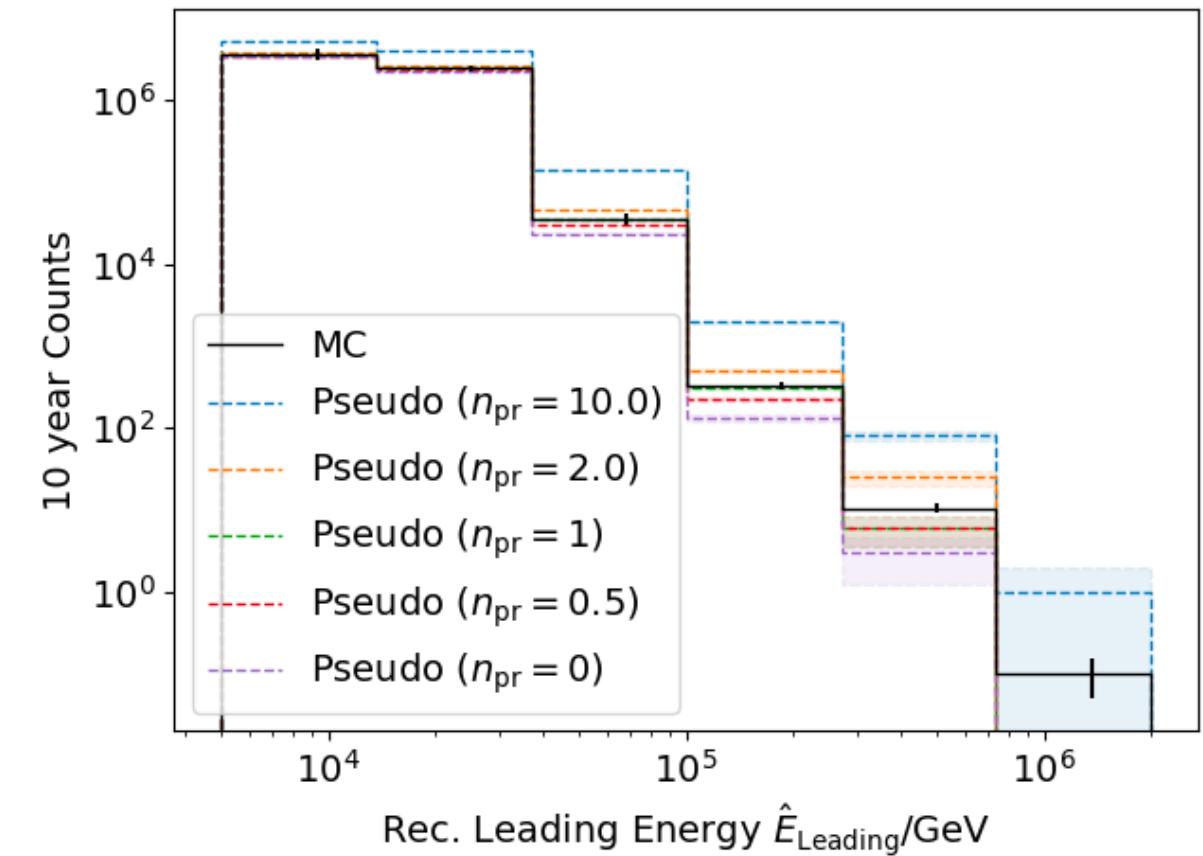
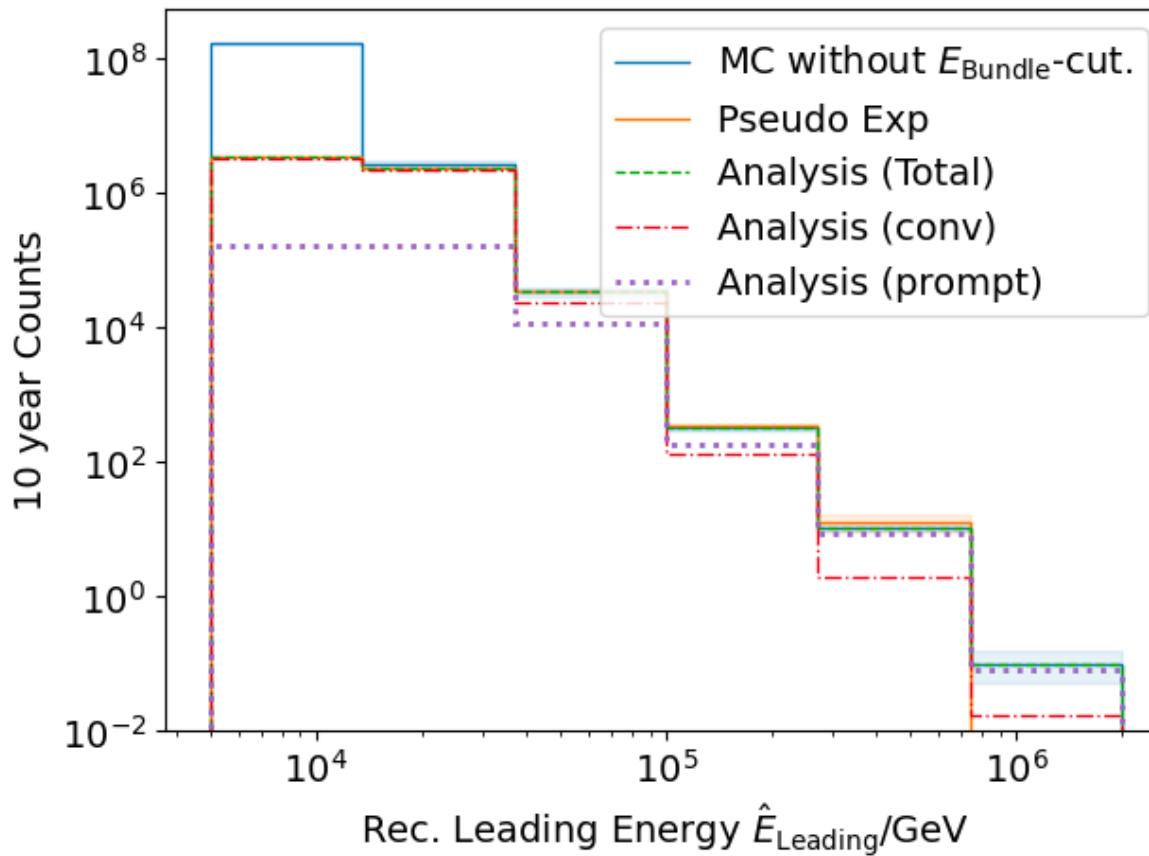


➤ Large bundle radius leads to low leadingness

# Pseudo analysis

# Pseudo data sampling

Cuts:  
L2 MuonFilter  
Bundle energy > 100 TeV



➤ Tagging allows scaling of prompt by factor  $n_{\text{pr}}$

# Poisson likelihood fit performed in leading muon energy

Prompt scaling/normalization

MC counts per bin  $i$

$$C_1^{\text{MC}} = n_{\text{pr}} C_1^{\text{MC,pr}} + n_{\text{conv}} C_1^{\text{MC,conv}}, \dots, C_M^{\text{MC}} = n_{\text{pr}} C_M^{\text{MC,pr}} + n_{\text{conv}} C_M^{\text{MC,conv}}$$

Conv norm = 1

Experimental counts

$$p(C_i) = p_{\text{poisson}}(C_i; \lambda(n_{\text{pr}}) = C_i^{\text{MC}}(n_{\text{pr}})) = \frac{\lambda(n_{\text{pr}})^{C_i} e^{-\lambda(n_{\text{pr}})}}{C_i!}$$

Maximize likelihood

$$\mathcal{L}(n_{\text{pr}}) = \prod_{i=1}^M p(C_i; n_{\text{pr}})$$

Easier:  
minimize negative  
log-likelihood

$$-\ln \mathcal{L} = -\sum_{i=1}^M C_i \ln \lambda(n_{\text{pr}}) - \lambda(n_{\text{pr}}) - \ln C_i!$$

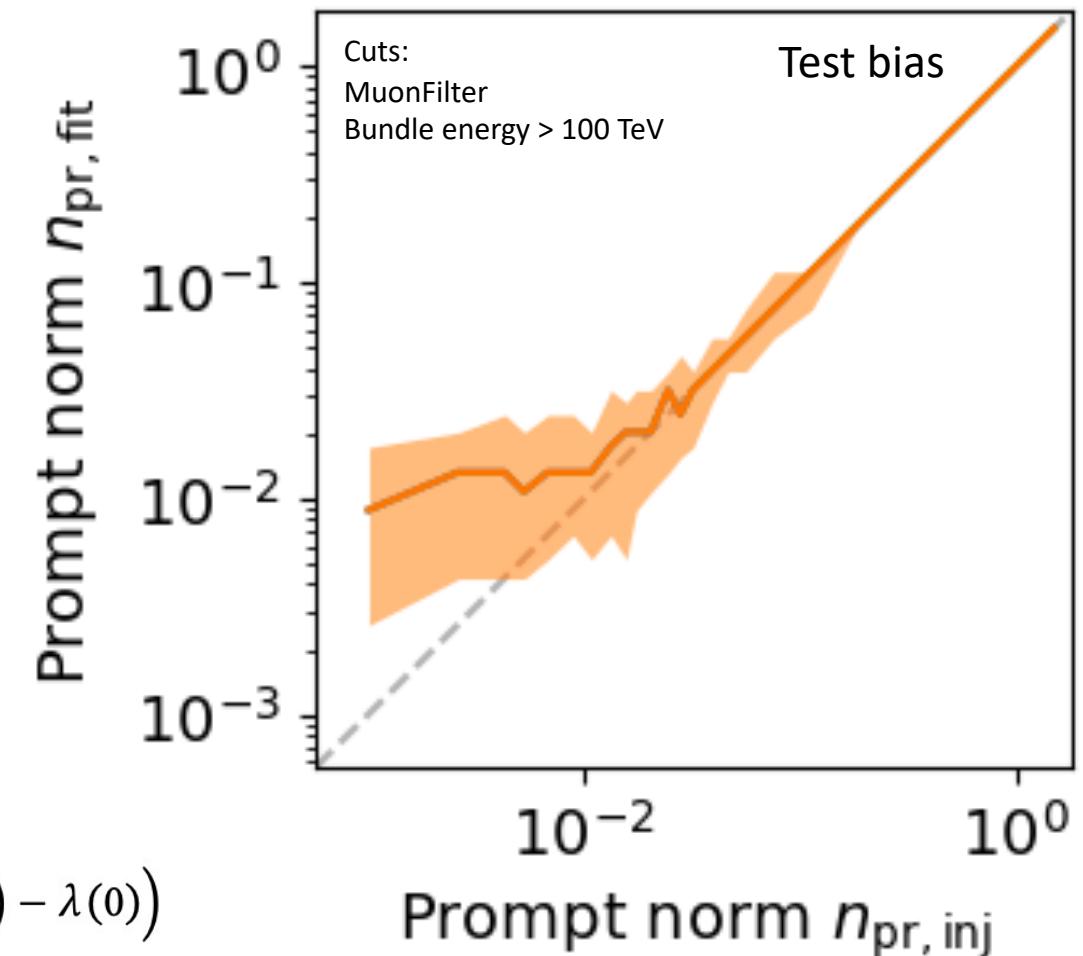
With a constant conv norm:  
bin counts depend only on prompt norm  
= expectation value per bin

Test statistic for Wilks' theorem

$$\Lambda = -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(n_{\text{pr}} = \hat{n}_{\text{pr}})}{\mathcal{L}(n_{\text{pr}=0})} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^M C_i (\ln \lambda(\hat{n}_{\text{pr}}) - \ln \lambda(0)) - (\lambda(n_{\text{pr}}) - \lambda(0))$$

Null hypothesis: no prompt

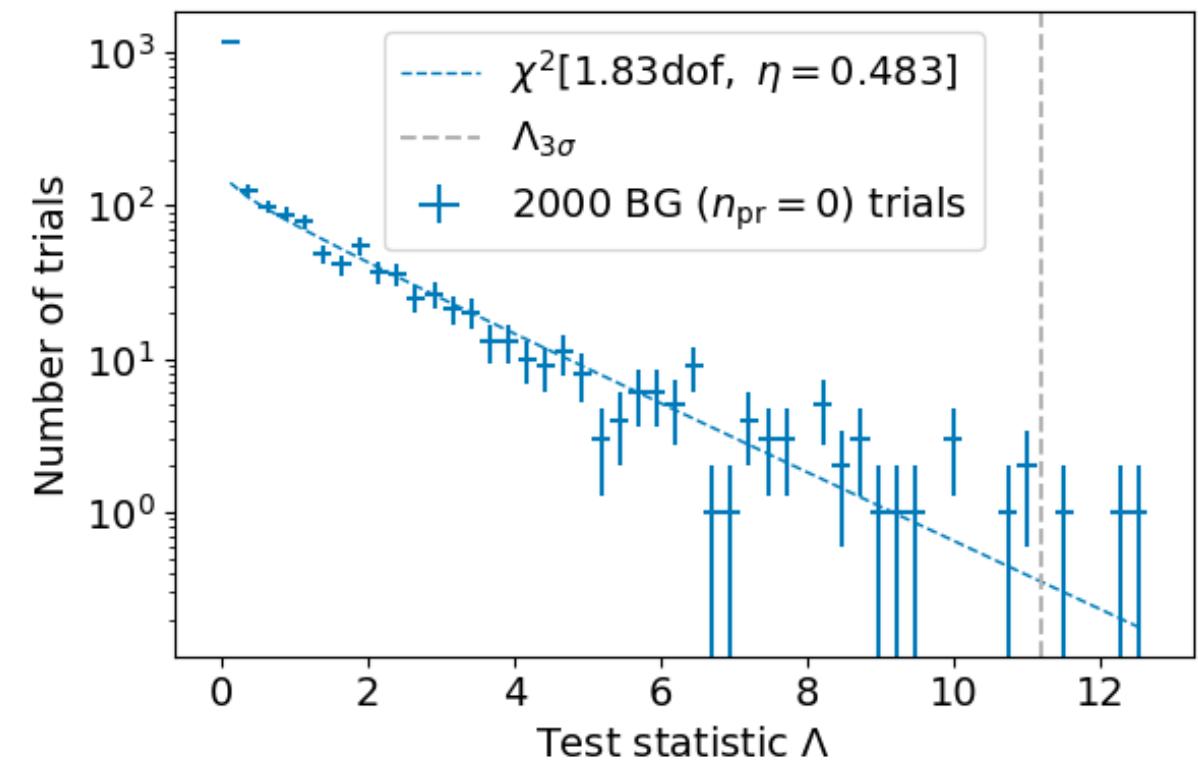
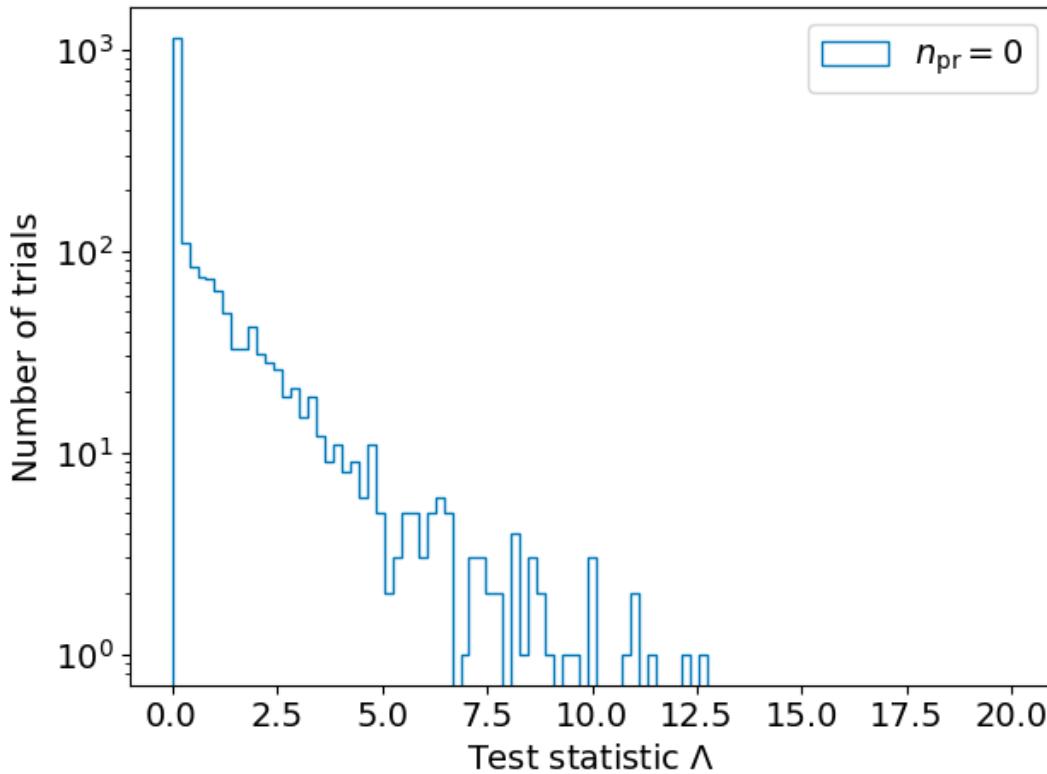
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➤ Bias starts at a prompt  
normalization of 0.1

# Test background statistics

Cuts:  
L2 MuonFilter  
Bundle energy > 100 TeV



- Background statistic is  $\chi^2$  – distributed
- Assume Wilks' theorem for test statistics

# Discovery potential and sensitivity

Expectation for 1 year:

- 5 sigma discovery potential:  $0.102 \pm 0.005$
- Sensitivity:  $0.024 \pm 0.001$

Expectation for 10 years:

- 5 sigma discovery potential:  $0.032 \pm 0.001$
- Sensitivity:  $0.007 \pm 0.000$

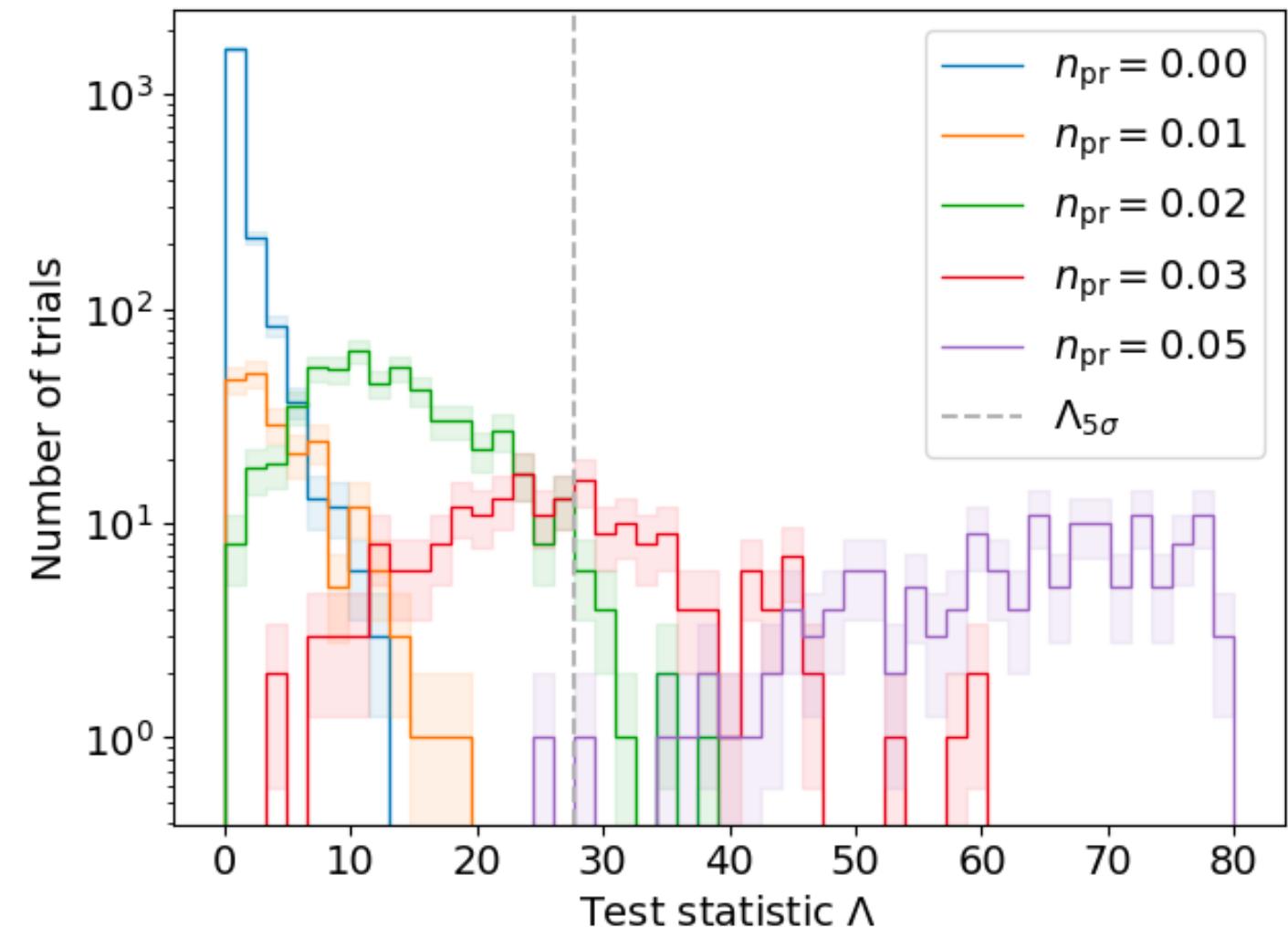
Caution:

Limited MC statistics -> events are  
oversampled in pseudo dataset

Cuts:

L2 MuonFilter

Bundle energy > 100 TeV



# Definition of the muon flux

$$\Phi_{\text{tot}} = \Phi_{\text{conventional}} + \Phi_{\text{prompt}}$$

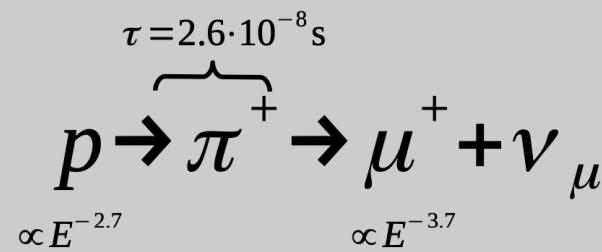


$$\pi, K \propto E^{-3.7}$$

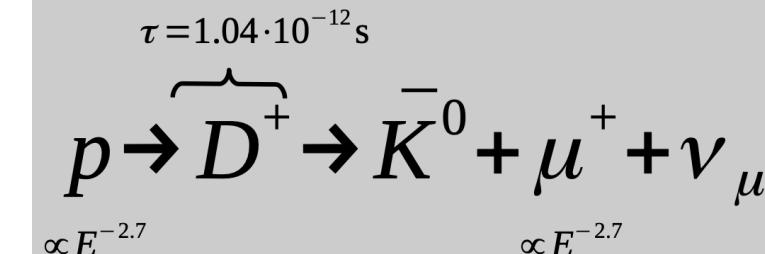


$$\text{"not"} \pi, K \propto E^{-2.7}$$

Conventional component:



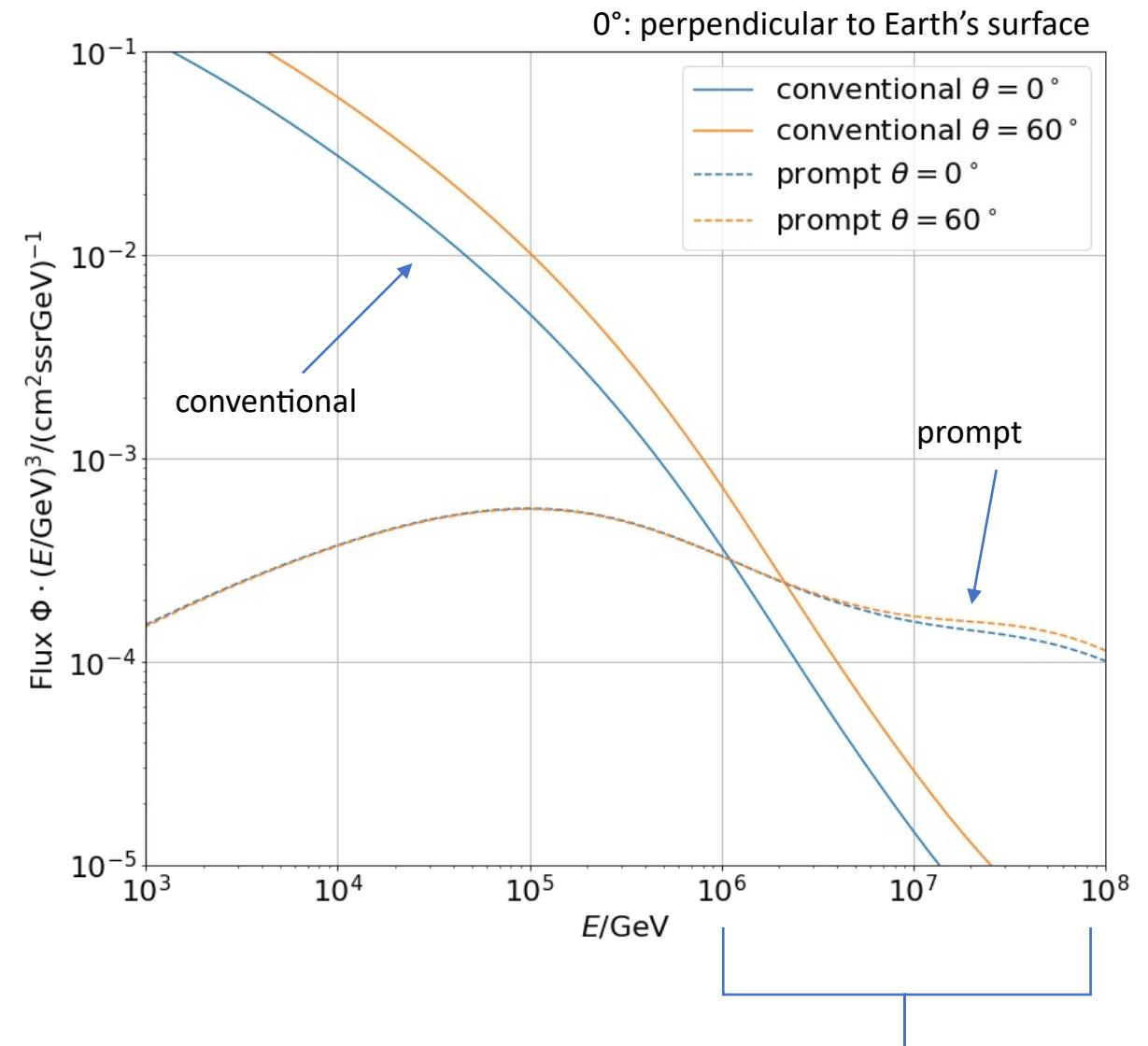
prompt component:



# Muon flux

$$\Phi_{\text{tot}} = \Phi_{\text{conv}} + \Phi_{\text{prompt}}$$

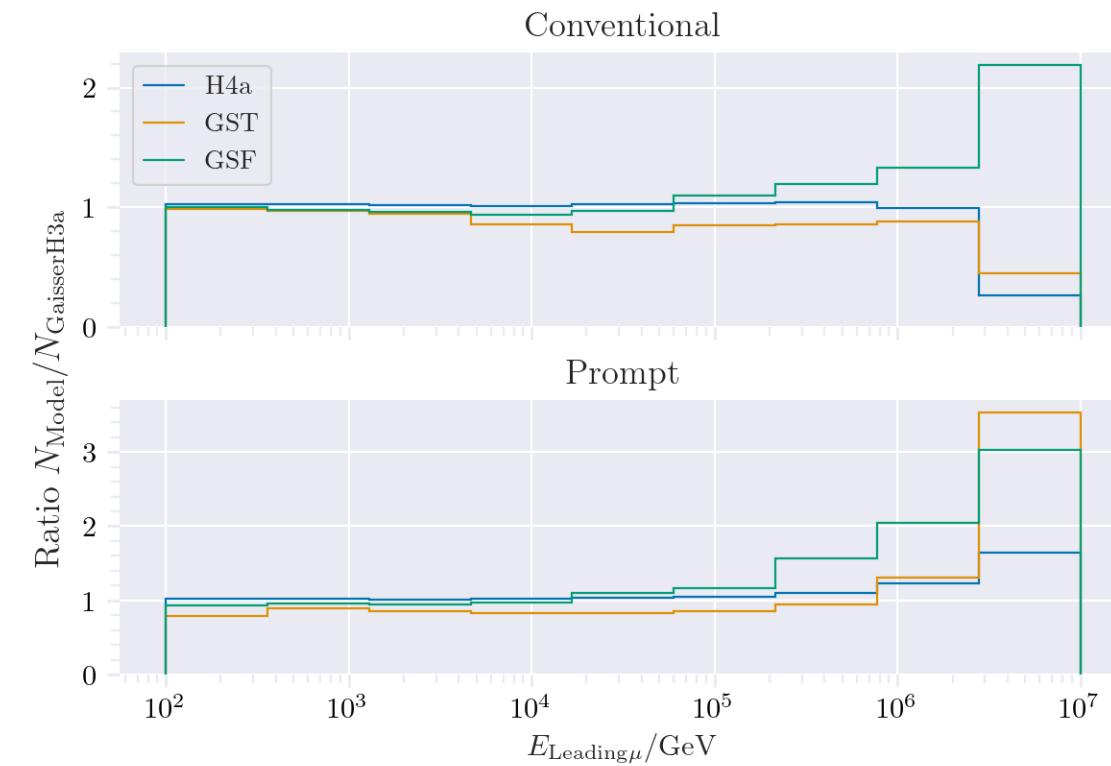
- Prompt dominates at energies larger than PeV
- Conventional particle flux depends on zenith angle



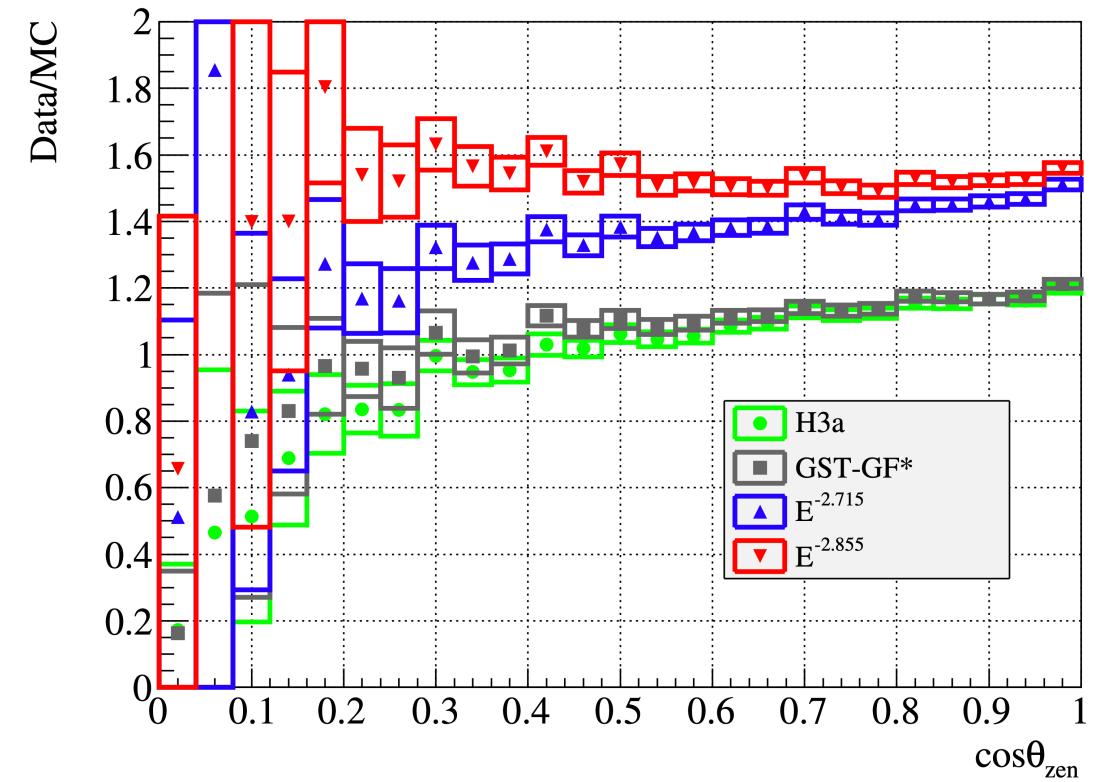
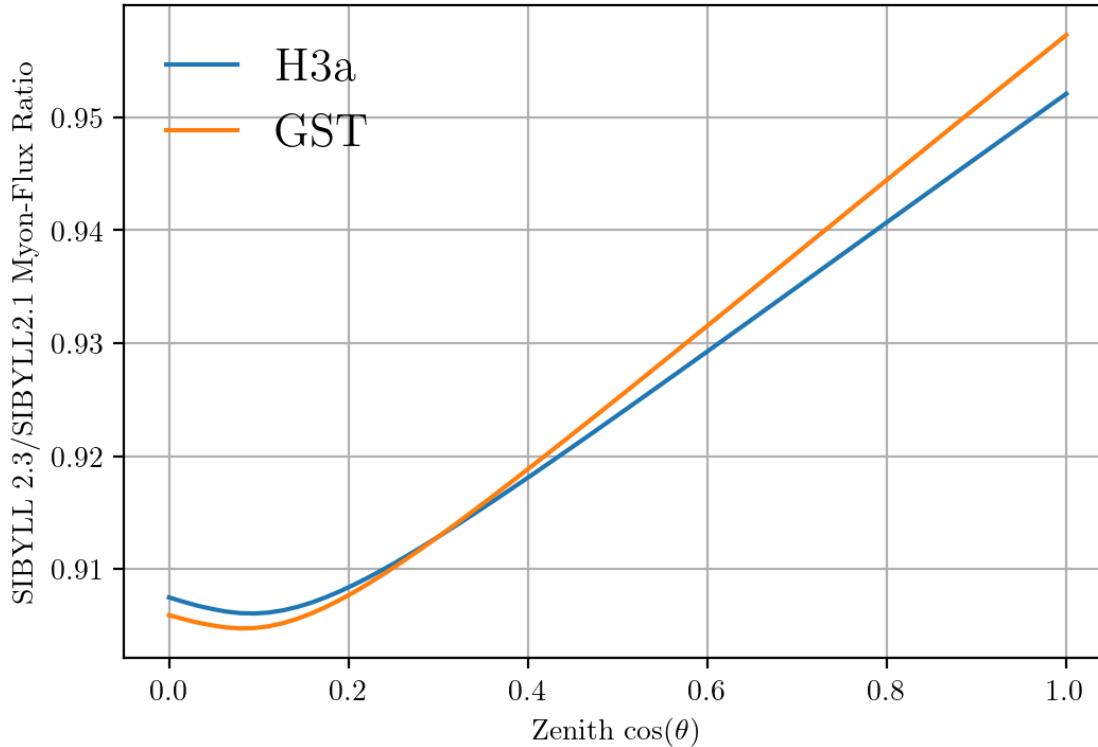
We can measure prompt muon  
energies from  $\sim 1$  PeV to  $\sim 100$  PeV

# Muon production – different weightings

GST predicts most prompt



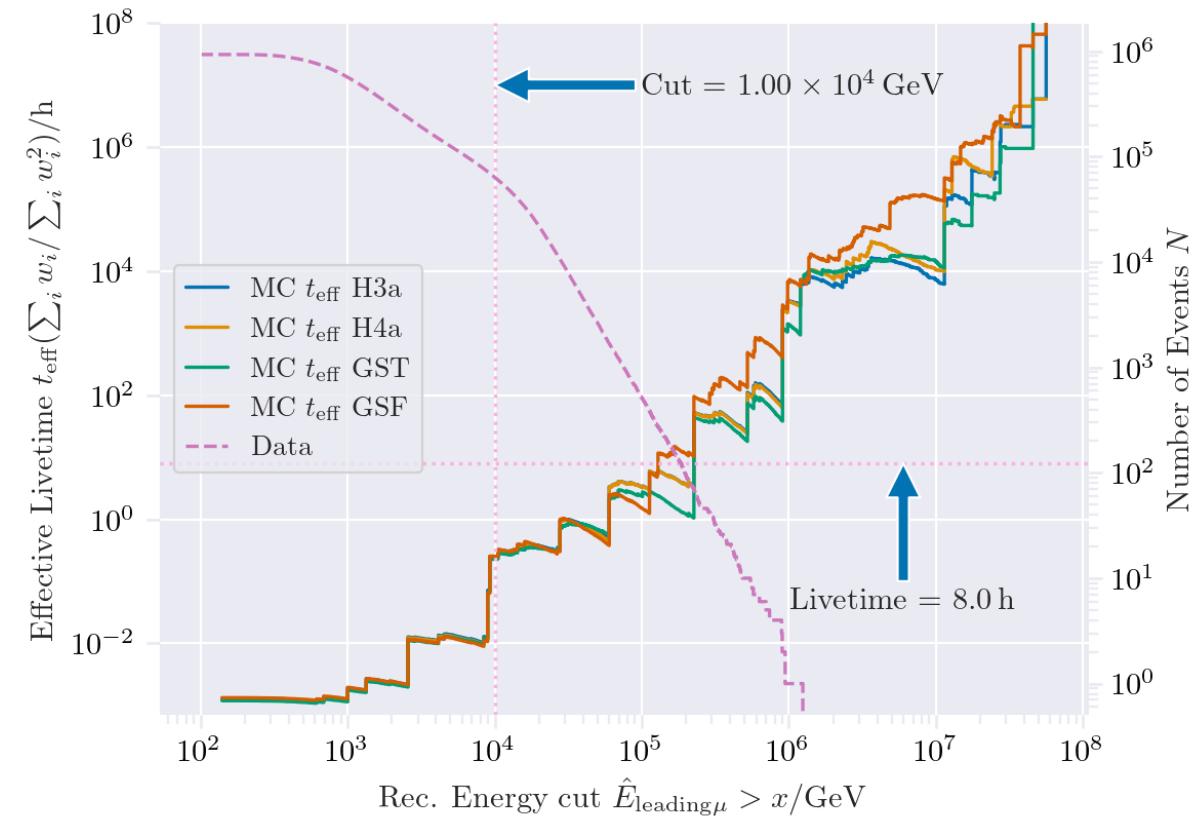
# Solution to zenith problem?



- No complete solution, but a step in the right direction

# New CORSIKA extended history simulations

- CORSIKA 77420
- SIBYLL 2.3d
- Icetray 1.5.1
- 5 components (p, He, N, Al, Fe)
- Polyplopia: True
- Trimshower: True
- Ecuts1: 273 GeV (hadron min energy)
- Ecuts2: 273 GeV (muon min energy)
- Ecuts3:  $10^{20}$  GeV (electron min energy)
- Ecuts4:  $10^{20}$  GeV (photon min energy)
- 4 datasets:
  - 30010: 600 GeV – 1 PeV
  - 30011: 1 PeV – 100 PeV
  - 30012: 100 PeV – 1 EeV
  - 30013: 1 EeV – 50 EeV
- [/data/sim/IceCube/2023/generated/CORSIKA\\_EHISTORY/](#)

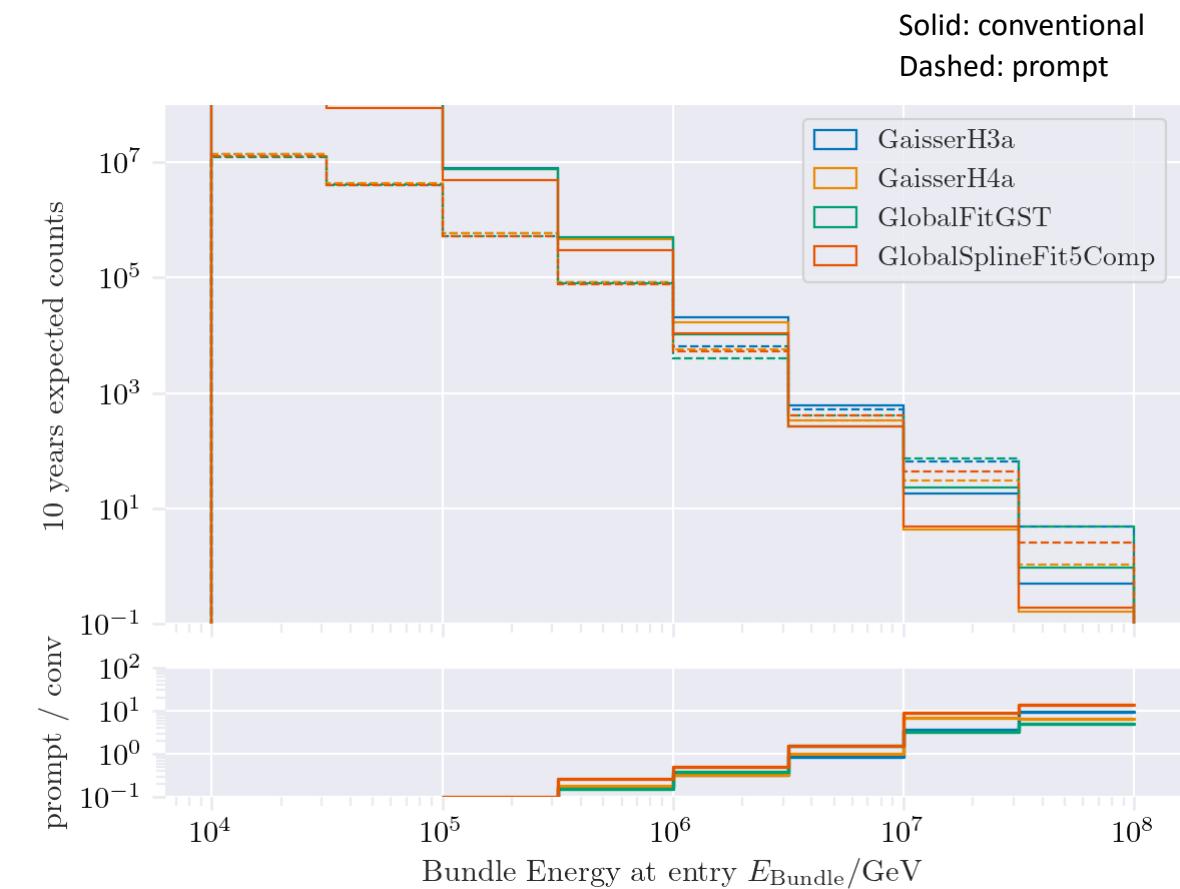
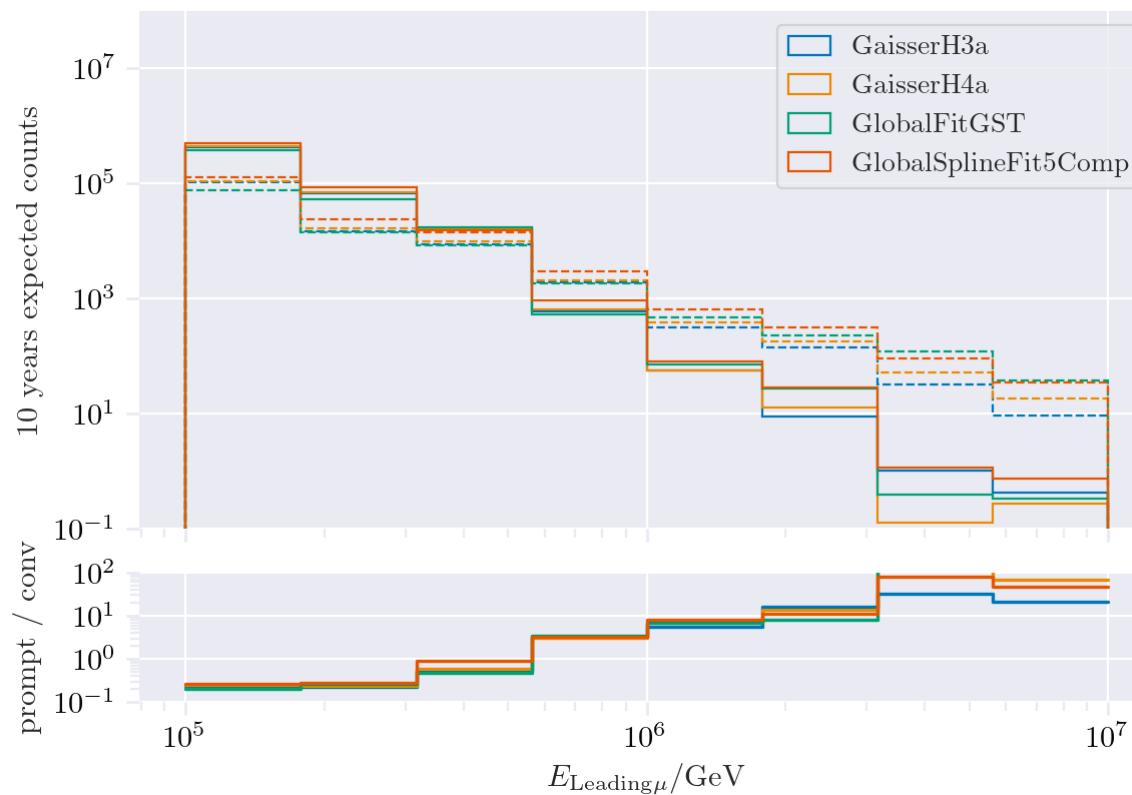


Please go ahead and test the datasets

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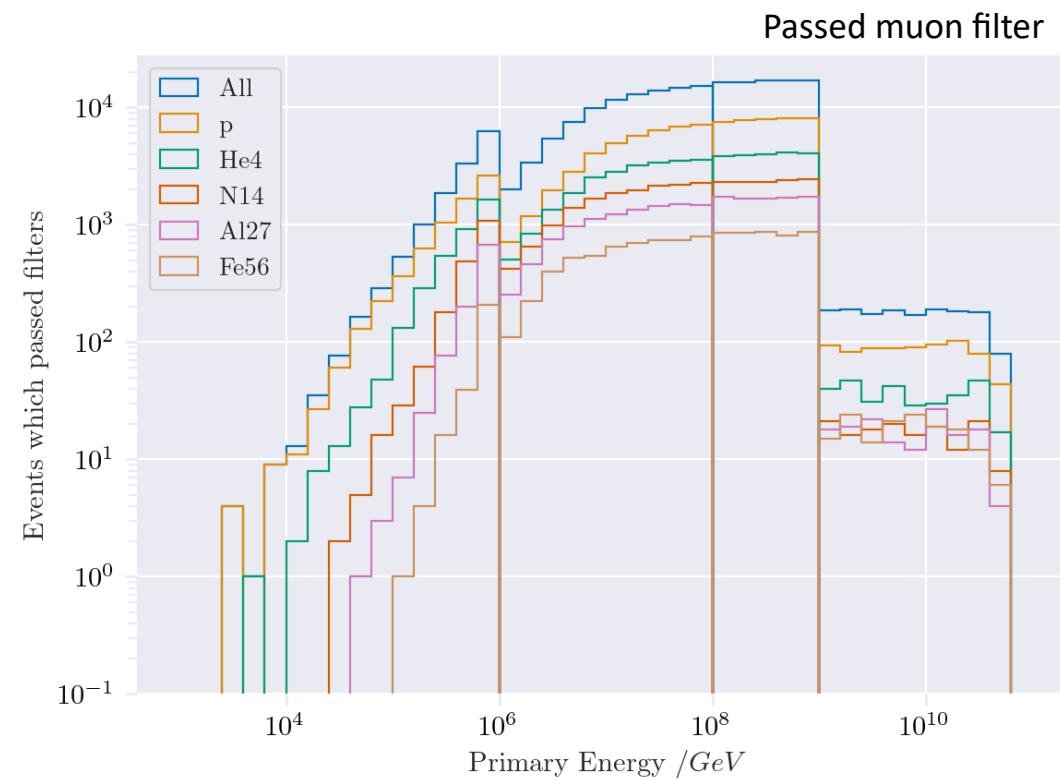
- Sufficient statistics above 1 PeV
- Too few statistics at lower energies

# Expected muons for 10 years: leading vs. bundle energy



- Different primary fluxes lead to different prompt fluxes
- Bundle energy extends to higher energies

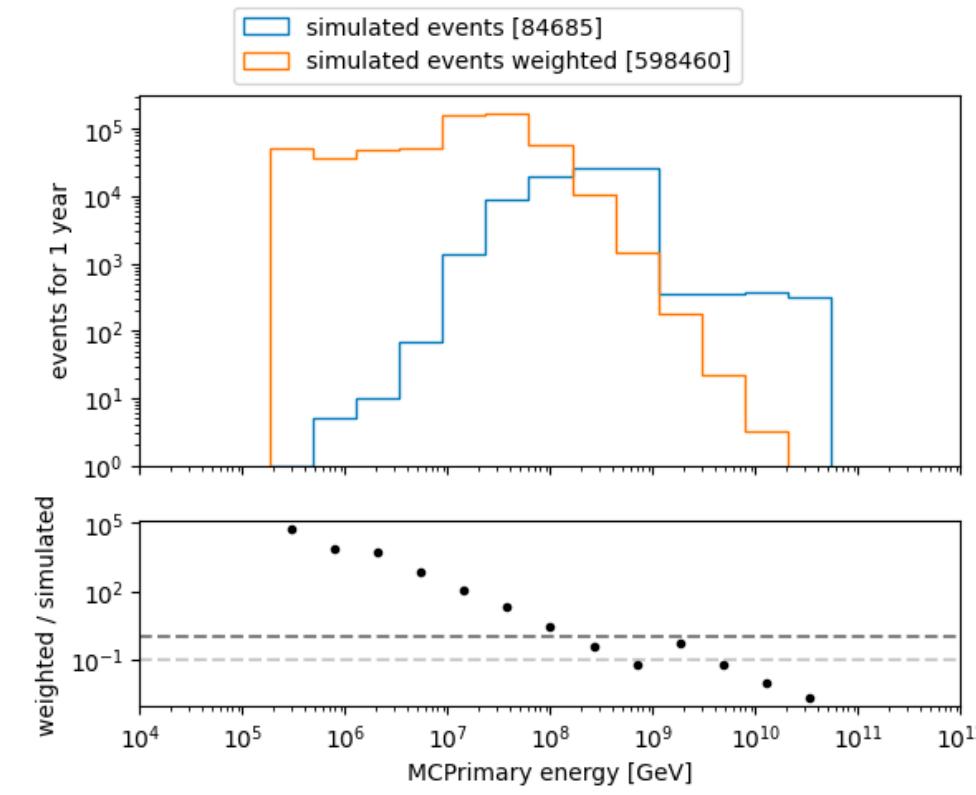
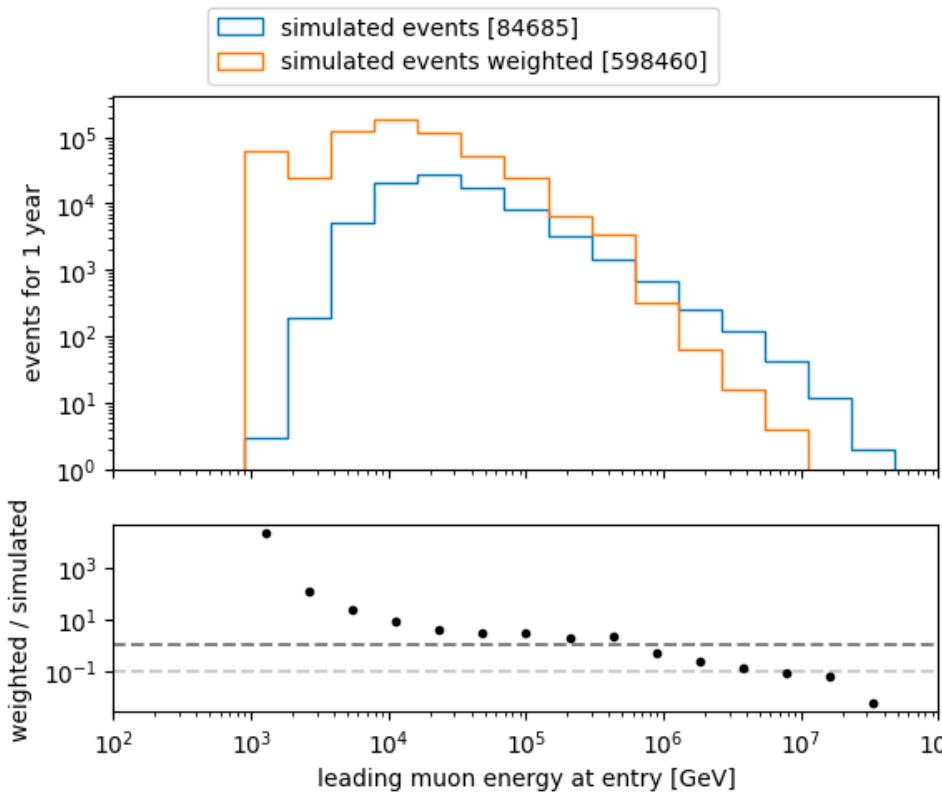
# Simulated events



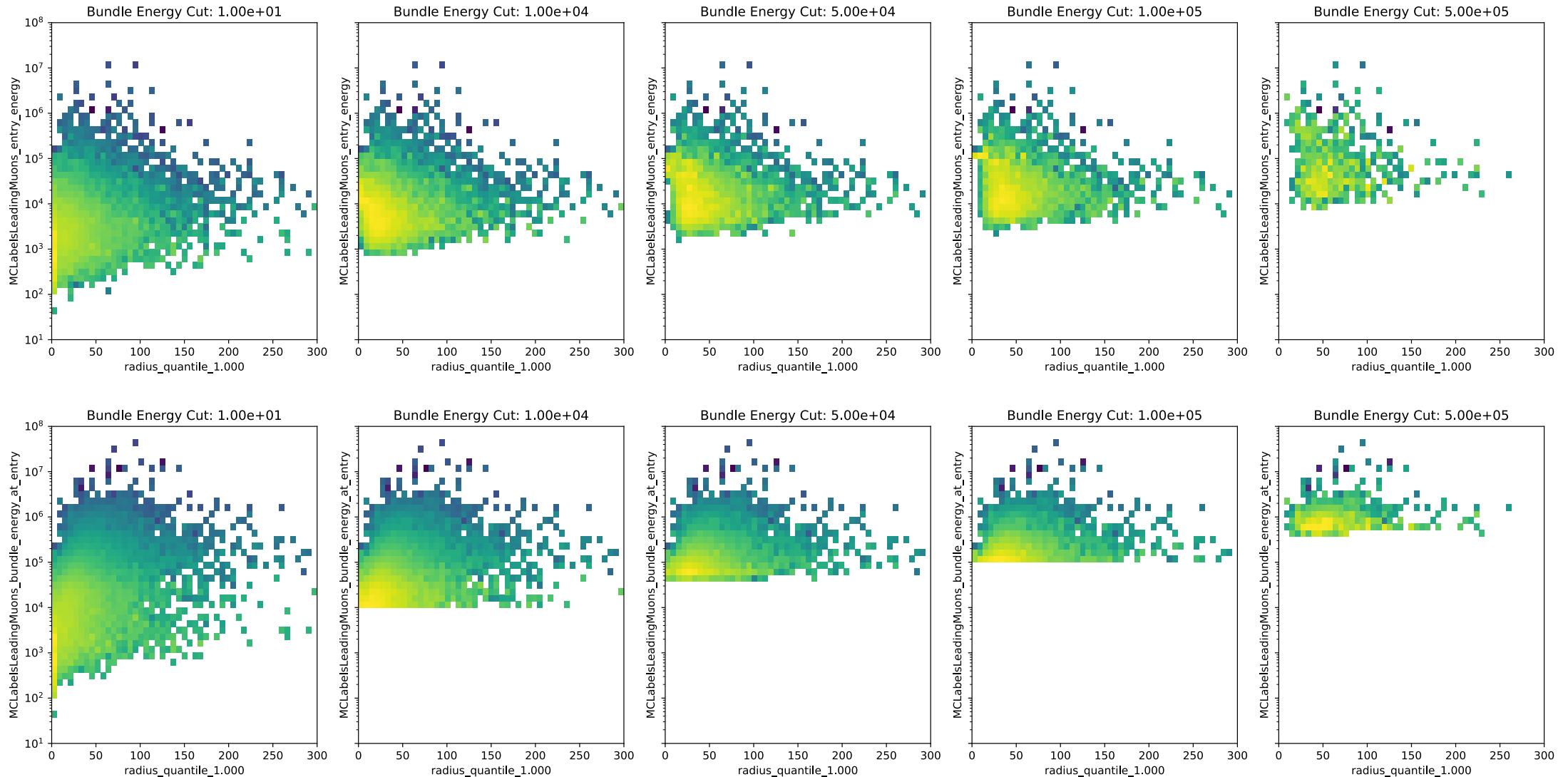
# Which energies do we need to simulate?

L2 MuonFilter

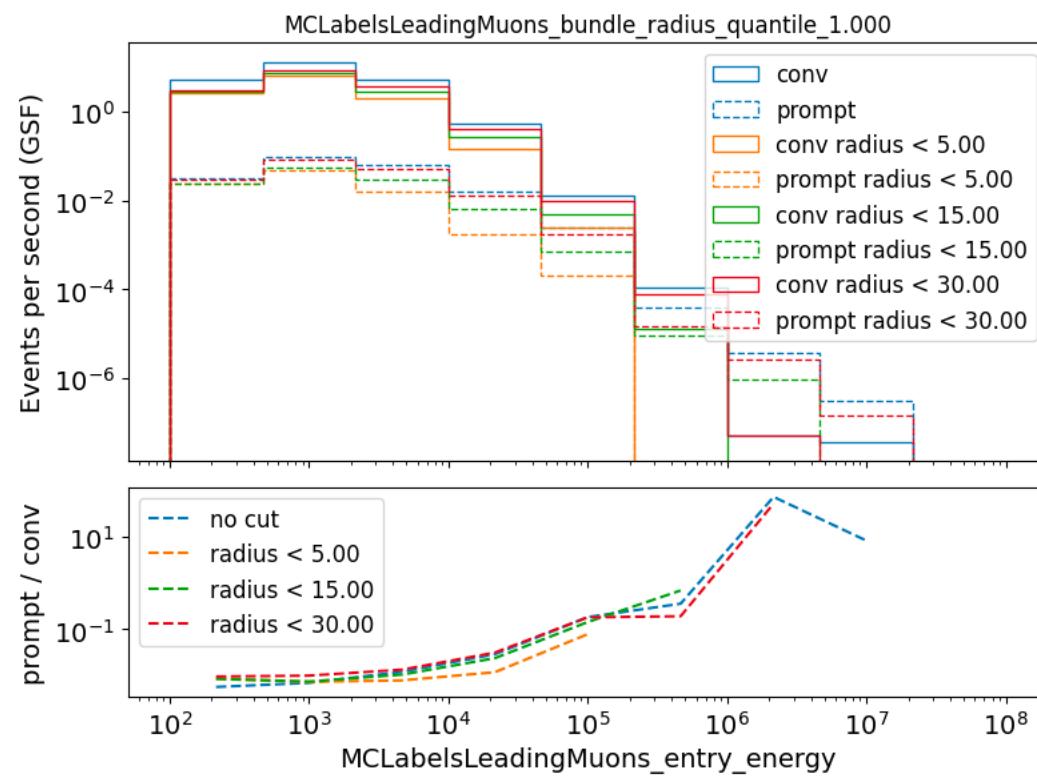
Bundle energy > 100 TeV



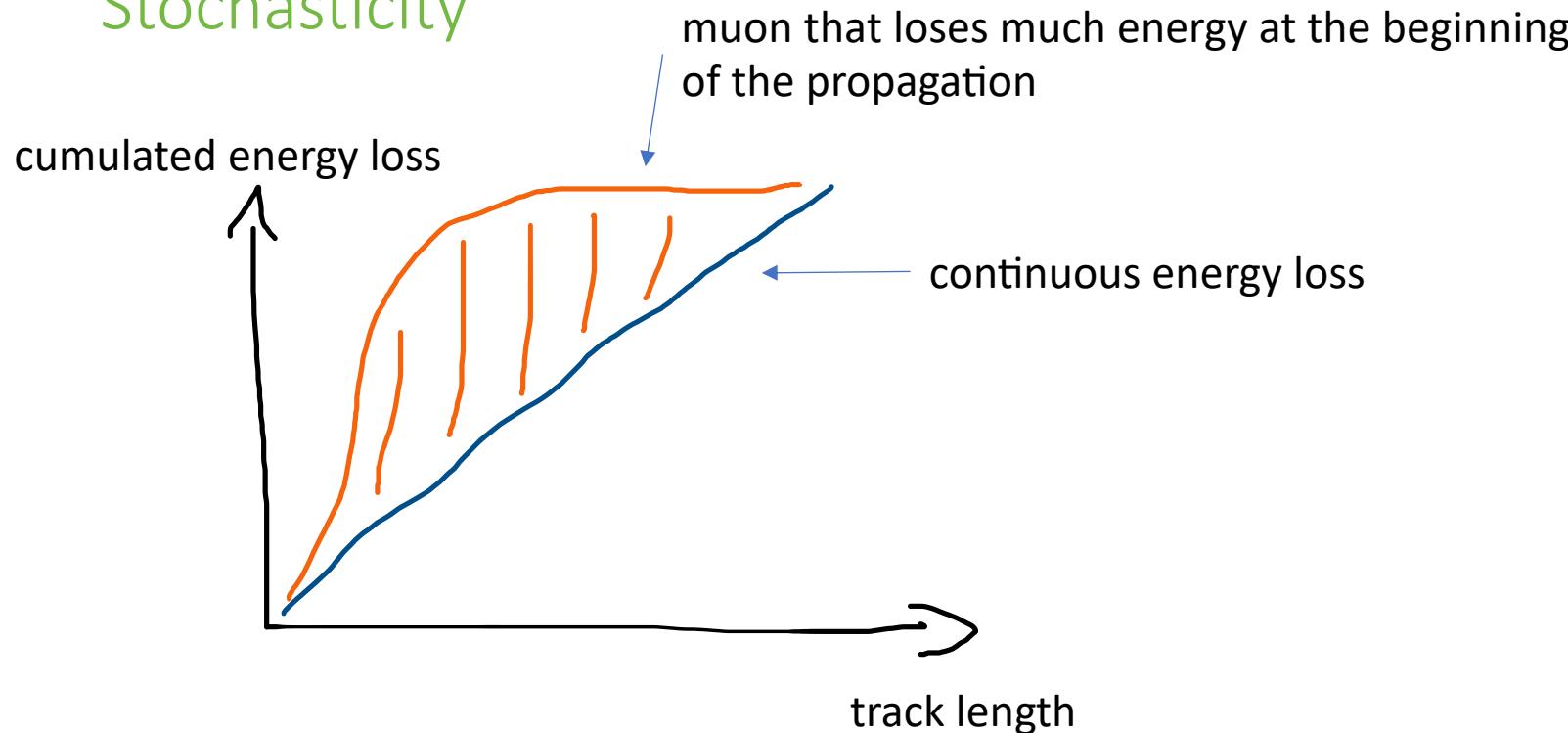
# Bundle radius - energy



# Muon flux – bundle radius



# Stochasticity



- calculate the area between the “continuous muon energy loss” and the accumulated muon energy losses and normalize it
- high stochasticity: area = 1
- no stochasticity: area = 0

# Bundle radius

- calculate perpendicular distance between leading muon and closest point to detector center
  - reference point
- calculate the distance between the leading muon and all the other muons at the reference point
- analyze the distances weighted by their energy (100%, 99%, 95%,... energy containment)